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Virginia Slims of Houston.
No. 24 (Jeff Cassar): Also a Churchill grad, Cassar starred as a goalkeeper in soccer, making All-State before going to Florida International University. Played on the under-20 U.S. World Cup team and is now a starting keeper for the Miami Fusion of the MLS. Considered one of the top goalkeepers in the U.S.

No. 25 (Jeff Roby): Led Salem to the 1973 state Class A title. Is probably the state's most successful club professional and leading money winner. Multiple Michigan Open winner and is a PGA Club Pro National member. Also played in the majors and represented club pros in the World Series of Golf. A club pro in Flint.

No. 26 (John Miller): Farmington Hills Harrison runner and defensive back who played on two state championship teams and remains in the MHSAA record book with 20 career interceptions. Stood out at Michigan State on 1980 Rose Bowl squad. Had brief stint in the NFL with the Lions and also played in the USFL. Also was a standout in baseball and basketball with the Hawks. Resides near Toledo.

No. 27 (Miki "the Thrill" Coleman): Quarterback and wide receiver started his career as a freshman at Albion before moving over to Harrison where he still holds the MHSAA record for most career passing yards (7,664) and 10 passes (77). Led the Hawks to a 37-2 record and two state titles. Also played basketball and baseball. Had a productive career as a wide receiver at MSU before receiving tryouts with the Lions and the Chicago Bears. Also

played in the CFL with the Montreal Alouettes.

No. 28 (Tony Boies): John Glenn grad made All-Dig 10 where he led Michigan in rushing (1988-89) from his tailback spot. He was drafted in the 11th round by the Dallas Cowboys, but a knee injury his senior year at U-M diminished his chances. Had a brief stint with San Antonio of the World Football League. High school claim to fame was 242-yard performance in WAAA championship game vs. Farmington Hills Harrison.

No. 29 (Doug Brzezinski): The Detroit Red Wings offensive line man made All-Dig East football honors at Boston College. Drafted in the third round by the Philadelphia Eagles, the Livonia native has started all season at guard since his rookie year.

No. 30 (Steve Campbell): State tennis champion from Catholic Central who went on to earn All-American honors at Rice University. Now playing on the men's pro tour, Campbell has cracked the top 100 and once reached the round of eight at the Upton International. Played Andre Agassi and Mats Wilander at the U.S. Open.

No. 31 (Mark Messner): Migrated to Redford CC after millage defunct sports programs in Hartland. Made All-State and was two-time All-American nose guard (1987-88) with Michigan. Drafted in the sixth round, Messner played linebacker and special teams for the Los Angeles Rams (1989) before an injury cut short his pro career.

No. 32 (Lorenzo Guess): Led Wayne High basketball teams to a pair of Final Four berths and one quarterfinal appearance. Wayne was 89-10 record in his four seasons. The quarterback was ranked one of the top high school football players in the Midwest. Now playing reserve defensive back for the MSU football team and will soon join the MSU basketball squad.

No. 33 (Jeff Hines): Stevenson High grad is the area's most accomplished cyclist. Competed several years internationally and once won the final stage race of the Tour de France. Relocated during his cycling days to train in San Diego.

No. 34 (Richard Hewlett): All-State at Salem in both football and basketball. Ran the wishbone like no other. The high school All-American was recruited out of high school by Bear Bryant (Alabama), Johnny Majors (Pitt) and Bo Schembechler (U-M). Played for the Wolverines where he was a surprise starter his freshman year against Ohio State. Also started against Notre Dame the next season before being moved to defensive back. Now practicing law in Detroit.

No. 35 (David Hall): Stevenson quarterback was a multi-talented athlete who also excelled in track and basketball. Played quarterback at Michigan

and saw emergency action in the 1993 Rose Bowl when starter Steve Smith went down with an injury. Hall completed 12 of 24 passes for 165 yards in the 24-14 loss to UCLA. Also was standout Big Ten decathlete and was asked by Bill Frierer to join a depleted Wolverine basketball team. In high school, could high jump 6-8, throw 11-0 shot 50 feet plus and run the quarter-mile under 50 seconds. Now resides in Colorado.

No. 36 (Lara Richters): The Stevenson grad starred in soccer at Yale University and later enjoyed a productive indoor pro career as a defender with the Detroit Rockers. Played on three state championship teams at Stevenson and was a member of the basketball squad. Now teaches and is head boys soccer coach at Stevenson.

No. 37 (Cherie Tencelli): Played in 134 NHL games including stints with the Red Wings, Sharks and Dallas. Led Wisconsin to the 1990 NCAA title where he earned Tournament MVP honors. Was also one of the NHL's leading scorers. Now playing professionally in Switzerland. Made All-Observer in baseball.

No. 38 (Carlos Gilgus): NCAA All-American guard at Schoolcraft College who averaged 32.2 points per game before going on to star at Baylor University where he was the Southwest Conference's second leading scorer his junior year. Once scored 60 points in a junior college game. Drafted in the fourth round by the Los Angeles Spurs. Also scored 80 points in a Philippine Professional League game.

No. 39 (Mike Patsch): The 6-6 Patsch is arguably RU's best overall athlete. Made All-State in football and track, also stood out in basketball. Could high jump 6-8, throw the shot over 60 feet and run 22 seconds in the 220. Received a scholarship to play tight end at Michigan, but did not letter after leaving school following a knee injury.

No. 40 (Lisa Bokovsky): A three-sport standout at Stevenson, Bokovsky was one of the state's top pitchers, but she made her mark as a volleyball player where she earned All-American honors at the University of Kentucky. Also played basketball at Stevenson.

No. 41 (Maxanne Reese): Miss Basketball (1995) from Borgess is currently MSU's leading scorer. Had a career-high 41 points last year vs. Iowa and is the Big Ten's second-leading returning scorer (17.6 ppg). In 11 games this season, the All-Big Ten pick is averaging 16.4 ppg as MSU is off to a 9-2 start.

No. 42 (Kelly Holmes): The right-handed pitcher led Canton to the 1992 state Class A finals. Has a state and believed-to-be national prep record with 24 strikeouts in a seven-inning game. During her four-year career at Michigan (1994-97), Holmes is second in innings pitched (733) and victories (76). In 1996 she was a GTE Academic All-American and in 1997 was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and Second-Team All-American. Pitched in the 1996

THE SECOND 50 TOP ATHLETES

(alphabetical listing)
No. 43 (Paul Terek): The Franklin broke the state record in the pole vault (16-6) in 1997. As a freshman at Michigan State, Terek shattered the school record set in 1971 in the pole vault (clearing 17 feet) and finished second in the Big Ten decathlon. He also took second in the Canadian Track and Field Nationals in the decathlon. Also starred in football for the Patriots where he made All-Observer as a wide receiver. Had 222 yards in receptions vs. 1996 state football champion Walled Lake Western in a game.
No. 44 (Mark Beaufait): Graduate of Stevenson, Beaufait led Northern Michigan to the 1991 NCAA championship. Member of the U.S. Olympic hockey team which competed in the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway. Now a member of the Orlando Solar Bears of the International Hockey League where he is one of the team's top scorers.
No. 45 (Craig Payne): Answer to one of boxing's best trivia questions. The Livonia beat Mike Tyson in the National Golden Gloves finals as an amateur. The super-heavyweight also had a win over three-time Olympic gold medalist Teofilo Stevenson (Cuba) and 1984 Olympic gold medalist Tyrrell Biggs (U.S.). Lost to Biggs in the '84 U.S. Olympic Trials final on a close 3-2 decision. Weight problems kept Payne from cashing in big as a pro.
No. 46 (Mike McDuire): The 1974 Farmington High product ran 9:00.3 in the MHSAA state finals, which still ranks sixth all-time best in 3,200-meter run. Competed in both cross country and track at Michigan during the mid-70s, setting a Big Ten record in the three-mile run in 1976. He represented the U.S. team at the World Cross Country Championships in Madrid, Spain, and won the 1981 Detroit Free Press Marathon. Currently the head women's cross country coach at U-M where he has produced nine All-Americans, including 1998 NCAA champion Katie McGregor.
No. 47 (Kelly Graham): While at Westland John Glenn, Graham never lost a race in either the 100- or 200-yard hurdles in 1981-82. Had the fastest recorded time for a prep in the state in the 100 hurdles. In high school she also played volleyball and basketball. She took third in the World Pan Am Junior Games and was a three-time Big Ten hurdles champion at Indiana University before injuries cut short her career as a junior and senior. Now coaching girls track at Churchill and girls volleyball at Stevenson.
No. 48 (Debbie McDonald): Led Bishop Borgess to the state Class A volleyball finals (1988) where she earned All-State recognition. The 6-foot-2 left-handed middle-hitter went on to star at Purdue University where she earned All-American honors. Also played beach volleyball in the professional ranks.
No. 49 (Jason Buhai): Farmington High was state Class A medalist in 1992 before going on to Duke University where he earned second-team All-American honors. Just recently qualified for the PGA Tour after finishing tied for 30th in Qualifying School.
No. 50 (Dawn Warner): The guard set numerous scoring records for Franklin, including a 47-point effort in a regional final loss to Detroit Murray-Wright her senior year. Was runner-up for Miss Basketball (1991) after leading Franklin to four straight district crowns. Went on to play at nationally ranked Western Kentucky where she became the Lady Toppers' all-time assist leader.

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