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# Wayne contingent leads cage squad

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Team accomplishments and individual achievement often go hand in hand. This year is no different as area coaches voted to select the All-Observer boys basketball team.

The area's top team, Wayne Memorial, was eliminated in the state tourney by Mr. Basketball Terry Mills and Romulus in an exciting 93-92 double overtime game. But even though Wayne never got out of its district, the Zebras enjoyed a cinderella season of sorts.

After losing two All-Observer players from a year ago, Pollis Robertson (now at Wisconsin) and Howard Flowers (Eastern Michigan), the Zebras ended up defending their Wolverine A Conference title. And despite its tallest player being only 6-foot-2, Wayne managed to finish the season with an 18-3 record.

Eighteen area coaches gathered recently to select the area's best players. Wayne High, Observerland's top-rated team, had two players named to the first team. Coach Chuck Henry was also picked as Coach of the Year.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN, which captured the Western Lakes championship, landed one player on the first team along with Farmington Harrison, the conference runner-up.

Garden City, the Northwest Suburban League co-champion, gained one berth. Redford Catholic Central, North Farmington and Plymouth Salem — all district champions — are also represented on the first team.

Because of two tie votes for the final spot, eight players were voted to the first team.

Introducing the 1985-86 All-Observer boys basketball team:

## FIRST TEAM

Rick Anderson, senior, North Farmington: The 6-foot-5 swingman repeats as an All-Area performer.

He averaged 19 points, 13 rebounds and three assists per game this season, while shooting 49 percent from the field and 77 percent from the line.

A three-year All-League pick, Anderson holds North school records in career rebounds (585) and scoring (432 points), career scoring (11.77) and career scoring average (17.7).

"Rick's success on and off the floor is no accident," said North coach Tom Negashian. "He has a tremendous capacity for hard work. I pay him my highest compliment by

hoping my sons will grow up some day to be like him."

Anderson is being courted by several Mid-American Conference schools.

Mark Robinson, junior, Wayne: Having a nose for the ball, the 6-2, 165-pound

small forward was Wayne's leading scorer, averaging 18.0 points per game. He scored 379 points on the year.

He also grabbed 266 rebounds, added 52 assists and made 43 steals this season.

Wayne's sixth man a year ago, Robinson developed quickly as a junior. He was voted co-MVP in the Wolverine A along with Wyandotte's Norm Erickson.

"Mark is the best athlete that I have ever coached," said Wayne's Chuck Henry. "He's really an outstanding player on offense and on defense."

It's great to have him back another year."

Spence Williams, senior, Wayne: Directing the offense, the 5-9 point guard was Zebras' brains and quarterback.

During the season, Williams shot at an amazing 67 percent clip from the field (102 for 153) for an 11.0 scoring average.

He also added 55 rebounds, 94 steals and 129 assists in 21 games.

A three-year varsity starter, Williams made the All-Wolverine A Conference team after being second team last season.

"He'll be missed next year," Henry said. "His record as a starting point guard is 39-5. Spence has great quickness, and is a great ball-handler and defensive player."

Paul Tavanna, senior, Catholic Central: The springy 6-4 forward capped an outstanding three-year career for the Shamrocks by averaging 15.3 points, nine rebounds and 3.2 block shots per game this year.

The first-team All-Catholic pick led CC to a 16-2 overall record and a berth in the A-B Division playoffs. He also helped CC to a district title.

Noted for his quick jumping ability, the CC co-captain was an intimidating force for the Shamrocks.

"Paul was our best defensive player," said CC's Bernie Holowicki. "He is very intense and hard-working."

Steve Hawley, junior, John Glenn: The 6-1 guard led the area in scoring with a 21.9 average. He also dished out six assists per game in leading the Rockets to the WLA crown.

A pure jump shooter, Hawley was named All-Conference in the 12-team Western Lakes circuit.

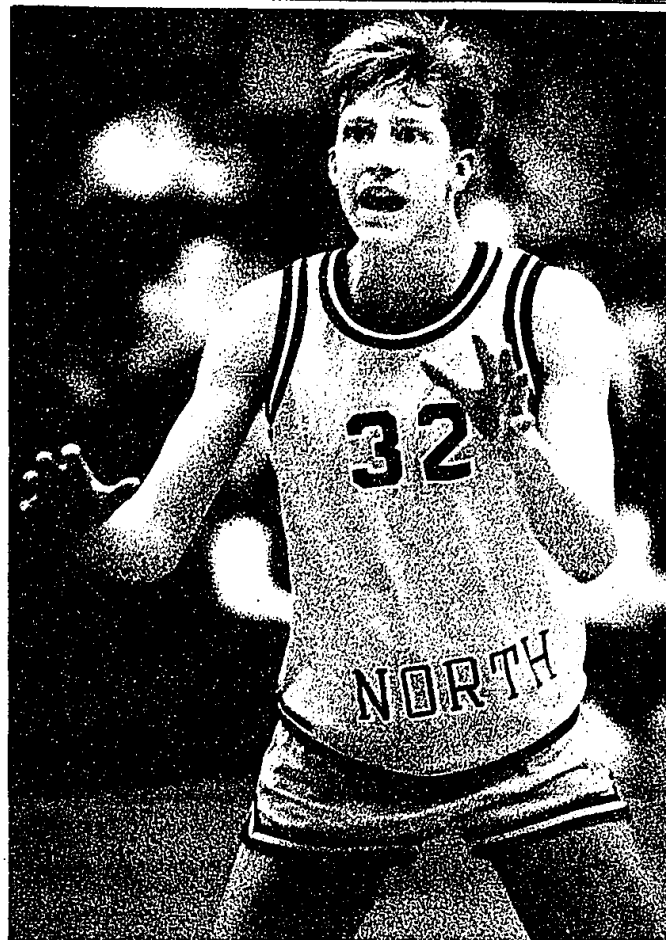
"Steve is one of the most consistent players I've ever coached," said Glenn's Gordie Davis. "He is a team leader and pressure player."

Hawley, who will be back another year, missed Glenn's school scoring record by only three points.

Mike Hale, junior, Plymouth Salem: The 6-5 forward was busy under the boards all season.

He averaged 17 points and 12 rebounds per game. He shot 64 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free throw line.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Rick Anderson has been a mainstay on the North Farmington basketball team for three seasons. The 6-foot-5 junior forward was voted to the All-Area squad for the second consecutive year. Several Mid-American Conference schools are

interested in his services including Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan and Kent State. Anderson's best asset is his outside shooting ability.

Chuck Henry  
Coach of the YearRick Anderson  
N. FarmingtonMark Robinson  
WayneSpence Williams  
WaynePaul Tavanna  
CCSteve Hawley  
John GlennMike Hale  
SalemKen George  
HarrisonSkip Barnett  
Garden City

# Mercy must fill many holes

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Sorry, Farmington Hills Mercy buffs, officiants, devotees, the Annette Ruggiero soccer show is over.

The goal-scoring phenom, who was first team all-state and third team all-American, has graduated from the reigning Catholic League champion squad. And the 32 goals she scored last season are gone too.

So Marlin's coach Geno Fogel is left to find someone to fill Ruggiero's shoes — and the net. He doesn't need to advertise her departure.

"On top of that, Mercy also lost Catholic League first team members full-back Banu Rangarajan and starting goalie Jenny Maiso. But wait, there's more."

Also graduated are fullback Renee Bibco and Amy DeMatia.

"So I literally lost my five best players," said Fogel. "We have some good players coming back. Whether we repeat as Catholic League champions depends on how hard we work."

With the loss of Ruggiero, the Mar-

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lins will have to switch to a more team-oriented offense. That means returning forwards Mary Duwell, Julie Hale, Karen Baldes and Mary Beth Larcabell are going to have to get used to actually having the ball.

As far as the defense, there's little to worry about. The reason is a slew of fullbacks and halfbacks are back.

Maureen Scullen, Margaret DeMatia, Leigh Clancy and Stacy Murdoch are the fullbacks returning. At half-back the Marlin's have Amy Stock, Kathy Clement and Colleen Ratliff.

The goalkeeping situation, though unsettled, looks bright. Kelly Beaudry, a reserve last season, is back along with junior transfer Harper Nolte from Troy.

Fogel expects Harper Woods Regina and Birmingham Marian to be the biggest obstacle to repeating as league

champs. He's not counting out Livonia Ladywood or Bishop Foley either.

## NORTH FARMINGTON

North Farmington coach Cathy Cole doesn't expect she'll need to call a plumber this season.

Despite losing a good portion of her backline and starting goalkeeper, Cole doesn't expect the Raiders to be leaky on defense. To correct the situation, her leading goal-scorer, junior Jean Anzlovor, is back.

Yep, that's right, North's leading goal-scorer is also the team's top defender. And, it's no fluke either.

Anzlovor, who scored 17 goals and was an all-state honorable mention, can be both tenacious in putting in the ball in the back of the net or keeping it out.

"She's either my sweeper or my striker," said Cole of Anzlovor. "She has such versatility. She has excellent skills and an excellent ball-handling. She fills both shoes very well."

Suzi Schlotz looks to be the top contender the goalkeeping position to replace Brooks Landback.

Some of the Raiders' other players returning include forward Suzy Mattoon and midfielders Kristi McMin and Sandy Spahn. With that reason, North's 8-8-1 record it posted last season is up for improvement.

## FARMINGTON HARRISON

Now coach Kim McKinley was left with one tie from the last two years and plenty of inexperienced players.

How inexperienced? The Hawks have no seniors and only two juniors on their roster.

"And one of them twisted her ankle," said McKinley, who replaced Harry Strydom as coach just last week.

Rebuilding programs, though, are something which McKinley has experience with. Last year, she coached Milford to an 8-4 record in its inaugural season.

"It was their first year and the girls were really excited to get a team," said McKinley. "Harrison has always had a team. So the girls are not as enthusiastic."

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Farmington's Laurie Dingle (right) and Harrison's Christina Eldredge battle for possession of the ball during last year's meeting. Both teams are looking to improve this season.