

O&E All-Area cagers have bright futures

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Mary, Jim Jagels of Rochester, and Tim Meter of Bloomfield Hills Andover.

At least three of the members are destined for a major college, with one, Andree, already having chosen Notre Dame. Pritchett is undecided but could probably go anywhere in the state, while Michigan State University is reportedly "interested" in Perez.

Andree, at 6-foot-10 and 230 pounds, was the most sought after prep in the state, and for good reason. He pumped in an average of 23 points a game, 17 rebounds and blocking four shots. He

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hit 65 percent from the field, and has been invited to several of the nation's

prep All-Star games.

Andree's play was the key to Rice's Catholic League title and a final 21-3 record. Rice made it to the regional finals before losing to Pontiac Central.

PRITCHETT, AT 6-7, was the center on Coach Nick Conti's Metro Suburban Association champion Lahser team. Pritchett averaged 15.3 points and 13 rebounds a game, and set a school record by connecting on 60 percent of his field goal attempts. He also managed to hit 70 percent from the free throw line.

"The outstanding thing is he did all this while averaging just 10 shots a game," Conti said.

The third member of the All-Area team is another giant, Perez, who stands at 6-8. The senior from the Dominican Republic is only in his fourth year of basketball, and in his second at OLSM. In his junior season, he helped lead the Eagles to a Class D state crown.

"I feel he's one of the best power forwards in high school ball in the state," said OLSM coach Bob Shoemaker. "And he's a pretty good perimeter shooter for such a big man."

Among his other attributes, Shoemaker said, "He smiles a lot."

For the season, Perez averaged 19 points, 12 rebounds, and three blocked shots a contest. He hit 50 percent of his attempts from the field.

Jagels was the floor leader on a Rochester squad that set school records for consecutive victories and most wins. He averaged between 13 and 14 points a game on a team that highlighted great defense and balanced scoring. Twice Jagels scored 19 points, against West Bloomfield and Utica Eisenhower.

But the 6-1, 186-pound guard saved his best performance for the regional semifinal game against Brother Rice, in which he popped in 18 points in a losing effort.

METER IS THE only underclassman on the first team, and is also the squad's top scorer. The 6-2½ junior guard netted an average of 23.1 points a game while hitting on 48 percent of his floor opportunities.

"Tim improved a lot during his sophomore and junior years," said Andover Coach John Maloney.

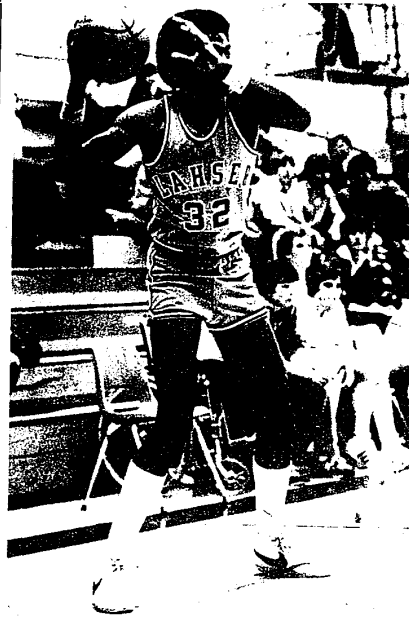
"He got quicker for one thing. His ball handling got better and, as a result, he created shots for himself."

Meter was no slouch on defense, either, drawing the other team's best offensive player on most occasions.

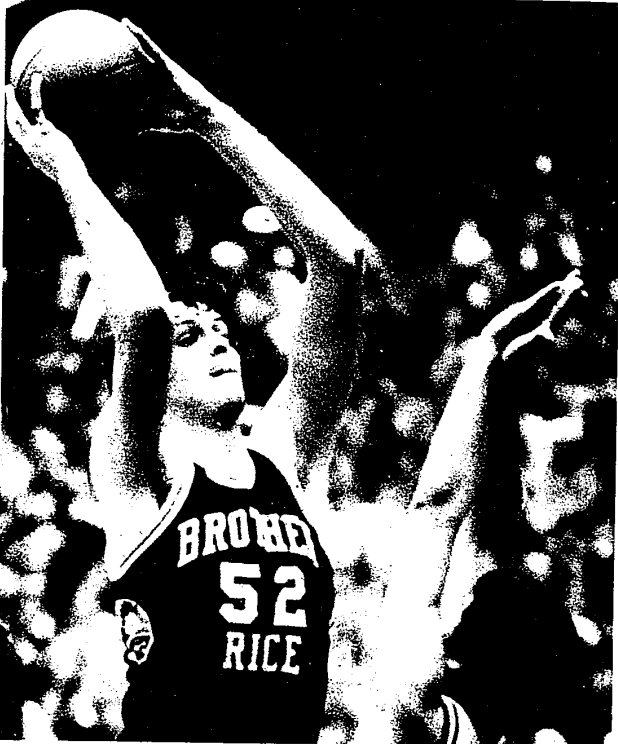
The top coach of the year is Rochester's John Bailey, who coached the Falcons to a 22-3 overall record.

The consecutive win record (18) and most wins by a Rochester team were only two of his accomplishments, which included a district crown and a tie for the Greater Oakland Athletic League title. Bailey, a graduate of MSU, had coached the girls' basketball team to a district title two years ago.

The O&E's second team consisted of Tim Waun and Rob Fodor of Lahser, Jeff Vincent of Rochester, Jack Dakessian of Southfield-Lathrup, and Mark Biehl of North Farmington.



Lahser's Scott Pritchett set a school record for field goal percentage in leading his team to an MSA league crown.



The most highly recruited prep cage star in the state was Brother Rice's 6-foot-10 Tim Andree, who has already decided to attend Notre Dame in the fall.



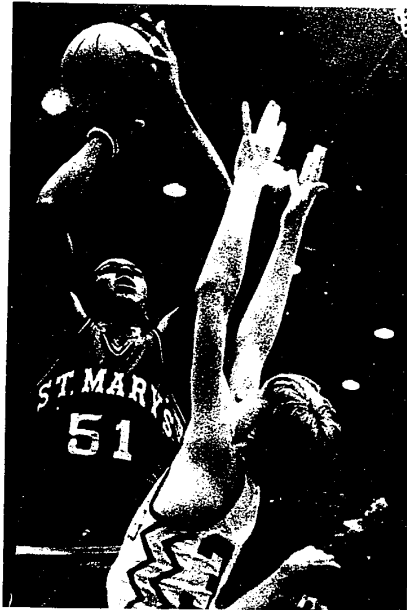
Rochester team co-captain Jim Jagels was the floor leader for the Falcons. He also quarterbacked the Rochester football squad to a GOAL title.



Coach of the Year is Rochester's John Bailey.



Only a junior, Andover's Tim Meter, nonetheless, leads the O&E All-Area team in scoring average.



A tough rebounding Evaristo Perez is from the Dominican Republic and averaged 19 points and 12 rebounds for Orchard Lake St. Mary, although he has been playing basketball for only four years.

O&E cage picks

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT
Tim Andree	Brother Rice	6-10
Scott Pritchett	BH Lahser	6-7
Evaristo Perez	OL St. Mary	6-8
Tim Meter	BH Andover	6-2½
Jim Jagels	Rochester	6-1

SECOND TEAM — Tim Waun, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Rob Fodor, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Jeff Vincent, Rochester High; Jack Dakessian, Southfield-Lathrup; Mark Biehl, North Farmington.

THIRD TEAM — Tom D'Agostino, West Bloomfield; Ted Williams, Birmingham Groves; Karl Akerman, Southfield-Lathrup; Shawn Santa, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Al Karafa, Rochester High; Rob Manillo, Birmingham Brother Rice.

HONORABLE MENTION — Eric Griffin, Dave Coombs and Vincent Bean, Southfield High; Scott Hendries and Brian Burgess, Farmington Harrison; Rodney Gilbert and Bob Mackenzie, Detroit Country Day School; John Jones and Steve Mitchell, Bloomfield Hills Roeper; Mike Howley and Brian Bowditch, North Farmington; Chris Ribant and Tom Dieters, Rochester High; Todd Hamlet and Todd Morse, Troy High; Tim Dillon, Rochester Adams; Jerry Haggarty, Troy Athens; David Kay, Orchard Lake St. Mary; Scott Melbroom, Auburn Heights Andover; Mike Dietz, Birmingham Brother Rice; Gregg Roblin, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Karl Taylor, Southfield-Lathrup; Naim Perez, Birmingham Groves; Steve Hall, Southfield Christian.