

## All-Area cage team blends experience, youth

By MARTY BUDNER

Led by all-stater Jim Paciorek from Orchard Lake St. Mary, the 1977-78 Observer & Eccentric all-area basketball team is a combination of youth and experience.

There are three talented seniors on the team, which was picked by area basketball coaches, complemented by a pair of underclassmen. Players were awarded three points for every first-place vote they received, two points for second and one for third.

The coaches selected Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Nick Corti as coach of the year.

Besides Paciorek, the other seniors on the first team are Ali Ucar from Birmingham Groves and Darryl Clausell from Southfield. The juniors include Lahser's Scott Pritchett and Birmingham Brother Rice's Tim Andree.

Paciorek was an all-stater in both basketball and football for St. Mary. The 6-3, 200-pound player quarterbacked the undefeated (12-0) football team which won the state class C title, and was a forward on the undefeated (27-0) class D state-champion basketball squad.

Averaging 16 points per game, Paciorek shot 50 per cent from the field on a team which beat opponents by an average of 26 points. Other statistics showed that he had eight rebounds, six steals and three assists a game.

Paciorek, who was a first-team grid selection on the Observer & Eccentric's all-area team last fall, will

attend the University of Michigan on a full football scholarship.

UCAR BROKE AN offensive record for most total points in one season by a Groves player. The second-year varsity performer scored 484 points this season—exceeding Scott Love's total of 459 set in the 1976-77 season.

In 24 games, the 6-2 Ucar averaged 20.2 points, and shot 54 per cent from the floor as he made 194 of 357 shots. From the free-throw line he shot 60 per cent, hitting on 36-59 attempts. Ucar was also the team leader in steals (94), assists (127) and rebounds (191).

"The only thing he didn't lead us in this year was blocked shots and free throw percentage," said his coach, Jay Schwalm. "As a junior, he was our best defensive player, but this year we depended upon him for more

offense, and I didn't give him the tough defensive assignments.

"Once he got inside the key, he was incredible," said Schwalm, whose team finished with an overall 12-12 record. "I don't know how many times I've said this, but he was the best person I ever saw once he got inside."

A 6-3 forward, Clausell averaged 16.2 points, 10.8 rebounds and registered 63 assists. He was a 70 per cent shooter from the free-throw line, and 50 per cent from the field.

Although he did not start as a junior, he helped propel Southfield to the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) title this year as the team's league record was 9-1 (only loss to Royal Oak Kimball). Overall, the Blue Jays were 19-3.

CLAUSELL IS entertaining offers from both Ferris State and Northern Michigan University.

Pritchett averaged 15 points a game for Lahser and was the team's leading rebounder (229) with an average of 10 a game. From the free-throw line, the 6-7 junior shot 77 per cent.

"From a coaches standpoint, his greatest asset is consistency," said Corti. "These were points and rebounds that I felt confident he was going to get game in and game out, and next year we'll look for improvement."

Andree, who was selected to the O&E's all-area second team last year, impressed enough coaches to move up to the first team this season. He averaged close to 20 points and 13 rebounds a game.

For the second time in three years,

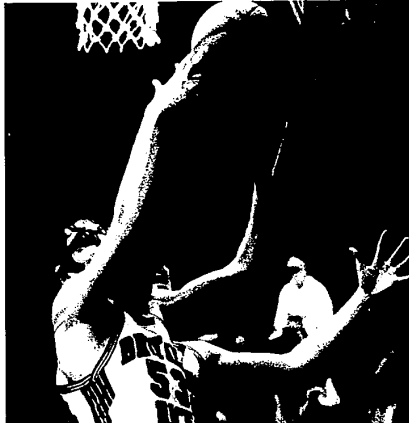
Corti was selected as the O&E's coach of the year. He was chosen after the 1976-76 season when his team compiled a sparkling 23-2 record.

Members of the O&E's second team include Shawn Santa of Lahser, Mark Henn from Troy, Pete McKnight from Southfield-Lathrup, Scott Russell from Southfield and Evaristo Perez from Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The third team members are Bill Hertle from Bloomfield Hills Andover, Dan Kruse from Rochester Adams, Dave Lewis from Rochester, Dave Guidot and Brian Lowman from West Bloomfield, Jack Dakesian from Southfield-Lathrup and Paul Butkunas from Farmington Harrison.



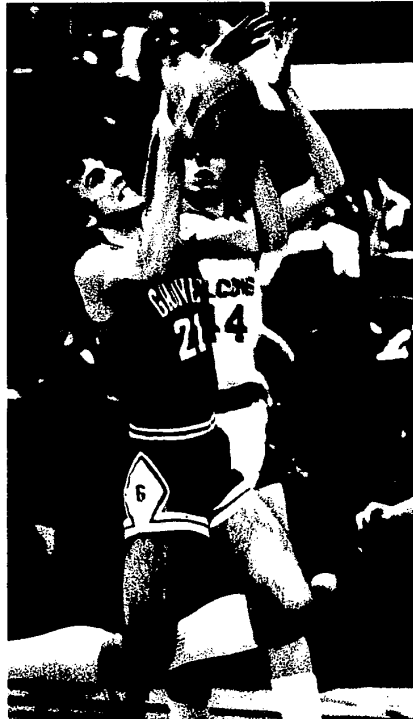
St. Mary's Jim Paciorek.



Brother Rice's Tim Andree.



Lahser's Scott Pritchett.

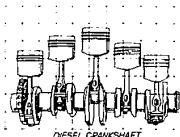


Groves' Ali Ucar.



Southfield's Darryl Clausell.

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Name	School	Height
Scott Pritchett	B.H. Lahser	6-7
Tim Andree	Brother Rice	6-11
Ali Ucar	Birm. Groves	6-2
Jim Paciorek	O.L. St. Mary	6-3
Darryl Clausell	Southfield	6-3

SECOND TEAM—Shawn Santa, Lahser; Pete McKnight, Southfield-Lathrup; Scott Russell, Southfield; Evaristo Perez, St. Mary; Mark Henn, Troy High.

THIRD TEAM — Bill Hertle, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Dan Kruse, Rochester Adams; Dave Lewis, Rochester High; Jack Dakesian, Lathrup; Paul Butkunas, Farmington Harrison; Jeff Thomas, North Farmington; Dave Guidot, West Bloomfield; Brian Lowman, West Bloomfield.

HONORABLE MENTION — Rob Fodor, Lahser; Gregg Williamson, St. Mary; Tim Wau, Lahser; Preston Swigart, Avondale; Tony Wilkerson, Cranbrook; Brian Hervey, Avondale; Mark Nosko, Avondale; Chris Henn, Troy High; Grant Steen, Troy Athens; Harold Beardley, North Farmington; Karl Taylor, Lathrup; Mark Thompson, North Farmington; Tim Meter, Andover; Rick McKibben, Farmington High; Dave Kay, St. Mary; Rodney Gilbert, Country Day; Eric Garber, West Bloomfield; Mark Biehl, North Farmington; Galen David, Andover; Tim Dillon, Rochester Adams; Ron Washington, Brother Rice; Al Sahy, Harrison; Jeff Maher, Birmingham Seaholm.