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All-Area swimmers honored

'Gangbusters' Andover dominates swim team

By TOM BAER

In the words of one area coach, Bloomfield Hills Andover's swimmers "came on like gangbusters" in the Class A state meet last month in Michigan State University's McCaffrey Pool. After compiling a 9-2-1 dual-meet record and winning an invitational, coach Mike Lane's Andover squad splashed to a third-place finish at state, scoring 49 points. Swim powers Ann Arbor Huron (221 points) and Ann Arbor Huron (120) finished ahead of Andover.

"He (Lane) did a superb job of tapering his kids for the state meet — and they came on like gangbusters," said an opposing coach, Southfield-Lathrup's Pete Biglin.

Andover's success throughout the season — especially in the state meet — explains why it dominated the 1980 Observer & Eccentric All-Area boys' swimming team, which was picked recently by several area coaches.

For his accomplishments this season, Lane was named the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year.

"It was a fantastic year because we came on so well," said Lane, whose team didn't lose a dual meet after its third outing. "A lot of our kids are underclassmen and it took them awhile to develop."

"But we always point for the state meet, anyway. That's the big meet."



COACH MIKE LANE
B.H. Andover

That's where you want to swim your best time."

ANDOVER'S SWIMMERS fill five of the 11 first-team spots, including both relays. Groves and Brother Rice, Birmingham swim powers, had two first-team men each. Farmington Harrison and West Bloomfield had one each. Sophomore Guy DelFranco and junior Scott Hammond swam legs on both Andover relays.

Paul Elliott and Dan Davis joined DelFranco and Hammond on the 200-yard medley relay, which finished second in the state meet with a time of 1:39.41. Their best this season was 1:38.5.

The 400-yard freestyle relay, with seniors Walt Griffin and Aaron Freedlander joining DelFranco and Hammond, landed fourth at state with a 3:15.6 clocking after going 3:14.5 earlier.

In addition to their work on the relays, DelFranco and Hammond each earned first-team status in an individual event. Hammond finished second at state in the 100-yard breaststroke with a :58.48, his best of the season. DelFranco was fifth at state in the 100 backstroke with a :55.3.

Mike Wantuck, another Andover sophomore, completed the school's first-team selections. His best dive, 495 points at the West Bloomfield Invitational. He finished third at state with 449.65 points.

Lane praised his assistant coaches, Paul Peterson and Ann Aubrey. "Actually, we consider them co-coaches instead of assistants," he said. "We wouldn't be where we are now without them."

GROVES, PERENNIAL champion of the Metro Suburban Association under coach Mike Wieck, had its usual outstanding season, finishing fourth in the state meet with 84 points. Seniors

Dan Clements and Mike Schmidt were Groves' representatives on the All-Area first team.

Clements was tops in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 4:44.57, good for third place at the state meet. Schmidt landed ninth at state in the 100-yard butterfly with a :54.3 clocking.

Brother Rice, which finished with a 9-4 dual-meet record and a Catholic League title under coach George O'Brien, landed 11th at state with 37 points.

Seniors Robert Biehl and Shawn Keating were picked for the first team. Keating finished fifth in the state meet in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of :48.2. Biehl won the Catholic League title in the 200 individual medley and placed 13th at state. His best time was 2:03.3.

Harrison's John Rudel, a senior, was a standout on a team which didn't win a single meet this season. But he was always unbeatable in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events in dual meets, and finished second in both events in the Class B state meet. He was named to the first-team in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.26, logged in the state meet.

Tom Maten, a West Bloomfield senior, was the pick for the 50-yard freestyle. His time of :22.7 was good for 10th place in the 50 at the Class A state meet.

When it came to second-team honors,

Groves dominated with seven of the 11 places. Andover had two second-team picks, Seasholm and Lathrup one each.

On the third team, four spots were

occupied by Seasholm swimmers. Groves filled three spots. Southfield High two, North Farmington and Brother Rice one each.

'80 All-Area swim lineup

200-YARD MELDEY RELAY — 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover (Guy DelFranco, Paul Elliott, Dan Davis, Scott Hammond), 1:38.5; 2. Birmingham Groves; 3. Birmingham Seasholm.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. John Rudel (Farmington Harrison), 1:46.2; 2. Rob Mackie (Birmingham Brother Rice); 3. Paul Koenig (Birmingham Groves).

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Robert Biehl (Birmingham Brother Rice), 2:03.3; 2. Bill Esagan (Birmingham Groves); 3. Manual Bartush (Birmingham Seasholm).

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Tom Maten (West Bloomfield), :22.5; 2. Jon Roberts (Southfield-Lathrup); 3. Todd Avery (Southfield High).

DIVING — 1. Mike Wantuck (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 495 points; 2. Bob Cloutier (Birmingham Groves); 3. Jay Waterbury (Birmingham Seasholm).

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. Mike Schmidt (Birmingham Groves), :54.3; 2. Jeff Lundy (Birmingham Seasholm); :54.6.3; Dan Kozlov (Birmingham Groves).

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Shawn Keating (Birmingham Brother Rice), :48.6; 2. Scott Hesskamp (Birmingham Groves); 3. Eric Shirley (Birmingham Groves).

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Dan Clements (Birmingham Groves), 4:44.5; 2. Marty Holland (Birmingham Seasholm); 3. Ralf Brooks (Southfield High).

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. Guy DelFranco (Bloomfield Hills Andover), :55.3; 2. Dan Davis (Bloomfield Hills Andover); 3. Kip Kimble (Birmingham Seasholm).

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. Scott Hammond (Bloomfield Hills Andover), :58.4; 2. Tom Armstrong (Bloomfield Hills Andover); 3. Jim Gasser (North Farmington).

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover (Guy DelFranco, Walt Griffin, Scott Hammond, Aaron Freedlander), 3:14.5; 2. Birmingham Groves; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice.



John Rudel of Farmington Harrison was the pick for the 1980 All-Area swimming team in the 200-yard freestyle.

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