

Area spikers gird for big year

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

Observance is building a tradition for outstanding volleyball and this season should be no exception.

It's a good bet some team from the area will return to the state Class A final four, which is scheduled Saturday, March 21, at Flint Carman High School.

Last year, it was Redford Bishop Borgess' turn to shine. The Spartans, led by All-Stater Debbie McDonald, reached the championship match before falling to Portage Northern.

McDonald went on to Purdue University this fall where she was named Big 10 Newcomer of the Year and second team all-conference. She was fourth in the conference in hitting efficiency and sixth in kill percentage as the Bollersmakers finished 19-16 overall and sixth in the conference (8-10).

In 1985, Livonia Stevenson, led by Lisa Bokovoy (now at the University of Kentucky), reached the state finals before losing to East Kentwood. In 1984, the Spartans lost in the semifinals to Flint Kearsley.

In 1983, Wayne Memorial, led by the Hayes sisters, Laura and Lisa, captured the coveted crown. The coach of that team, Doris Busulto, has returned after a two-year sabbatical.

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Gene are starters McDonald, Anne Terski (Hillsdale College), Cheryl Livingston and Kathy Stabler.

The returnees include senior setters Beth Zacharski (second team All-Area) and Stephanie Kiehl, along with middle hitters Lisa Dreke and Cherie Johnson (third team). Also expected to contribute is junior Kristy McFadden, junior Dawn Pinechee, senior Kelly Dooley, sophomore Vall Terone and 6-foot-1 transfer Laura Theille (Redford St. Mary's), who will not be eligible until Jan. 22.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
The Spartans are coming off a 32-7 season, but came up empty at the districts and Western Lakes Conference tournament.

Three seniors graduated from a team that captured the Schoolcraft and Edsel Ford Invitational titles. Cheryl Sullivan, Kelly Gage and Kris Conn.

But a strong nucleus of hitters return including first-team All-Area pick Kristine Bailey, a senior, and Sue Zatorski, a junior and second team pick.

"Kristine is very good and highly rated," said Stevenson's ninth-year coach Lee Cagle. "She hits harder than Lisa Bokovoy did as far as going both directions. She's a better server and passer. But as a blocking threat and as far as quickness, Lisa was better. Lisa also understood the game."

And the back doesn't give him much trouble anymore.

"Before games I get a back massage to relieve the tightness from the bus ride," Vellucci said. "But (the back) doesn't really bother me on the ice."

That's good news for Vellucci in his travels through the world of professional hockey. He would like to get back to Birmingham in the American Hockey League. From the AHL there's only one step up — the National Hockey League.

"I'm just waiting for my chance," Vellucci said. "I don't mind playing here (Salt Lake City) for a year or two. But I'd like to move up to the American League next year. You've got to take it one step at a time."

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Catholic Central vs. Howell, 7:30 p.m.
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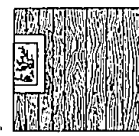
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In order to renew the four (4) mill operating tax increase which expires in 1987, shall the limitation on the total amount of general tax levied for the purpose of all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan for a period of ten (10) years from 1987 to 1997, both inclusive, by four (4) mills on each dollar (\$4.00 per \$1,000) of assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expense of the school district? **THESE PROPOSITIONS ARE HEREBY GIVEN, that the last day upon which unregistered persons may register in order to be able to vote at said election is**

Monday, January 12, 1987
up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides. Registration will be received during regular office hours Monday through Friday of each week. Farmington City residents may register at City Hall, 25600 Liberty Street, Farmington Hills residents may register at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 9155 Silver Mile Road, West Bloomfield Township residents may register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4400 Orchard Lake Road.
Persons already registered need not register.
Absentee ballot applications will be available at the Lewis School Administrative Center, 32500 Shawwassee, until 2:00 P.M., Saturday, February 7, 1987.

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