



Caroline Trout Lahser



Julie Gnaul Lahser



Chris Schetter Lahser



Martha Glynn Lahser



Lori Nicley Athens



Renee Eickholt Athens



Anne Schans Seasholm



Tracy Smith West Bloomfield



Diane Myers North Farmington



Shelly Cousins Troy

By Jim Hughes staff writer

There's really no wonder why the Bloomfield Hills Lahser girls' soccer team has racked up a 30-0-1 record in the past two seasons of play.

There are five key reasons for the success of the team — Caroline Trout, Julie Gnaul, Chris Schetter, Martha Glynn and coach Chet Schultz — and they're all members of the Observer & Eccentric's 1982 All-Area Soccer Team.

Under the guidance of Schultz, the Knights went through the 1982 season with a 17-0 record. For their efforts, four of the Knight standouts were named to the first team of the 11-member All-Area team.

Trout and Gnaul, two all-state selections and tri-captains on the Knight team along with Glynn, compiled some lofty statistics during the year. Between the two, they scored 55 goals and had 38 assists.

GNAUL, A SENIOR center-forward, scored 39 goals and added 16 assists. A three-year starter, she scored 68 goals in her high school career. She was also named to the all-North Suburban Soccer League team.

"She was, without question, the highest goal producer around," Schultz said. "Anytime she has the ball, she was a scoring threat. And, she was a marked player. She generated two players out of every game. She demanded double-coverage. Julie was extremely valuable to us."

Gnaul will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

TROUT, A SENIOR winger and center-midfielder, was a three-year starter who tallied 49 goals in her career, including 16 this past season. Trout, who was named the team's most valuable player, added 22 assists. She also was named to the all-league team.

"Caroline is just one of those super athletes," Schultz said. "She, no doubt, is the one who made the team move. Her range is exceptional, and she has a strong foot. She's not a big player, but she has super ability."

Trout will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

SCHETTER, A SENIOR center-defender, was a first team all-league selection and a second team all-state choice. The two-year starting defender scored two goals this season.

"As far as the league went, she was as strong as any defender, along with Tracy Smith (from West Bloomfield)," Schultz said. "She takes charge out there. She has tremendous speed, and she could recover well if she ever did get beat."

GLYNN, A SENIOR midfielder, was a second team all-league selection and received an honorable mention on the all-state team. Her two years, both as a starter, were the only two years of soccer she played.

Glynn had five goals and eight assists this season, and seven goals and 21 assists during her two-year career.

"Martha is not as obvious as some players, but she's always there," Schultz said. "Simply speaking, she's steady. She would do the job for you. Whatever you needed, she did it."

The four Lahser players joined Renee Eickholt and Lori Nicley (Troy Athens), Shelly Cousins (Troy), Tracy Smith (West Bloomfield), Anne Schans (Birmingham Seasholm), Beth Porterfield (Birmingham Groves) and Diane Myers (North Farmington) as first-team selections.

Eickholt, a junior midfielder, and Nicley, a sophomore left winger, helped Athens post a 10-3-3 record in its first year of varsity competition.

EICKHOLT SCORED NINE goals and added six assists as she earned first team all-league and second team all-state honors.

"She is a very aggressive and a very competitive player. We asked her to do many jobs, and she performed well. She got the job done. She was a co-captain, and a leader on and off the field."

"On the field, she was a jack-of-all-trades. We asked her to do many jobs, and she performed well. She got the job done. She really was a key player on our team."

Nicley, a first-team all-league pick, received an honorable mention on the all-state team. She scored 20 goals and added 11 assists. She was, Storch said, an unassuming soccer standout.

"When you look at her, she's so easy going and just fun to be around, you wouldn't think she was a real good soccer player," Storch said. "But, when she gets out on the soccer field, she's all business; she goes right to work. She's a ball of fire out there on the field."

"Lori is a solid player. She has good speed and quickness, and she has great shooting ability. She is tremendously accurate."

SMITH, A SENIOR center-forward for West Bloomfield, was a first team all-state and first team all-league selection. She was a three-year starter and a three-year captain for the Lakers, who finished 6-9-1 this season. Smith scored four goals and added two assists.

"Tracy is a very defensive-minded player," coach (and mother) Diane Smith said. "She has a good goal kick and an exceptional throw-in. She's a team leader who talks a lot on the field. I expected her to be a leader, and she was."

The four Lahser players joined

Schans, a senior goalie from Seasholm, transferred from North Farmington last season. She was named to the first team of the all-state and all-league teams. She recorded four shutouts this year, on a team that posted a 5-7-3 record.

"Anne was a super leader and a super athlete," Seasholm coach Bob Bukari said. "She's very aggressive, and demands a lot of her teammates. She displayed fine leadership qualities in the games and practices. Everyone looked to her as the team leader."

COUSINS, A JUNIOR midfielder for Troy, was a first-teamer on the all-state and all-league teams this year. She scored one goal and had one assist for coach Mike Ruddy's Colts, who finished their first season of varsity competition with an 8-4-2 record.

"Shelly has excellent skills, and she's an excellent ball-handler. She distributes the ball well," Ruddy said. "She was the best defensive player we had on the field, and will be a key player for us next year."

Porterfield, a junior right-winger from Groves, was a first team all-league pick and the Falcons' most valuable player. She scored 11 goals and added six assists during a 4-9-1 season for Groves.

"Her shot had tremendous accuracy and power, that was the most outstanding thing about her," Groves coach Tim Bussell said. "She was absolutely the most versatile player we had. She was a team leader."

"Every once in a while, you come across a girl who is capable of playing on the boys team. Beth is one of those players," Bussell added.

MYERS, A JUNIOR center-fullback from North Farmington, was a first team all-Western Suburban Soccer Association selection. She scored three goals and added five assists for the Raiders. She was an all-state honorable mention.

"She does everything, and she does them so well," North Farmington coach Mike Horner said. "In terms of skills, she's one of the best I've ever

had. She has a tremendous leg. She's a very aggressive soccer player."

Schultz, who was named Coach of the Year last season as well, has been in charge of the Knights' girls' team all five years of its existence. He has amassed a 57-6-6 career record, including the 17-0 mark this year. Schultz also coaches the boys' team in the fall.

He has an easy explanation for his success:

"Each year, I've gotten exceptionally talented athletes, plus, we have a reasonably successful boys' program, and I use the guys to help the girls," he said.

"I think the two sports complement each other. The girls have some idea of the game by watching the guys, and the guys help them with some of the skills and training."

As far as winning 30 games without a loss in two years, Schultz said, "Well, you just have to have a bit of luck. We did play some tight games that could have gone either way."

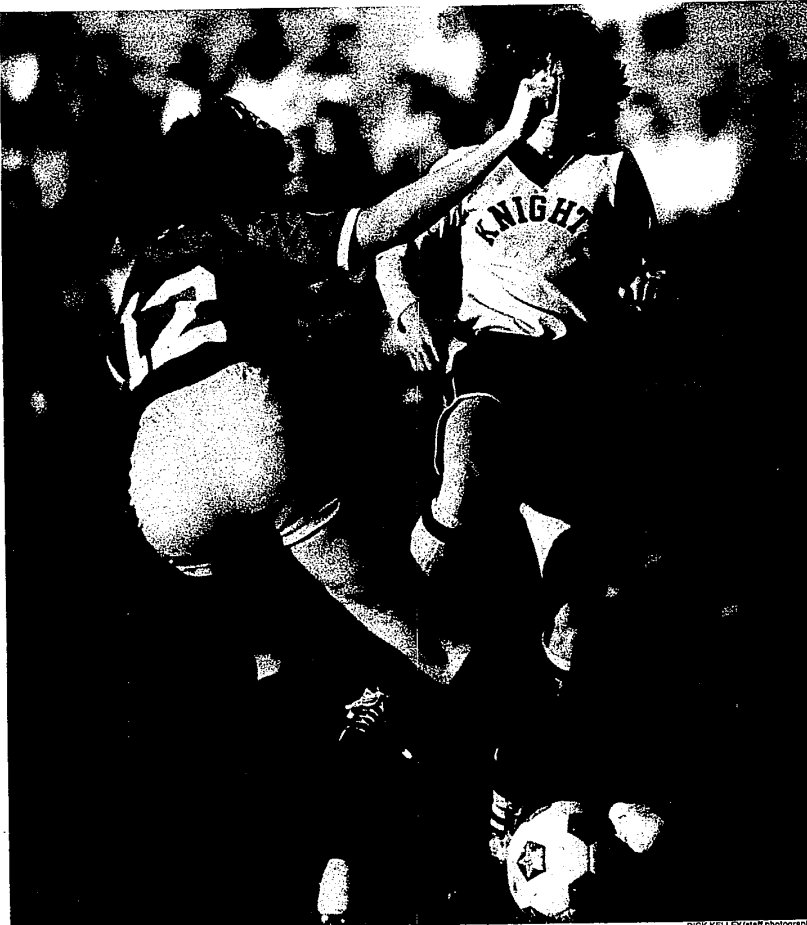
"Of course, we did have the team to do it, and the ball bounced right for us."

Slick kickers!

Knights dominate All-Area soccer team



Chet Schultz coach of the year



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Bloomfield Hills Lahser soccer standout Julie Gnaul (right) is the leading scorer on the 1982 Observer & Eccentric All-Area team. The senior striker scored 39 goals this season for the Knights.

All-Area Soccer Team

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	TEAM
Julie Gnaul	Bloomfield Hills	Knights
Caroline Trout	Bloomfield Hills	Knights
Chris Schetter	Bloomfield Hills	Knights
Martha Glynn	Bloomfield Hills	Knights
Tracy Smith	West Bloomfield	Knights
Anne Schans	Seasholm	Knights
Renee Eickholt	Athens	Knights
Shelly Cousins	Troy	Knights
Beth Porterfield	Groves	Knights
Diane Myers	North Farmington	Knights
Lori Nicley	Athens	Knights
Chet Schultz	Lahser	Knights

SECOND TEAM — Coach: [Name] [School] [Team]