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O & E unveils All-Area volleyball team

By JOHN BOZZO

The Observer & Eccentric's first All-Area volleyball squad is composed of players from four league championship teams.

Six schools were represented at the meeting in Birmingham to pick the team. Two coaches who were out of town phoned in their nominations. Those present decided that the O & E All-Area volleyball team should include a first team, a second team and an honorable mention list.

Heading up the talented list of volleyball players are two unanimous choices for the first team, Shelly Stair

of Kingswood and Kathy Herman of West Bloomfield.

Stair, a senior, has been a starter at Kingswood two years. She set the ball most of the season and led her team with an 89 per cent serving efficiency. She made good on 95 per cent of her opportunities at spiking. Stair was voted the most valuable player on a team which won the Metro Conference title, the Class C regional tournament and the league tournament.

KINGSWOOD COACH James Sellgren said that Stair was a leader who "helped pull the team together." He added that she will be playing vol-

leyball at the University of Michigan next year.

Herman was voted the best all-around player by her West Bloomfield teammates. That's quite an honor considering that her team won the Greater Oakland Activities League championship and all her teammates are seniors. She has been a starter on the varsity for three straight seasons.

Coach Sharon DeWolfe said Herman specialized in setting and was usually the outstanding hitter on the team. "She was the most sensitive player as to placement of the ball and team sense, and she was the best person to

set the ball to," DeWolfe said.

Diane Dietz, a junior, from Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, is the next choice for our dream volleyball squad. Dietz was the best all-around player on a Mercy team which won the Catholic League championship and had only one loss during the regular season. She has been a member of the varsity squad all three of her high school years, earning a starting berth and All-Catholic honors the past two seasons.

Dietz was an O & E All-Area choice in girls' basketball. Her volleyball coach, Linda Barber, said Dietz has "a terrific serve, good body control, is a good hitter and blocker, but I wouldn't take her out of the back row."



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Kingswood's Sellgren top coach of the year

By JOHN BOZZO

Greater self confidence for each player is the goal of Kingswood coach James Sellgren—the Observer & Eccentric's first volleyball All-Area Coach of the Year.

"Not only in her ability," Sellgren said, "but greater self confidence in her relationship with the team. Interdependence is probably the most important part of volleyball. Learning that people are going to depend on you and you have to depend on them."

"Early on in the season," Sellgren said, "I didn't think we were going to be strong. We didn't have that cohesion. Things seemed to be a little tense between team members."

"Through practice," Sellgren said, "and some things that happened off the court, which I didn't know about, the team grew. The real reason for the team's success is the attitude of the girls. A number of times the team came back from large deficits" simply because of their attitude.

the Private Schools League championship with an 8-0 dual meet record and was second in the Private Schools League tournament.

Sellgren said that he really enjoys working with the students at Kingswood School Cranbrook.

"Once I got to Kingswood I began dealing with kids in a more complete way," Sellgren said. "I get to work with kids in the dorm, so I see their living situation. I work with them on the athletic field and in the classroom. It's such a complete experience, I enjoy it."

Kathy Jenkins of Bloomfield Hills Andover was selected for an All-Area team berth. An Andover senior, Jenkins won a first team selection on the Greater Oakland Activities League team and was named to the Schoolcraft College Tournament's all-tournament team. Andover finished second, behind West Bloomfield, in the Greater Oakland Activities League.

THERESA RANKE represents Rochester High School on the All-Area squad. A senior, Ranke completed her four-year varsity volleyball career as her team's most valuable player. She is an all-around player capable of hitting and setting. She served at 93 per cent and had good placement and variety in her serves. Ranke can spike with both hands and made good at 81 per cent of her spiking chances.

Last, but not least, on the All-Area team is Detroit Country Day School senior Michelle Ferris. She also com-

pletes a four-year varsity career as her team's most valuable player. Ferris has been captain of the team for two years. She was the only setter on the team and a good blocker, despite being the shortest player on the squad.

The second team is headed up by Nancy Forester of Seaholm. Although only a junior, she was voted the most valuable player and was named to the all-league team in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

on 75 per cent of her spiking opportunities.

Julie Mikula of Farmington Our Lady of Mercy was selected to the second team. A senior setter, Mikula's consistent play at the serving line and as a floor leader won her All-Catholic honors. This is her third year on the Mercy varsity team.

West Bloomfield placed the final two players on the O & E All-Area volleyball team, Cathy Horrigan and Sally Sifers.

Motria Ryszj from Birmingham Groves, another junior, was also named to the second team. She was a good spiker and won a first team selection in the Metro Suburban Association. Groves was the league champion.

"Horrigan," DeWolfe said, "is probably the most underrated player on the team." She has played varsity three of these seasons. Her coach said Horrigan has better game sense and reflexes than anyone on the West Bloomfield team.

MIMI ROSEBROUGH represents Kingswood on the second team. A senior completing her third year of varsity play, Rosebrough served with an 88 per cent efficiency and connected

Sifers has played varsity volleyball three seasons at West Bloomfield. She has good offensive and defensive ability, fine technique, drive, hustle and is a good hitter.

Sellgren's team copped the Private Schools League Championship with a 7-1 dual meet record, won the Private Schools League tournament and a Class C regional title.

Despite the good season, the outlook was not good at the start for Kingswood.

A GRADUATE OF Royal Oak Kimball High School, Sellgren played youth hockey. He earned bachelor's degrees in both math and philosophy at the University of Michigan.

While at the university, Sellgren was introduced to volleyball. He played on a club team at the school. Then Sellgren went into teaching and coaching.

"It's something I always wanted to try," Sellgren said. "My first experience wasn't the most positive one, but once I got to Kingswood and I began dealing with kids in a more complete way it was positive."

Sellgren's teaching began with a winter 1974 semester at Mary Lyons Junior High School in Royal Oak.

"Coming in the middle of the year is hard for anyone," Sellgren said. In the fall of 1974 Sellgren joined the Cranbrook Educational Community. He teaches math and photography and was an assistant hockey coach that first year.

"When I found out about volleyball," Sellgren recalled, "I jumped over there as soon as I could and helped out as much as I could."

FOLLOWING ONE YEAR as an unofficial helper, Sellgren became the head volleyball coach. His team won

Honorable mention

Following is a list of the players selected for honorable mention status on the 1977 Observer & Eccentric All-Area volleyball team.

Sue Cowan of Birmingham Groves, Karol Heidel of Bloomfield Hills Andover, Mary Vincent of Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Lori Edwards of Detroit Country Day School, Cindy Eller of Kingswood, Carolyn Ohm of Kingswood, Diane DeMuyt of Rochester, Michele Gerber of West Bloomfield, Jill Juliano of Birmingham Groves, Patsy Cox of Birmingham Groves, Patsy Berry of Bloomfield Hills Andover and Sally Quinn of The Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Sawyer-Fuller uses OT goal to win playoff

Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home's Elio Marulli scored a goal with 1:07 left in an over-time period to help his team end its Over 30 League season on a happy note.

Marulli's goal gave Sawyer-Fuller a 3-2 victory over Suburban Sports Center in the league's playoff finale last Thursday night at Southfield Civic Center. The victory gave coach Joe Rupp's Sawyer-Fuller team a 6-1-0 playoff record and the league playoff championship.

Sawyer-Fuller, which finished the regular season in second place behind Southfield Holiday Inn, played Suburban to a scoreless first period. Suburban took a brief lead when Bruce Coburn scored from Jim Gudenburr midway through the second period. Six minutes later, Sawyer tied it one-all as Dave Marulli scored from Marulli and Bill Boyd.

Gudenburr scored from Howard Roth and Coburn early in the third period to pull Suburban back in front, but Sawyer's John Gumenburr tied it again with 2:36 left in regulation play. Neither team came close to scoring in the final minutes, and the game went to a sudden-death over-time period.

Marulli ended the game — and the playoff race — by scoring with 1:07 left in the five-minute over-time period.

Boyd was given an assist on the play.

Mike Rupp minded Sawyer-Fuller's goal, and Joe Jacobs was Suburban's goaltender.

IN OTHER playoff games last Thursday, Southfield Holiday Inn clinched second place in the final standings with 5-3 victory over Northland Heating, Holiday Inn, which finished with a 5-2-0 record, got three goals from high-scoring Ray Tremblay, Bob Hawk and Jay Holiday also tallied for the winners. Dave Fay, Gary Mosey and Ray Brunett each scored a goal for Northland Heating.

Spartan Concrete finished with a 2-0-0 playoff record, including a 4-1 victory over Canaan Camera last Thursday. Frank Goldberg scored two goals for Spartan, while Mike Foster and Jerry Pedraza added single goals. Byron "rum" Snyder scored for Conco, rse.

Star Lincoln-Mercury downed Roger Penske Chevrolet, 3-2, in the other playoff game. Jerry Kowalski scored two goals, and Bill Kosco scored one for Star, which finished with a 4-3-0 mark. Demetri Lambrone scored twice for Penske, which finished in last place with an 0-7-0 record.

The Over 30 League will end its 40th anniversary with a dinner dance April 30 in Southfield Holiday Inn.

OVER 30 PLAYOFF STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home	6	1	0
Suburban Sports	4	2	0
Concocrete Camera	4	2	0
Star Lincoln-Mercury	4	2	0
Northland Heating	3	2	0
Spartan Concrete	2	2	0
Roger Penske Chevrolet	0	7	0

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First Team

Name	School	Grade
Shelly Stair	Kingswood	12
Kathy Herman	West Bloomfield	12
Diane Dietz	Mercy	11
Theresa Ranke	Rochester	12
Kathy Jenkins	Andover	11
Michelle Ferris	Country Day	12

Second Team

Name	School	Grade
Nancy Forester	Seaholm	11
Motria Ryszj	Groves	11
Mimi Rosebrough	Kingswood	12
Sally Sifers	West Bloomfield	12
Cathy Horrigan	West Bloomfield	12
Julie Mikula	Mercy	12