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ERIC SCHWARTZ
Southfield High



KEVIN DELP
Farmington High



KARL RING
Birmingham Seaholm



BILL HYDE
B.H. Andover



BRIAN LOWMAN
West Bloomfield



DANE SMITH
Southfield High



ED ANDERSON
B.H. Lahser



CURT GARRETT
Birmingham Groves



LES GARRETT
Birmingham Groves



JIM WISSING
Southfield-Lathrup



JIM PACIOREK
Orchard Lake St. Mary



PAUL KLIENDL
Rochester Adams

O&E All-Area baseball team

Buoyed by a pitching staff with a combined total of 30 wins, the 1978 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Baseball Team consists of 15 deserving players.

The talent was so widespread this spring that there were three first-team ties. The deadlocks occurred at first base, outfield and pitcher.

The team was picked as a result of mail ballots sent in by area coaches. Two points were assigned to each first-team choice, and one to each second-team pick.

Pitching is perhaps the most intriguing aspect of this year's team.

The five-man staff—including one major league draftee—has a combined ERA of 1.40, and an average record of 6-2. Averaging more than a strike out an inning, the mound corps combined for 347 whiffs in 318 innings.

Ledging the rotation is senior Rudy Santin, from Rochester Adams, who was drafted by the Seattle Mariners of the American League. The ambidextrous pitcher went in the eighth round of this month's free-agent draft selection.

Santin, a transfer student from Miami, Fla., compiled a 1-0 record with an average in 62 1/3 innings this year. He struck out 81 batters, and walked 22.

Normally the third batter in the Highlander order, Santin also proved a dependable hitter. He had a .448 average that included a team-leading six home runs and 25 runs batted in.

FARMINGTON'S Kevin Delp did not lose in eight decisions, and hurled a no-hitter against Waterford. The senior right-hander had 62 strike outs and 24 walks in 58 innings pitched, with an incredible 0.99 ERA.

The trio of remaining pitchers on the first team include Curt Garrett from Birmingham Groves, Brian Lowman from West Bloomfield and Dane Smith from Southfield.

Lowman and Smith were each 5-3, while Garrett was 5-2.

The corps' battery-mate is Falcon catcher Les Garrett.

The 6-1, 215-pound senior backstop was selected the most valuable player on the Groves' team. In hitting an even .500 (.857), Garrett had four home runs, eight doubles and 21 RBI's. The infield is composed of Keith Kuhn (Rochester Adams) and Jim Wissing at first base, Jim Paciorek (Orchard Lake St. Mary) at second base, Steve Schubeck (Birmingham Seaholm) at shortstop, and Paul Kliendl (Rochester Adams) at third base.

A senior, Schubeck batted .370 and had 25 RBI's. The most valuable player on Seaholm, Schubeck led the team in total bases and slugging percentage.

The all-Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) infielder is planning to attend the University of South Florida (Tampa Bay) this fall.

"I've been here for 15 years, and he's the best all-around shortstop I've ever had," said Seaholm coach Don Sachett. "He's got good speed, a fine arm, a quick release and he's a team player with a good attitude."

Wissing hit .393 while Kuhn topped .320.

A senior, Wissing set a new Charger record for hits (30), and recorded a .373 fielding average. Kuhn, also a senior, had 27 RBI's and a .969 fielding

average. Kliendl batted .333, with 27 hits as the Highlander third baseman. Paciorek, who will be attending the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, performed a triple by making first-team on the O&E football, basketball and baseball squads.

THE OUTFIELD consists of Bill Hyde from Bloomfield Hills Andover, Eric Schwartz from Southfield, Karl Ring from Birmingham Seaholm and Ed Anderson from Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Ring, who registered a .358 batting

average, did not make an error in the field, was 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts and led the team in on-base average.

"He was a super lead-off hitter for us," said Sachett. "He always got on base, and he had one stretch where he got on base 23 times in 27 tries, either by walk, error or whatever."

Schwartz had a .400 average as Southfield's first hitter, and the senior also led the Blue Jays in stolen bases.

For leading Rochester Adams to the regional finals, a district championship, an Oakland County title and a

Metro-Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) title, John Guerreiri was chosen by his peers as coach of the year.

The Highlanders compiled a 23-9 overall record, including an 11-game winning streak at the end of the season. In the George Gary Tournament, Adams won four straight—one over highly rated Hazel Park.

Adams won the district final against Clarkston (4-1), and took the regional opener over Royal Oak Kimball. However, Adams' season ended with an extra-inning regional loss to Flint Southwestern.



KEITH KUHN
Rochester Adams



COACH JOHN GUERREIRI
Rochester Adams

All-Area baseball picks

FIRST TEAM		
Name	School	Position
Dane Smith	Southfield	Pitcher
Brian Lowman	West Bloomfield	Pitcher
Rudy Santin		
Pitcher	Kevin Delp	Rochester Adams
Pitcher	Curt Garrett	Farmington Groves
Pitcher		
Les Garrett	Groves	Catcher
Keith Kuhn		
	Rochester Adams	
SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Position
First base	Jim Wissing	Southfield-Lathrup
Second base	Jim Paciorek	Orchard Lake
Third base	Paul Kliendl	Rochester
Shortstop	Steve Schubeck	Seaholm
Outfield	Karl Ring	Seaholm
Outfield	Bill Hyde	Andover
Outfield	Eric Schwartz	Southfield
Outfield	Ed Anderson	Lahser
HONORABLE MENTION		
Tom Dieters, Rochester; Barry Balbes, North Farmington; Tom Wurster, Brother Rice; Jeff Gaudin, Groves; Steve Sudbay, West Bloomfield; Mike Adams, Rochester; Jeff Thomas, North Farmington; Mark Reitor, Farmington Harrison; Andy Little, Birmingham Seaholm; Jeff Johnston, Detroit Country Day; Jeff Maher, Birmingham Seaholm; Andy Salivas, North Farmington; Jim Warinski, Southfield Christian; Al Shay, Farmington Harrison; Derek McLaughlin, Troy; Steve Mardigan, Southfield-Lathrup; Tom Godwin, North Farmington; Tim O'Malley, Farmington; Stuart Ground, Lahser.		

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