

Spartan spikers a big hit

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CERTAIN SCHOOLS, year after year, dominate in certain sports. That's what's called building a program. And few schools have done a better job of constructing dominating volleyball programs than Livonia Stevenson and Redford Bishop Borgess.

So it should come as no surprise that their players occupy five of nine berths on the Observer's all-area volleyball squad. The reason is clear: Stevenson marched to the final four in the Class A state tournament before stumbling, a year after Borgess reached the state finals before losing.

Borgess had a tough campaign by its standards. The Spartans were 28-8 during the regular season, but they failed to win Catholic League or state district tournament titles. It should be noted, however, that the teams that won those championships were Birmingham Marian (the league champ) and Stevenson (district champ) — two of the state's final four teams.

IT'S HARD to argue with the kind of success enjoyed by these two powerhouse, but several area coaches are building a case. Livonia Ladywood, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn and Garden City are all closing the gap on Stevenson and Borgess.

With the increase in competitive rivalries, it's not hard to envision a shift in the power structure. But for this year at least, Stevenson and Borgess were tough to stop.

Stevenson's Lee Cagle was selected as coach of the year because of the success enjoyed by his squad. The Spartans went 45-5 and won Western Lakes Activities Association and Class A district and regional crowns before failing to eventual state champion Portage Northern in the state semifinals.

Here is a profile on each member of this season's all-area Observers team.

Kristine Bailey, senior, Stevenson: Bailey is the latest in a long line of outstanding players to come out of Stevenson, and Cagle rates her second to

none. "She's often compared with former Stevenson greats, but stands alone as a superior player in all the skills," said Cagle.

Bailey, who Cagle called a "devastating hitter and outstanding defensively," had a 400 kill average (580 in 1,040 attacks) and 141 service aces. She was named to three all-tournament teams, was all-WLAA, all-region and all-state, and was Stevenson's MVP. Bailey will attend Michigan State in the fall on a volleyball scholarship.

Sue Zatorski, junior, Stevenson: Zatorski's stats — a 350 kill average (573 in 754 attacks) and 68 aces in 300 serves — would make her the star of any other team, and despite Stevenson's overall talent opponents couldn't overlook her.

"Sue is recognized for her leadership on our team and throughout the league and our area," said Cagle of Zatorski, who made three all-tournament teams and was all-WLAA. "She was very difficult to stop at the net, and few did. You'd coach forever with a player like Sue."

Rocky Clobor, junior, Stevenson: Clobor had more than 1,600 sets this season, 88 percent of which were good and 58 percent that registered as kill assists. Such prowess earned her all-WLAA hon-

ors — an amazing accomplishment, considering this was her first season as a setter.

"As a first year setter, she grew into the role and performed beyond all expectations," said Cagle. "She'll be better next year. Watch for her."

Beth Zacharski, senior, Bishop Borgess: Zacharski made low mistakes for Borgess, posting a 94 percent efficiency average on all attacks with 25 percent going for aces and putting 98 percent of her serves in play. She was selected to the all-Catholic League and all-region teams and was picked to Borgess' all-tournament team. She was also Borgess' co-MVP.

"She is probably one of the most intense players ever to play for Bishop Borgess," said coach Jerry Abraham. "She is a 'coaches dream' type of player, a leader on the court."

Zacharski will attend Eastern Michigan this fall on a volleyball scholarship.

Lisa Dreske, senior, Bishop Borgess: Dreske's 330 kill average and 89 percent serve efficiency will be difficult to replace, Abraham said. A three-year starter, Dreske's "defensive skills rank with the best in the area," according to her coach.

The hitter-blocker was all-Catholic League and named to the Borgess all-tournament team. A team co-MVP, Dreske has a volleyball scholarship at the University of Toledo for the fall.

Jenny Belcher, junior, Ladywood: Belcher collected 138 kills in 580 attacks (230 kill average), was named to all-tournament teams at Bay City and Schoolcraft and was selected for the all-region and all-Catholic League teams. Ladywood was 21-8 for the year and finished first once, second three times and third once in tournaments.

"Much of Jenny's success can be attributed to her excellent lung reach — at 5-foot-9, she can touch 9-7 1/2 — and her strong arm," said Ladywood coach Tom Tietters. "Jenny's offense from the middle block position was, in part, a big contributor to Ladywood's success. With most of the 1986-87 team returning next year, Ladywood will be in a position to utilize Jenny's talents even more."

Nikki Stubbs, senior, Garden City: Stubbs' ability was evident when she switched from setter to hitter this season and made the move work, averaging seven kills per game and ranking as the Cougars' top defensive player. Stubbs was Garden City's captain and MVP.

"She's a very smart and strong player," said GC coach Sue Cyrus. "She's improved a lot, and she's an all-around great athlete."



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Jenny Belcher Ladywood



Jo Ann Koinits Wayne Memorial

Stubbs will play for Teeters at Schoolcraft College next fall.

Stacy Graham, senior, John Glenn: Graham averaged five kills and four blocks per game for the Rockets, who won their district title after compiling a 19-15 record. Graham had a 255 kill average and 88 percent serve efficiency, was named to all-tournament teams at Wayne State and Walled Lake, and was an all-Lakes Division choice.

"Stacy was a definite asset to our team," said Rocket coach Wendy Boswick. "She had a fabulous season, leading us in hitting and blocking. Besides her great not play, she was very dedicated and a pleasure to coach."

Graham will attend EMU on a volleyball scholarship this fall.

Jo Ann Koinits, junior, Wayne Memorial: A 5-10 middle hitter-blocker, Koinits collected 268 kills in 662 attacks, earning team MVP honors and selection to the all-Wolverine A League first team and all-region second team. The Zebras were 28-9 overall and won the WAL with a 13-1 mark.

And yet, as strong as her hitting was — Koinits was ranked second offensively in the WAL — it was no better than her other skills. "Her passing, serve reception and attack reception were very good," said Wayne coach Doris Busatto. "She's a very aggressive player, very good defensively. Her defense helped her offense."

Koinits also played on the under-15 Junior Olympic team at University of Michigan last summer.



Stevenson's Lee Cagle directed the Spartans to their third state Class A semifinal berth in four years. For his efforts, the veteran coach was again named Observersland Coach of the Year.

all-area volleyball

First team
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Sue Zatorski Stevenson
Rocky Clobor Stevenson
Jo Ann Koinits Wayne Memorial
Beth Zacharski Bishop Borgess
Lisa Dreske Bishop Borgess
Nikki Stubbs Garden City
Jenny Belcher Ladywood
Stacy Graham John Glenn

Maria Vassellou Franklin
Kandi Boyle Mercy
Mary Kelley Ladywood

Honorable Mention: Bishop Borgess — Chen Johnson, Dawn Pinchick, Laura Thiele; Stevenson — Jenny Sladewski, Laura Brown, Garden City — Maria Evans, Ladywood — Michelle Pionka, Farmington Harrison — Heidi Revitt, Jinhua Whitehouse, Plymouth Salem —

Jane Kries, Kara Cummings, Denise Tackett; John Glenn — Liz Gorch, Joanne Ross, Heather Pickard, Farmington Hill Mercy — Jennifer Stolar, Lucina Churchill — Pam Sams, Liz Monroe, Alex Beck, Kristen Thompson; North Farmington — Tammy Sponger, Terry Sponger, Suzi Butcher, Kris McLean; Livonia Clarende — Diane Lindsey, Dawn Goeman; Jenny Guerrin, Redford Thurston — Pam Isenegger, Anne Marie Moss, Julie Waterloo; Franklin — Sandy Hertel.

Second team
Mikey Gorak Garden City
Sarah Adzima Ladywood
Chris Pacheco Churchil
Jenny Okon John Glenn
Corinne McNamara Ladywood
Amy Anderson Stevenson

Third team
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