

Basford headed for Notre Dame

Denise Basford, an outstanding basketball player at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, has announced her intention to enroll at the University of Notre Dame and play basketball next fall.

Basford, a 5-foot-9 point guard who earned four basketball letters for coach Larry Baker at Mercy, helped her school post a 78-14 girls' basketball record over the last four years.

As a senior, Basford served as Mercy's captain and led the team in scoring (12.5 points per game), steals (4.3 per game) and assists (4.3 per game). She owns school records for single-game assists (11) and steals (9) as well as career assists and steals.

A preseason honorable mention All-America by Street & Smith magazine, Basford missed half of her junior year with a broken foot but still led the team in assists.

"Denise will give us height and ballhandling ability in the backcourt," said Notre Dame head coach Mary Distasio, who led the Irish to a 15-9 record in their second season at the Division I level. "She's an excellent all-around player."

A member of the 1981 O&E All-Area team, Basford was further honored recently when it was announced that she had been nominated for the 1982 Converse national High School Basketball All-America team. The full roster will be announced April 15.

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Basford, a two-year letter winner in track, has a 3.2 (out of a possible 4.0) grade index and hopes to follow a pre-law curriculum at Notre Dame.

● FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is sponsoring a fly-fishing seminar March 27-28 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years of age. Exhibitors will display fishing equipment, and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 681-2997.

● GYMNASTICS MEET

Some of Michigan's top female gymnasts plan to compete in the United States Gymnastics Federation Class 1 State Championships March 27-28 at the Farmington Gymnastics Center, 24717 Crestview Court, Farmington Hills. Competition begins at 10 a.m. both days.

● SWIMMING MEET

More than 300 of Michigan's best young swimmers will take to the water at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills March 26-28 in the McDonald's Michigan Junior Olympic state championship meet.

The meet begins Friday, March 26, at 5 p.m. and continues Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 8 a.m. both days. The finals begin no later than 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission price is \$1.

Junior Olympic T-shirts for all meet participants, medals and funds to cover the cost of printing the meet programs are provided by owners and operators of Detroit-area McDonald's restaurants.

● BOXING SHOW

An amateur boxing show featuring teams from Dearborn, Detroit, Flint, Marysville, Pontiac, Rochester, Swartz Creek and Waterford is scheduled for April 4, a Sunday, at the North Oakland Community Center, 5854 Williams Lake Road, Drayton Plains.

Competition begins at 3 p.m. Tickets at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students with proper ID may be purchased at the gate.

● TOP PUCKSTERS

Birmingham Brother Rice goalie Alex Sosa and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook forward John Dochow were named to the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League's West Division honor team. Sosa was named the West Division's Most Valuable Player.

The rest of the first team: Trenton's Mark Trombly and Ann Arbor Huron's Brian Gibson, both defensemen, and Trenton's Jim Mans and Huron's Ken Tomozawa, both forwards. Trenton's Jerry Schields was named the division's top coach.

Rice pucksters Ken McAlpine and David Glacomlin were named to the second team as were Cranbrook's Colin Hutchinson and Chris Hiltch. Area players on the third team: Dan Williams, Bruce McCall and Chuck Chlotto, all of Cranbrook. Rice's Roger Blasechop and Tom Forrest were honorable mentions.

● ALL-AMERICAN

Josh Sherbin, a graduate of Birmingham Groves, earned NCAA Division III All-American honors as a diver for Kalamazoo College.



Our Lady of Mercy's Denise Basford (right) will take her basketball talents to the University of Notre Dame next fall.

Livonia boxers win regional championships

By Scott Boucy
special writer

Two Livonia Boxing Club members

captured titles in the Region VI ABF Championships held Saturday at the Allen Park Civic Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Livonia super-heavyweight Craig

Payne advanced into the USA ABF (American Boxing Federation) Championships in Charlotte, N.C., next month without a match. Payne, rated No. 4 nationally in his weight class, once again made the team because he was unopposed.

Light-heavyweight Ricky Womack, a

recent acquisition from Ann Arbor, became Livonia's other qualifier as he defeated Huland Copeland of Detroit Johnson Recreation for the second straight time to win the title.

Womack had downed Copeland earlier in the month at the Michigan ABF Tournament held at Westland's Bailey

Recreation Center. One other Livonia boxer had qualified for the Region VI tournament but decided not to compete at the last moment.

Flyweight (112 pounds) Danny Marsden, attempting to make a comeback after a two-year layoff, had qual-

ified for the event in Allen Park but elected not to continue because he said his heart was no longer in boxing.

"Danny Boy," a finalist in the 1976 USA Olympic Trials as a flyweight, leaves the ring with a record of 112-25. The southpaw was once a mainstay in the national amateur boxing rankings.

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