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better than everyone else's."

Melissa Dobbey, freshman, Stevenson: Despite missing six games due to illness, Dobbey put up impressive numbers with 14 goals and 17 assists. She was voted first-team All-WLAA and third-team All-State (Division I).

"Stevenson seems to get a cycle of premier goal scorers, and they're in good hands the next three years with Melissa," outgoing Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "Melissa draws a lot of attention when she's on the field. She's most dangerous inside 30 yards."

Kellie Mullin, senior, Ply. Salem: Mullin seemed like a highlight-film type of player, according to her coach, Joe Nara. But there was more to this senior forward than just scoring impressive goals at opportune times.

"She was one of those hard-working players," Nara said of Mullin, who was an all-WLAA selection.

The third work is what got her the goals when they were needed most. "Her nickname on the team was 'Sniper,'" Nara added. "Anytime we needed a goal, she'd get it."

Mullin finished with 10 goals and three assists despite a leg injury suffered late in the regular season that hampered her through the state playoffs. Amanda Lantz, senior, Ply. Canton: It will be strange next year to see Canton without Morrell and Lantz on the field. If Morrell could be described as the knockout punch in the Chiefs' lineup, then Lantz was the setup artist, providing the passes and hooks that led to the finishing blow.

An all-conference selection and a four-year letter winner, Lantz followed her all-state performance of a year ago by being named to the state's Dream Team this season.

It was a well-earned honor. She was second on the Chiefs in scoring with 14 goals and a team-best 24 assists.

Michelle Esparza, senior, Churchville: A three-year varsity player, the midfielder made All-WLAA and second-team All-State (Division II) this season. Esparza had nine goals and six assists.

"Michelle is one of the toughest players to run through or around the middle field," Churchville interim coach David Hebert said. "She also had a knack for scoring set-piece goals."

"She's very coachable and has been a solid player. She's fast and has a good touch."

Lindsay Guskic, senior, Stevenson: Will go down as one of the most acclaimed players in school history after finishing her career with 101 goals and 45 assists.

The offensive midfielder scored 33 goals and had 15 assists as the Spartans finished 14-0 overall.

She was a first-team all-state four years, and a Dream Team selection her sophomore, junior and senior years as the Spartans won a state title and had

one runner-up finish.

Guskic made All-Western Lakes four consecutive years.

"I've had the luxury of coaching some great soccer players, but Lindsay is the most complete athlete I've ever coached," Kimble said. "We've had two Miss Soccer (Andrea Sled and Allison Campbell), and that puts Lindsay in good company."

Guskic is headed to the University of Virginia to play soccer.

Loranne DeDonato, senior, Farmington: A four-year varsity starter for the Falcons, DeDonato was the top player on a team that was 15-7 and had the second-most wins in school history.

She was most of a playmaker in past years, but she became Farmington's leading scorer this year. The senior midfielder led her team with 20 goals and also had 14 assists.

DeDonato was named to the Division II all-state third team this year. She was a four-time, all-district player and an all-region selection three times; she received the John Cotton Award as Farmington's best female athlete.

"Loranne was a calm, cool and collected player," coach Steve Montgomery said. "Under pressure she does a good job controlling the ball. She really knows the game of soccer and loves to play it."

"She's an outstanding leader on and off the field. Her knowledge of the game is impressive, which is like having a coach on the field."

"She'll be missed and very hard to replace," Nara said. "She's a forward, but she's got a big smile and she's a leader."

Marissa Sarkesian, freshman, Salem: Perhaps the most amazing thing is Sarkesian just completed her first season of high school soccer.

"For a freshman, she played with the composure of a senior," Nara said. "In high pressure situations, she would calm us down."

Sarkesian finished as her team's leading scorer with 21 goals and eight assists. She was third-team all-state.

"That was a lot of pressure to put on a freshman at center midfield," Nara said. "She handled it very well."

Dana White, senior, Livonia Stevenson: She was moved early in the season from forward to defender and never complained after scoring 30-plus goals her first three years.

"After we lost to Bishop Foley, we

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FIRST TEAM

Forwards
Anne Morrell, senior, Plymouth Canton
Melissa Dobbey, freshman, Liv. Stevenson
Kellie Mullin, senior, Plymouth Salem

Midfielders
Amanda Lantz, senior, Plymouth Canton
Michelle Esparza, senior, Livonia Churchville
Lindsay Guskic, senior, Livonia Stevenson
Loranne DeDonato, senior, Farmington
Marissa Sarkesian, freshman, Ply. Salem

Defenders
Dana White, senior, Livonia Stevenson
Janine Guastella, senior, Plymouth Canton
Gusella Kowczyk, senior, Wayne Memorial

Goalkeepers
Jill Dombrowski, senior, Plymouth Salem
Don Smith, Plymouth Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Don Smith, Plymouth Canton

SECOND TEAM

Forwards
Stephanie Johnson, junior, Ply. Canton
Lauren Hogan, junior, North Farmington
Angie DeHiro, senior, Garden City; Jackie Carson, Cassandra Ellis, Kristin Hubbard, Andrea Dunn; Farmington: Beth Kolacki, Shanna Barkum, Erin Deros, Moby Jui, Katie Johnson; Hartless: Abby Adams, Alex Ciceri, Jakk Waldacker, Abby Houser, N. Farmington: Meghan Callahan, Kelly Hogan, Ashley Lynch, Michelle Bombardieri, Catherine Munoz; Mercy: Lindsey Birchmeier; Autumn Almira, Carrie Denton, Christina Aguilera, Justin Hughes, Jamie Driscoll; Canton: Beth Sanduksky, Anelle Bryant, Kara Marsh, Allison Mills, Erica Allen, Rachel Parry; Salem: Maureen Giffith, Nicole Anderson, Natalie Thomas, Amber Williams.

Midfielders
Angie Trudek, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy
Jordan Falconer, freshman, Ply. Salem
Erica Rose, sophomore, Farmington
Sarah Pack, senior, Westland John Glenn
Danielle Gifford, senior, Farm. Harrison
Megan Kelley, senior, Redford Union
Joyce Chung, senior, North Farmington

Defenders
Dawn Dedek, junior, Redford Thurston
Julie Goettlicher, junior, Farmington
Katie Rozum, junior, Livonia Livewood
Meghan Parnell, junior, Livonia Churchville

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made wholesale changes and Dana sacrificed her senior year to try and win a state title," Kimble said. "She's a forward, but it turned out to be a good move for us."

White is headed to Stony Brook (N.Y.) University to play Division I soccer.

Janine Guastella, senior, Ply. Canton: Guastella proved her mettle time and again for Canton.

Early the 2000 season, she suffered a torn ACL that required major surgery and a lot of rehabilitation it she ever planned on playing sports again. A standout basketball player — she'll attend and play for Grand Valley State — she worked hard to rehab her knee.

Guastella returned to play basketball last fall, earning all-Observer honors, and was back on the field as a defender for the Chiefs this spring.

"She was definitely our most determined marking back," Smith said. "She always had to mark the finest (player) on the other team."

Jill Dombrowski, senior, Ply. Salem: Your team wins 33 games, and 11 of those are shutouts. That's doing your job in goal.

For the second-straight year, Dombrowski was the Observer's and the WLAA's top keeper. In Salem's 13-5-1 season, she had a 0.84 goals-against average, to go with those 11 shutouts.

And as much as she likes soccer, her sport of choice is volleyball. She'll attend the University of Albany (N.Y.) on a volleyball scholarship.

"She keeps the ball out of the net, plan and simple," Nara said. "Going into a game with Jill in goal, I felt we were ahead by a goal. She's that kind of player. She'll be tough to replace."

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