



Missy Thomas, 11, is one of Lathrup's most versatile athletes. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)



Only a junior, Mercy's Suzanne Dietz (32) led her team in rebounding. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



Susan McColgan holds the Rochester individual point-scoring and rebound records. (Staff photo by David Frank)

## All-area list: girls' basketball

PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLASS
Sandy DeSilvio	West Bloomfield	Senior
Susan McColgan	Rochester	Senior
Missy Thomas	Southfield-Lathrup	Senior
Carry McGehee	Seaholm	Senior
Suzanne Dietz	Our Lady of Mercy	Junior

**SECOND TEAM** — Rita Snow, Jo Hopp, Rochester Adams; Lauren Marakas, Peggy Bortfield, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Denise Basford, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy.

**THIRD TEAM** — Fran Kientle, Jackie Munson, Eileen Steward, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Sherri Thomas, Troy, Carolyn Barcewicz, West Bloomfield.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS** — Sarah Albert, Karen Hansen, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Katie Odena, Stephanie Smith, Ann Claverilla, Lynn Gerber, West Bloomfield; Karen Kluzak, Mary Blukowski, Birmingham Groves; Sue Flood, Beth Carson, Jean Olshafsky, Birmingham Marian; Julie Tadrzynski, Betsy VanDeusen, Farmington; Linda Bache, Farmington Harrison; Judy Severson, Lisa McElreath, Nancy Slattery, Troy Athens; Our Lady of Mercy, Lisa Morris; Pam Brooks, Seaholm; Pat Corfield, Wendy Frankel, Janet Smith, Southfield-Lathrup; Mary Woehle, Brenda Morawa, Troy; Connie Jakisch, Cathie Holliday, Southfield Christian; Lois Van Houten, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Sally Maloney, Margaret Mooney, Rochester Adams; Karen Blumenstein, Sheila McCaskill, Southfield; Felicia Hines, Lisa Caruso, Avondale.

## Girls' cage team includes 4 seniors

By MARTY BUDNER

The 1979 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Girls' Basketball Team is a reflection of the overall improvement which characterized the sport this fall.

In the O&E coverage area, for example, six teams competed in a district championship game. Three of them — West Bloomfield, Birmingham Seaholm and Southfield Christian — won district titles.

The talented Lakers advanced to win a regional championship, and qualified for the state quarterfinals which were played last night. For those accomplishments, West Bloomfield (23-1 after regional play) coach Mike Greene was picked by his peers as Co-Coach of the Year.

West Bloomfield is represented on the veteran all-area team by senior Sandy DeSilvio. The other three seniors on the first team include all-state player Susan McColgan from Rochester, the multi-talented Missy Thomas from Southfield-Lathrup, and late-blooming Cary McGehee from Birmingham Seaholm.

The only underclassman on the first team is junior Suzanne Dietz from Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School.

The O&E all-area team was picked by area basketball coaches who sent in ballots with first, second and third team choices. Girls who were not voted on the first three teams were listed as honorable mentions.

DeSilvio, West Bloomfield's best defensive player, according to Greene, led the Lakers in scoring this year with a 12.5 average. She also averaged seven rebounds on a very well-balanced team.

Greene considers DeSilvio, a 5-foot-10-inch center and team co-captain, "a

tremendous shooter and offensive player."

McCOLGAN, recently selected to the Associated Press' all-state team, has been the cornerstone of the Rochester program for three seasons.

This fall she averaged 25.8 points per game — the highest of the five O&E first-team players. McColgan scored 542 points, grabbed 327 rebounds, had 109 assists and 121 steals.

A forward, McColgan holds the Rochester single-game school records for points (43 against Milford) and rebounds (25 against Clarkston) — both set this year. She is a 69 percent free-throw shooter (104-150).

"She was just a fantastic player for us. Her game improved this year because she became a better ball handler," said Rochester coach Ed Wright. "She has great overall ability, coupled with selfishness."

McGehee, a quick-moving, 5-3 guard, was a two-year starter for Seaholm — a team which improved rapidly as the

season progressed. McGehee averaged 22.3 points, including a high of 43 against North Farmington.

McGehee is a 78 percent free-throw shooter, who averaged six assists per game. She scored 31 points in Seaholm's district championship victory over Berkley.

"She's improved in every aspect of her game," said Seaholm coach Jeff Parry. "She stayed after practice almost every day for 45 minutes to work on her shot — I had to kick her out of the gym."

"She always had the ability, but she was obscured by the fact we weren't winning. But, when we went on our hot streak — we won eight of our last nine games — she started to get the recognition she deserved."

MISSY Thomas was a versatile performer for Lathrup, who could shoot and pass with authority. A three-sport varsity player, Thomas was her team's leading scorer.

Dietz averaged 12.4 points in 21 games, and was Mercy's second-leading scorer (Denise Basford was first). A 5-11 forward, Dietz led her team with 171 rebounds.

A strong inside player, Dietz averaged 61 percent from the free-throw line, and 41 percent from the floor.

"She was our most consistent player throughout the season," said Mercy coach Larry Baker. "She is a good outside shooter, and she improved her defense tremendously this season."

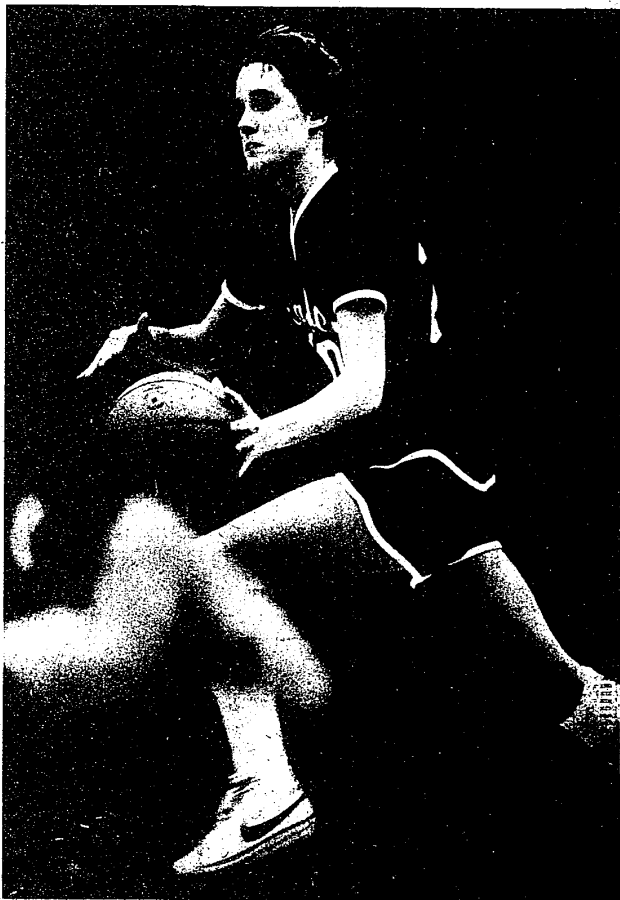
"She and Basford — who is only a sophomore — will provide the nucleus of our team next season."

The second-team all-area picks included Rita Snow and Jo Hopp of Rochester Adams, Peggy Bortfield and Lauren Marakas of Bloomfield Hills Andover, and Mercy's Basford.

The third-team included Lahser's Fran Kientle, Jackie Munson and Eileen Steward, Troy's Sherri Thomas, and West Bloomfield's Carolyn Barcewicz.



Senior center Sandy DeSilvio (left) was a sparkplug for the talented and well-balanced West Bloomfield team. Laker coach Mike Greene (below) was picked by his peers as Coach of the year. (Staff photos by Randall Borst)



Cary McGehee averaged some 22 points in leading Seaholm to a district basketball title. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)