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Andover



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Rochester



Colleen Betts
Lathrup

Super Spikers



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Athens



Amy Austin
North Farmington



Diane Campbell
Groves

Even mixture on All-Area volleyball team

By Jim Hughes
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Any high school volleyball coach in the state will tell you how much the sport has grown in recent years, and the rise is directly reflected on the Observer & Eccentric's All-Area team this year.

Traditionally, the All-Area team was ruled predominantly by the senior class, but with players reaching higher levels of talent, younger players are making a name for themselves in the fast-moving sport.

Such is the case on the 1983 All-Area volleyball team, where three of the six members are juniors. Diane Campbell of Birmingham Groves, Sue Lormin of

Troy Athens and Amy Austin of North Farmington represent the junior class, while Margie Hungerman of Bloomfield Hills Andover, Kristy Thomas of Rochester and Colleen Betts of Southfield-Lathrup emerge from the field of senior players.

Troy Athens' Ed Manderfield, who fielded a team with one senior this season, was named coach of the year.

Another keynote about the All-Area team — in conjunction with the growth of the sport — is the common characteristic of the players selected. No longer is it typical for the best hitter to be highlighted on an all-area squad. It takes a strong all-around game, which each of the following players exemplified during the season.

HUNGERMAN, a 5-foot-6 all-around standout, was a major reason Andover finished with a 25-6 record and was ranked 10th in the state. The Barons, who finished first in the Southeastern Michigan Association and were rated the top team in Oakland County, relied on the steady play from all-league Hungerman.

"What makes her so exceptional," coach Bob Hurdle said, "is she is a first-year setter. Up until the fall, she was a hitter and a back-row player. She sets the ball exceptionally well, has good leaping ability, and was one of the strongest servers we've ever had here at Andover."

"She's a good all-around player; a great player with a lot of determination. She plays solid defense and plays extremely well under pressure."

BETTS WAS an all-leaguer for

Southfield-Lathrup and was selected to the all-tournament team at the Ferris State Invitational. Lathrup's 5-5 Most Valuable Player helped the Chargers post an overall record of 18-13.

"The most important thing about Colleen is she is a very good all-around player," coach Lionel Blagg said. "She's a tremendous competitor who's always hustling. You wish you had more players who hustled like she did."

"Passing and defense is the best part of her game. That and her overall knowledge of volleyball. She knows what's going on, and where she's supposed to be at all times."

THOMAS was an all-leaguer player for the Greater Oakland Activities League champion Rochester Falcons. Her play helped the Falcons finish with an 11-1 league mark and 25-7 overall record. Rochester finished the season ranked third in Oakland County.

"Kristy is a very good all-around player," coach Jan Bowden said. "She was our second server — which tells you she was very consistent — and she passed the ball extremely well."

"She also anticipates well. As a front-row player, she knew where and when to hit the ball. She wasn't the best hitter in the world, but she was a smart one. She knows when the ball is coming to her, and what to do with it."

LORMIN, THOUGH most noted for her spiking ability, played facets of the game well. As a member of the Metro Suburban Activities Association champion Athens Red Hawks, she helped her team post a 21-9 overall mark and a 9-1 league record. The 5-9

all-leaguer was named Athens' Red Hawk of the Year.

"Sue is very determined; she wants to be a winner," Manderfield said. "She loves to play every second she's on the floor. Of all the sports (basketball, volleyball and soccer), she's most gifted in volleyball. She's most comfortable there, and she wants to play volleyball in college."

"She's a power hitter. We're going to work on her approach. When she learns to hit the ball with the right approach and getting full use of her body, you're going to see some awesome hitting."

AUSTIN, LIKE the rest of the All-Area players, was an all-leaguer. The 5-8 junior helped North Farmington to a 25-8 overall record, and a 9-1 mark in the Northwest Suburban League championship season. North was ranked second in Oakland County.

"She broke the spiking and blocking records for a season and career," coach Sandy Lubienicki said. "She plays great all-around. Her No. 1 asset is her play at the net — which stands out anyway — because she is so quick. She has quick reaction and adjusts very well."

"She tips the ball well. She tips when it's open, and she scores off the tip. She's excellent at the net. She has a great vertical jump. She seems to float as she jumps."

CAMPBELL WAS Groves' Most Valuable Player and one of the highly rated players in the Metro Suburban Activities Association. Her talents far exceeded the team's 15-13 overall record, which included a 5-5 mark in the league.

"Of all the girls she played against, she's one of the best," coach Myron

Campbell said of his 5-10 daughter. "She jumps well, and she's aggressive. She's a good defensive player as well."

MANDERFIELD LED Athens to its best volleyball season in the school's history as the Red Hawks won the league with a 9-1 record. Athens was 21-9 overall, ranked fourth in Oakland County, and finished first in the Alma Invitational.

Manderfield, in his sixth year as

coach at Athens, had to turn his club around this season after the Red Hawks lost three of their first four games.

"The key, I think, was a matter of the players wanting to win and knowing they could win," Manderfield said. "My philosophy has always been that I don't care how good you are today, you can be better tomorrow. The girls came in and accepted the challenge."

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FIRST TEAM

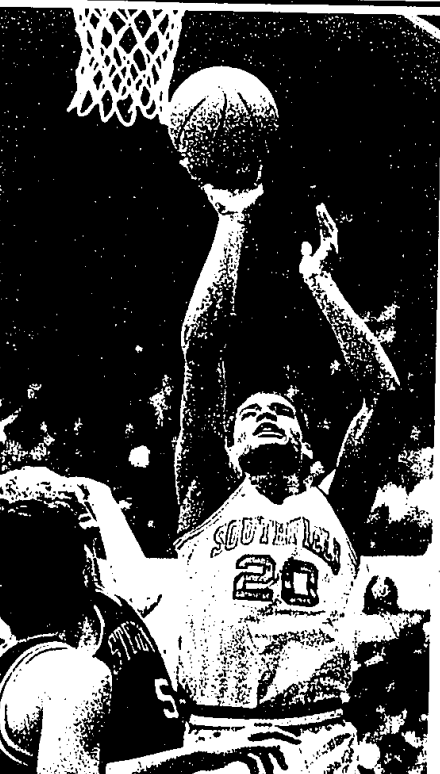
PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Diane Campbell	Groves	Jr.
Margie Hungerman	Andover	Sr.
Sue Lormin	Athens	Jr.
Amy Austin	N. Farmington	Jr.
Colleen Betts	Lathrup	Sr.
Kristy Thomas	Rochester	Sr.
Ed Manderfield	Athens	Coach

SECOND TEAM — Cindy Reid and Tracy Balagna, Andover; Sheila Thorne, Rochester; Amy Dalek, Lahser; Janice Ureel, Marian; Deirdre O'Brien, Athens.

THIRD TEAM — Kathryn Moran, Marian; Stephanie Rafter, Groves; Denise Harkrider, West Bloomfield; Margie Lee, North Farmington; Diane Ponella, Mercy; Beth Schuler, Lathrup.



Ed Manderfield
coach of the year



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Joubert jinx

Judge leads Southwestern past Jays

By Tom Baer
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It was a tale of two players — Detroit Southwestern's Antoine Joubert and Southfield's Joey Walton.

Joubert, otherwise known as The Judge and Michigan's Mr. Basketball, played yet another superb game to lead the Detroiters to an 81-57 victory over Southfield in the state Class A high school game semifinal showdown Friday at Michigan State University.

When Joubert left the court with about three minutes left to play and 44 points (six shy of a tournament record) to his credit, a big chunk of the capacity crowd of 10,004 drifted toward the Jenson Fieldhouse exit. The great Antoine was the man they came to see.

The 6-foot-5 senior superstar dazzled the big crowd, hitting the long-range jumpers and showing some amazing moves inside. He was 17 of 30 from the field and 10 of 13 from the free-throw line.

By contrast, Walton, the Blue Jays' 5-foot-11 guard who averaged 18.6 points in six state tournament games, never touched the basketball.

Walton spent the afternoon on Southfield's bench, a pair of crutches nearby. His ailment: a badly sprained ankle suffered near the end of Southfield's quarterfinal victory over Sterling Heights Stevenson last Wednesday.

Without Walton's scoring punch and defense, Southfield was at a big disadvantage against Southwestern, the champions of the Detroit Public School League.

"I want you to understand I'm not making excuses," said Southfield coach Greg Silwa, "his voice husky at the post-game press conference, 'but I'd really like to see what we could have done against this team with Joey in there."

"Poor kid. He went through three

hours of physical therapy, and he cried when he couldn't play. And he was in real pain. Joey doesn't play around. He can hide a lot of hurts, but not something like that."

ACTUALLY, SOUTHFIELD got an early boost from Walton's replacement, 6-3 senior Ray Kelsor, and streaked to a 16-12 lead after the opening quarter. Kelsor, the brother of former MSU and Piston star Greg Kelsor, scored six points in the first quarter and 14 in the second on his way to a team-high 22.

That second quarter turned into a shootout between Kelsor and Joubert, who caught fire and tossed in 15 points to stave Southwestern to a 39-32 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Kelsor quieted down, but not Joubert. The Prospector superstar, who is headed for the University of Michigan, continued the shooting clinic with 12 more points. The winners led, 65-44, after three quarters.

"Southwestern took us out of our game in the second half," Silwa said. "It's hard playing catchup with a team like that, especially when one of your best people isn't playing."

But Joubert showed he can do more than just score. He hauled down seven rebounds, dished out four assists and came up with three steals.

"It was a typical Antoine Joubert game," said Southwestern coach Perry Watson. "His percentage or points I don't know. But you have to look at the intensity and the leadership. Those are the things you can't measure."

"Those are the things we needed, and those are the things he gave us."

During the early going, the task of guarding Joubert fell to senior Michael McCaskill, who is a good bet for all-state status after the season he's had.

"He (Joubert) played the best I've

ever seen," Silwa said, "simply because of the respect I have for Michael."

THE ONLY OTHER Prospector to score in double figures was substitute Chauncey Scott. The 6-3 junior had 11 points. Jamie Davis, a starting guard, contributed eight points, and 6-7 forward Clarence Jones had six.

Watson credited another sub, sophomore Sam Siltmon, with providing the defense that held the sometimes-explosive McCaskill to 15 points. "He (Siltmon) is one heck of a defensive player," Watson said.

Southwestern shot 55.2 percent from the floor, hitting on 32 of 58. From the line, the Prospectors made 17 of 24. Southfield hit on 22 of 58 field goal attempts for 37.9 percent. The Jays were 13 of 21 from the line.

For Southfield, whose season ends at 24-3, it was the second-straight trip to the Class A semifinals — and the second-straight disappointment. Last season, Flint Central, the eventual Class A champion, knocked out the Jays on a 35-foot basket by Mark Harris at the buzzer.

The only two teams to beat Southfield during the regular season were Lansing Eastern in the second game and top-rated Saginaw back on Feb. 8. Through Friday, the only team to beat Southwestern was FSL-rival Detroit Kettering.

Flint Central, the two-time defending Class A state champion, was still alive in the tournament as of Friday, having beaten a good Kettering team, 57-55, in the other semifinal game at MSU.

Central was to have played Southwestern in the Class A final Saturday at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

Asked for a prediction Friday, Silwa answered: "Who could best that

team with Antoine on it? If anyone can, I want to be there to see it."



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