

Midfielders dominate All-Area kick picks

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Sue Pacheco, North Farmington — Pacheco, a senior, comes from a long line of soccer players. Her younger sister, Julie, is on the O&E second team and her older sister was one of the best players North coach Horner has ever seen.

Pacheco had 12 goals and 11 assists for North this year, bringing her team year total to 34 goals and 22 assists. "She virtually controlled most of the games in the midfield area," Horner said. Pacheco will attend Michigan State University this fall and play soccer, which is just starting at the school and is on a club basis.

Minh Nguyen, Birmingham Groves — Nguyen is the third member of the strong midfield group. A junior, Nguyen scored seven goals for the Falcons this past season.

Her attributes, according to Regelbrugge, include "good stamina and an excellent touch. She dribbles well and is a good header — she's probably the best all-around player on the team."

Mindy George, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — George played a key part in

Lahser's second-place finish this season, a year in which the team lost only one game, to division-champ Groves.

A senior and team co-captain, George scored one goal and contributed seven assists. She started for three years at Lahser, all at the midfield position.

Mary Beth Egan, Birmingham Groves — Egan started the season as a midfielder but was switched to right wing by Regelbrugge. The switch worked out well — the senior pumped in 13 goals, second only to teammate Karen O'Brien's 21.

Goal scoring was Egan's best talent, according to Regelbrugge. "She had a very good shot and was a good dribbler," the Groves coach said. "Those were her biggest strengths. She's a very good goal scorer."

Kris Carl, North Farmington — This senior center forward netted 15 goals and three assists for the team. She played two years at North. She spent her sophomore year in Germany, where she learned to play the game.

Carl has superb ball control, according to Horner, and uses both feet well.

She's also good at heading the ball. "She's really aggressive when the ball's in the air," North's coach said.

Angie Poretta, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — The Poretta family is a talented one. Sister Jane, who attends Lahser, is the O&E's first-team goalie. Angie is no stranger to athletic honors. Last December she captured the girls' state diving championship.

A junior left winger, Angie Poretta was the team's Most Valuable Player, and will be a team captain next season. She scored eight goals and collected seven assists, despite missing the last three games of the season with an injury.

Her strengths, according to coach Ernst Knecht, were on corner kicks and her ability to generate a lot of offense.

Tracy Smith, West Bloomfield — Only a sophomore, Smith nevertheless was a team co-captain last year and will serve in that position next season. It was the first time she played full back. She made 167 saves and clears for the Lakers. According to coach and

mother Diane Smith, her strengths included her ability to clear the ball. "She uses both her feet well," the elder Smith said.

Jane Wagner, Birmingham Groves — A junior fullback, Wagner was a multi-talented player and was the fastest of the Groves' defenders. She was very good at heading the ball, according to Regelbrugge.

"She controlled the defensive end of the game," Wagner is one of three Groves players that will form the nucleus of next year's squad.

Wendy Hamilton, Bloomfield Hills Lahser — Hamilton, a senior, played sweepback for Lahser, an attack position on offense but still an important defensive post.

She played her position well. A three-year varsity starter, Hamilton was the team MVP.

"In many ways, she was our strongest player," Lahser coach Chet Schult.

The senior, who was also a first-team selection on the O&E volleyball team, played 12 games for Lahser and recorded six shutouts. In five others she allowed only one goal. She finished the season with a 0.83 goals-against-average. Groves, which handed Lahser its only defeat of the season, had the best game against Poretta, scoring four times.

Diane Smith, West Bloomfield — Coach-of-the-Year — Smith was a last minute substitution as varsity coach at West Bloomfield, moving up from the junior varsity position. She responded to the challenge by guiding the Lakers to a 9-4-1 record in the team's first year in the NSSL.

"In my opinion, she did something extra special," Horner said of his coaching colleague. "She took a team in its first year in the league and came within a whisker of winning the championship."

Smith admits when she took over the squad her goal was "to win three games". Instead, her team finished just six points behind division champ Groves.

San Marino offers golf

Editor's note: Due to production problems, the San Marino Golf Course in Farmington was omitted from the Oakland County roundup of public golf facilities.

Here are details on the San Marino course.

San Marino, at 26634 Halstead Road in Farmington, is a nine-hole golf course. Total yardage for the course is 3,300, and par is 36.

The longest hole at San Marino is the par 5, 515-yard ninth hole. The most difficult hole, however, is the par 4, 390-yard fifth hole. The fifth is a good driving hole, requiring the golfer to hit a straight tee shot down a narrow fairway bordered by woods on either side.

Facilities at San Marino include a pro shop and snack bar. The course has both electric and pull carts for rent.

San Marino is open to both Farmington residents and non-residents. Fees are \$4.25 for weekdays, \$4.75 for the weekend.



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