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There are few things more important than the defense with tough play. She is a great leader on and off the field."

**Almee Cousino, Churchill, midfielder:** Unlike the roving Cicco, Cousino moved into the center midfield slot as a freshman at Churchill and carried it for the next four years. She'll head to Michigan State to play in the fall.

As a senior, Cousino scored nine goals and assisted on eight others. She was all-state the last two years and all-Observer, all-WLAA and team MVP the last three. Perhaps the best way to describe Cousino's ability to dominate is to note how Churchill did without her. She strained a hamstring muscle early in a key match with Plymouth Canton and missed the rest of the game. Churchill struggled when she was in, but struggled and ended up losing without her.

**Alyson Nourse, Canton, midfielder:** Another repeat all-Observer selection from 1993, Nourse capped her senior season by being named all-WLAA and team MVP. She finished her career with 19 goals and 14 assists.

She scored nine goals and assisted on five more for the Chiefs, who ended up tying Livonia Stevenson for the league title. Her play in the midfield could best be described as relentless — she had speed, she had skill, but her ability to always be in the middle of the action seemed to frustrate opponents most. "Alyson is an outstanding student-athlete," said Canton assistant coach Jeff Henschel. "She carried a 4.0 (grade point average) while doing a super job on the soccer field. Her desire on the field and in the classroom is a coach's dream come true."

Nourse will play basketball next year at South Florida.

**Laura Fedigo, Stevenson, midfielder:** Fedigo's ability was well-known. She was a first team all-state selection and is in the Olympic Development Program. She is also part of what must be considered the most talented area of play in Observersland — the midfield. A junior, Fedigo finished with 15 goals and eight assists.

She compiled those totals in just nine games. Fedigo injured her leg midway through the season and missed the last half. Without her Stevenson wasn't the same, playing 500 ball.

**Jodee Wisler, Salem, goalkeeper:** Wisler was the heart of a team that struggled through much of the season,

and was a major reason the Rocks were able to finish with a break-even record.

A senior, Wisler scored two goals and assisted on two more. She was Salem's MVP and an all-state Division selection, but her true value can be found in another statistic — she played every minute of every game.

"Jodee was the captain of Salem and a true team leader," said Rocks' coach Ken Johnson. "She's a strong leader and a great defensive player."

**Laney Truchan, Franklin, defender:** Another superb player on a mediocre team, Truchan dominated in her senior season. A senior, Truchan will join former Franklin standout Patty Shee at the University of Dayton this fall.

Truchan added the Patriots in many ways. She scored five goals and assisted on five others; for her career, she totaled 35 goals. She was all-WLAA and last year was second team all-Observer. But there was more to Truchan than what statistics could reveal.

She underwent arthroscopic knee surgery during the season, but missed just four games. Good thing — as Franklin coach Bev DeJohn noted, "She had to do a lot of the work herself. She makes the difference."

A three-year letter winner in volleyball, Truchan was also a standout in the classroom. She graduated magna cum laude and was a member of the National Honor Society, with a 3.88 grade point.

**Margaret Wirth, Churchill, sweeper:** The Chargers had plenty of offensive firepower this season, with Spaccaretta up

front and Cousino in the midfield. But it was up to Wirth to stabilize the defense.

And she did. The junior, who transferred to Churchill from Mercy (she was second team all-Observer for the Marlins in '93), solidified the defense and transformed a good team into a state contender.

Named to the all-WLAA squad, Wirth scored three goals and had 17 assists for Churchill.

**Kara Moylan, Canton, defender:** It will be a pleasure to coach Don Smith to have Moylan, who just completed her junior season, back for another year.

The reason is simple enough. The Chiefs have been winning since she's been playing. Their WLAA co-championship this season was their third-consecutive title in what must be considered one of the two toughest conferences in the state.

Moylan's play earned her selection to the all-Western Division team.

"Kara's solid play on defense was one of the reasons Canton was able to repeat as conference champs," said assistant coach Meschick.

**Sara Kloosterman, Harrison, keeper:**

Statistics aren't always the best barometer to measure a player's ability. Kloosterman, just a freshman, is evidence of that.

Although her goals-against average wasn't spectacular (2.40), her performance against consistently tough competition while playing with a struggling team were. Kloosterman had four shut-outs, including seamless ties against Churchill and Farmington.

She was the all-WLAA selection and named the top keeper in the region.

"She was excellent against breakaways and very smart on the line," said Harrison coach Glenn Breuhm.

**Deve Gabriel, Garden City, coach:** It's hard to dispute what Gabriel has accomplished in her four seasons at Garden City.

A 1988 graduate of Livonia Churchill, Gabriel took over a program that was next-to-nothing and built it into a champion. The Cougars finished 14-1-1 during the regular season, winning the Michigan Conference's White Division.

It's true, Garden City is not yet ready to challenge the WLAA powerhouses, but just give Gabriel a little more time.

### All-Area 1st team

**Alyson Nourse:**  
Canton

**Laney Truchan:**  
Franklin

**Kara Moylan:**  
Canton

**Jodee Wisler:**  
Salem

**Margaret Wirth:**  
Churchill

**Laura Fedigo:**  
Stevenson

**Deve Gabriel:**  
Garden City

**Sara Kloosterman:**  
Harrison

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