

Marian skiers pace All-Area team

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Birmingham Marian High School's ski team finished third at the recent state championship meet at Crystal Mountain. It only seems appropriate that three skiers from that team are members of the 1983 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Ski Team.

The Mustangs were paced this season by juniors Laurie Shea and Shelly Siegel and freshman Cindy Arthurs. Other members of the O&E girls' first team include Rochester Adams' Katherine Galvin; Andover's Anouk Reichenstein; Lahser's Karl Ruddy and Kingswood's Helena Stanislavjevic.

"We had real good team depth," said Marian

coach Mary Jo Pulte. "We made up our minds at the beginning of the season to go to state, and this team had the experience to do it."

Andover placed two skiers on the boys' team — seniors Mark Arthurs and Pete Plaff. Other first-team members are West Bloomfield's Dave Armstrong; Lahser's Kurt Gschwind; Cranbrook's Bill Judy; Groves' Larry Morris; and Rochester Adams' Rob Shick.

Shea, who made the O&E team last season, finished 24th and 17th at the state meet in the slalom and giant slalom races, respectively. She was second in the giant slalom at the divisional race at Alpine Valley.

ARTHURS PLACED second and fourth at the divisional meet in the slalom and giant slalom. She was 11th at state in slalom and 19th in giant slalom.

Siegel placed ninth at the state in giant slalom and 15th in slalom.

A junior, Reichenstein had her best overall outing at the regionals, where she took sixth in the giant slalom and ninth in the slalom at Pine Knob. This was her first season of high school skiing.

Galvin, a junior, was fourth in the slalom at the Pine Knob regional meet. She was also fifth in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom at the divisional meet.

"She's a super gal as far as personality and interest in skiing are concerned," Adams coach Louis Miller said. "She has a super attitude, and I'll be glad to get her back next year."

All-star honors are nothing new to Stanislavjevic, who also earned all-area honors last winter. She was first in both races at the divisional and regional meets.

THIS YEAR, as a testimony to her competitiveness, she finished second at the state meet in the giant slalom with torn knee cartilage. She did not feel sturdy enough to ski the winding slalom course which has more turns.

"She tore her cartilage two days before the state meet when she was training up north," Kingswood

coach Andrew Flaher said. "It amazes me she was even able to compete in the giant slalom at the state meet — she was in a lot of agony and pain."

A senior, Ruddy finished among the top 10 at both the divisional and regional meets. She failed to qualify for the state meet.

ARMSTRONG AND JUDY are both second-time members of the O&E boys' team.

A senior captain in his third year on the Lahser, Armstrong was 11th in the state meet in the slalom race. He was third in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom at the Pine Knob regional.

Judy, a senior, finished first in five dual meets this season. He was first in the slalom at the division, regional and league meets.

"He (Judy) is smooth and fast, and the record seems to indicate he was better in the slalom," Flaher said. "He was good last year and a lot better this year."

"Shick, a senior, was captain of the Adams High School squad and its only returning skier. He was third in the slalom and fourth in the giant slalom at the divisional meet.

"He (Shick) was not locked on first place all the time, but he was a strong skier who always placed well," Miller said. "He's been a good, strong skier since his sophomore year."

Mark Arthurs and Plaff were senior co-captains of the Andover team.

Arthurs was eighth in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom at the divisional meet. He was 12th and 15th at the regional.

Plaff was sixth and seventh in the slalom and giant slalom, respectively, at the divisional meet. At the state meet, he finished 15th in the slalom.

"Pete didn't have much racing experience, but he did well at the state meet," Andover coach Pat McMullen said. "It was either him or Mark who were first in dual meets all season."

Gschwind is a junior in his second year on the Lahser team. He was second in the giant slalom at the league meet and second in the slalom at the regional meet.

"He was the most solid racer I had," Lahser coach Joe Schurr said. "He was a conservative racer, but he was always near the top."

all-area ski team

BOYS' FIRST TEAM

SKIER
Dave Armstrong
Mark Arthurs
Kurt Gschwind
Bill Judy
Larry Morris
Pete Plaff
Rob Shick

SCHOOL
West Bloomfield
Andover
Lahser
Cranbrook
Groves
Andover
Adams

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Sr.
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BOYS' HONORABLE MENTION: John Knox, Andover; Mike Lee, Brett Rose, Lahser; Howard Brophy, Jim Morgan, Cranbrook; George Long, West Bloomfield; Jay Flanagan, Rochester Adams.

GIRLS' FIRST TEAM

SKIER
Cindy Arthurs
Katherine Galvin
Anouk Reichenstein
Karl Ruddy
Laurie Shea
Shelly Siegel
Helena Stanislavjevic

SCHOOL
Marian
Adams
Andover
Lahser
Marian
Marian
Kingswood

YR.
Fr.
Jr.
Jr.
Sr.
Jr.
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GIRLS' HONORABLE MENTION: Julie Kosik, Rochester Adams; Dana Greene, Andover; Ellen Sternhill, Tanya Wareham, West Bloomfield; Margaret Brophy and Alexandra Wether, both of Kingswood; Cindy Leahy, Rochester.



Shelly Siegel
Marian



Helena Stanislavjevic
Kingswood



Cindy Arthurs
Marian



Anouk Reichenstein
Andover



Laurie Shea
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