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All-Area swimming team

Birmingham tankers dominate

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Maybe the Observer & Eccentric's All-Area swimming team needs a new name.

How about the Birmingham Gallery of All-Stars - Edition No. 37?

Since the inception of the All-Area swimming team three years ago, swimmers from the three Birmingham high schools - Groves, Seaholm and Brother Rice - have had the times to take the first-team honors.

And the 1979 All-Area team, which was picked recently by several area coaches, runs true to form. When it came to first-team selections, the three Birmingham schools landed men in eight of the 11 events.

Groves, the state's second-best Class A high school swimming team, is especially well represented on this year's team. Groves tankers fill five of the 11 first-team spots. Bloomfield Hills Andover, another area swimming powerhouse, has two first-team men, and Troy Athens has one.

The 1979 O&E squad represents another very successful season for Coach John Wieck's Groves team.

Groves finished second in the state Class A swimming and diving championships with 123 points, 73 fewer than state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer. And Groves easily won its seventh-straight Metro Suburban Association title and an Oakland County championship.

GROVES' SUCCESS is due in part to a pair of talented tankers - freestyler Scott Tyler and diver Reynaldo Castro. Both were easy picks for O&E first-team status.

Tyler, a senior who leans toward Indiana or North Carolina, gained top honors in the 500-yard freestyle thanks to his record-setting 4:31.0 at the state finals recently at Michigan State University. Tyler established the old record (4:34.8) in the 1978 state meet. Teammate Dan Clements was named to the second team in the 500 freestyle.

Castro, a foreign-exchange student from the Dominican Republic, was another Groves record buster at the state meet. The 17-year-old sophomore, who is a strong candidate to make the Dominican Republic Olympic team in 1980, smashed the state diving mark

with a 531.65-point performance. Rice's Mike Wantuck was the All-Area team's second-best diver.

Tyler anchored Groves' 400 freestyle relay (along with Bill Eagan, Kevin Knight and Steve Schmidt), which took first-team honors with a time of 3:13.5, good for second place in the state meet. Rice's 400 relay (Jeff Hauswirth, Rob Markle, Rick Cozad and Shawn Keating) was picked for the second team.

Groves' 200 medley relay (Dave MacDonald, Mike McGovern, Steve Schmidt and Knight) was the first-team pick with a 1:39.1 clocking and a second-place finish in the state meet. Seaholm's medley crew (Jeff Clark, Bob Hommel, Dave Hoisington and Jeff Taylor) was second best at 1:42.5.

GROVES' OTHER first-team selection was Steve Schmidt in the 100 butterfly. His time of 33.02 was good for fifth place at state. Mike Schmidt, also of Groves, was the second-team pick in the fly.

Brother Rice's first-team swimmers are Keating in the 200 freestyle and Cozad in the 100 backstroke. Cozad, who last year swam for Rochester

Adams, finished fifth in the backstroke at state with a :55.8 clocking. Second-team picks are Adams' Randy Scherer in the 200 free, and Groves' Knight in the backstroke.

Andover's Jordan Kleber won top honors in the 50 freestyle with his 22.3 performance. Southfield High's Todd Avery, a junior, was second in the event.

Andover's other first-team pick is Scott Hammond in the 100 breaststroke. His best time was 1:02.2. Shawn Wery of Rochester Adams was the second-team choice.

Hoisington was Seaholm's lone first-team swimmer, taking the honor in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:53.7, good for fifth place in the state meet. Second-team honors went to Mark Molitor of Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Athens' Randy Eller was picked for the top spot in the 100 freestyle with a time of :49.7. Dave Uzelac of Farmington High was the second-team pick.

For his accomplishments as Groves' coach this season, Wieck was named the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year.

'79 all-area swim lineup

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - Birmingham Groves (Dave MacDonald, Mike McGovern, Steve Schmidt, Kevin Knight), 1:39.1; Birmingham Seaholm (Jeff Clark, Bob Hommel, Dave Hoisington, Jeff Taylor), 1:42.5.

200-YARD FREESTYLE - Shawn Keating (Birmingham Brother Rice), 1:48.3; Randy Scherer (Rochester Adams), 1:52.0.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Dave Hoisington (Birmingham Seaholm), 1:58.6; Mark Molitor (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 2:01.4.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Jordan Kleber (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 22.3; Todd Avery (Southfield High), 22.7.

DIVING - Reynaldo Castro (Birmingham Groves), 531.65 points; Mike Wantuck (Birmingham Brother Rice), 448.40 points.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY - Steve Schmidt (Birmingham Groves), :53.0; Mike Schmidt (Birmingham Groves), :55.8.

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Randy Eller (Troy Athens), :49.7; Dave Uzelac (Farmington High), 49.7.

500-YARD FREESTYLE - Scott Tyler (Birmingham Groves), 4:31.0; Dan Clements (Birmingham Groves), 4:52.4.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE - Rick Cozad (Birmingham Brother Rice), :56.6; Kevin Knight (Birmingham Groves), :56.3.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE - Scott Hammond (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 1:02.2; Shawn Wery (Rochester Adams), 1:02.4.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - Birmingham Groves (Bill Eagan, Kevin Knight, Steve Schmidt, Scott Tyler), 3:13.6; Birmingham Brother Rice (Jeff Hauswirth, Rob Markle, Rick Cozad, Shawn Keating), 3:18.5.

COACH OF THE YEAR - John Wieck, Birmingham Groves.

Super tanker

Scott Tyler of Birmingham Groves was an easy choice for the Observer & Eccentric's All-Area swimming team in the 500-yard freestyle. Tyler established a record in the event by going 4:31.0 in the recent state Class A finals. Tyler held the old record of 4:34.8 set in the 1978 finals. (Staff photo by Dick Kelly)

