Volleyball's moving up

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mented. "I can't say I have more girls participating than in the past, but I do have better girls because the best continue on in the sport. It's probably THE top girls' sport in this area, after basketball."

"I think you're getting better and better players every year, because more of the better athletes are playing volleyball," Blogg said. "They see it as an exciting sport, and I see it as a challenging game. Five or six years ago, you had a few individual players who were good because they were natural athletes. Now you can train an athlete to be a good volleyball player."

Bob Hurdle, who coaches at Bloomfield Hills Andover and recently finished his first season at Oakland University, said the growth at the high school level has made his job easier at OU. Instead of teaching some of the fundamentals and techniques at the collegiate level the players are already sound in those areas.

"It's hard to even imagine how the sport has grown," Hurdle said. "My first team at Andover went 17-4, and they might not be able to beat some of the fair teams today. It's grown by leaps and bounds.

"THE SPORT itself is a sport that has a lot of appeal. The girls can retain their femininity, it's exciting, it's not specialized — a 5-foot-3 girl can play as important a role as a 6-footer.

"I think what should be noted is that the girls have to put in hour and hours of preparation in each area of skill — passing, setting, serving, spiking and diving. You can't have a player who's just a hitter," Hurdle added. "If you do, she's going to hurt you."

Although all coaches are pleased with the growth of the sport, it still isn't recognized as much as they would like. However, with the Olympic Games just around the corner, Hurdle sees the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

"I think what you're going to see happen after the Olympics is a growth in popularity in the sport and a lot more (media) coverage. We (the United States) had a good shot at the gold medal three years ago, but that was taken away from them (as a result of the Olympic boycott by the United States)," Hurdle said.

Personally, I think the sport needs a figurehead of an idol. Someone like Olga Korbut was for gymnastics and Mark Spitz was for swimming in 1972, or like Sugar Ray Leonard was for boxing in 1976. Then maybe, just maybe, the sport will get the recognition it so richly deserves.

basketball

(All basketball coaches are encouraged to contact Birmingham Groves coach Gary Sharpe with updated individual statistics on scoring, rebounding and assists. Sharpe can be reached Sundays from 6-9 p.m. at 646-2172. Players from the Birmingham-Bloomfield, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield,-Troy and West Bloomfield areas are eligible for the O&E's weekly statistics report.)

SCORING LEADERS

Player/School	Games	Totals	Avg.
Tim Haynes (Lahser)	12	233	19.4
Peter Long (C'Brook)	12	232	19.3
Hank Woodmore (A'dale)	13	242	18.6
D. Dietzman (S. C'tian)	11	205	18.6
Adam Murphy (C'brook)	12	196	16.3
Brian Nefcy (Seaholm)	15	227	15.1
Tim Morton (A'dale)	13	194	14.9
Ray Boyle (N. Farm.)	12	179	14.9
Scott Shafer (Lathrup)	14	206	14.7
Mark McGrath (Groves)	12	176	14.6
Damon Jones (DCD)	13	192	14.6
John Trouba (Rochester)	12	175	14.5
Andre Hopkins (A'dale)	13	181	13.9
Marvin Mathis (A'dale)	13	174	13.3
Brent Reed (Rochester)	12	150	12.5
Wes Jones (Harrison)	11	135	12.3
Mike Alfano (Athens)	14	164	11.7
C. Seavey (S. C'tian)	12	140	11.7
Curtis Riley (Lathrup)	14	158	11.2
Ron Smith (Lathrup)	14	155	11.0
Larry Davison (Athens)	14	152	10.9
Dan Severn (S. C'tian)	12	120	10.8
Dennis Pecar (Groves)	12	129	10.8
Mike Black (N. Farm.)	12	129	10.8
Doug Howell (DCD)	13	140	10.7
Mike Davis (Lahser)	12	127	10.5

REBOUND LEADERS

Mark McGrath (Groves)	12	140	11.7
Adam Murphy (C'brook)	12	138	11.5
Scott Shafer (Lathrup)	14	160	11.4
Marvin Mathis (A'dale)	13	148	11.3
Mike Alfano (Athens)	14	148	10.6
John Trouba (Rochester)	12	114	9.5
Damon Jones (DCD)	13	119	9.1
Curtis Riley (Lathrup)	14	124	8.8
Jeff Kohler (Athens)	13	98	7.5
Chuck Adams (DCD)	13	95	7.3
Brent Reed (Rochester)	12	87	7.2
M. Schoberg (N. Farm.)	12	85	7.0
Dennis Pecar (Groves)	12	83	6.9
C. Seavey (S. C'tian)	12	80	6.7
Dan Severn (S. C'tian)	1	78	6.5
Brian Nefcy (Seaholm)	15	96	6.4
Matt Bortfeld (Andover)	14	88	6.3
Rob Bonart (Seaholm)	15	92	6.1
M. McDonald (Harrison)	11	65	5.9
Hank Woodmore (A'dale)	13	77	5.9
Elijah Jones (C'brook)	12	69	5.8
Curtis Campbell (Groves)	12	59	4.9
Pete Long (C'brook)	12	59	4.9
Rob Alvin (Groves)	12	57	4.8
B Compton (Andover)	14	64	4.6

ASSIST LEADERS

Troy Hudson (DCD)	13	108	8.3
Tim Haynes (Lahser)	12	76	6.3
Jim Hartley (Groves)	12	74	6.2
Mike Black (N. Farm.)	12	72	6.0
Brian Hickey (Harrison)	11	62	5.6
Hank Woodmore (A'dale)	13	69	5.3
Lee Sparks (C'brook)	12	59	4.9
J. Sargent (Rochester)	12	58	4.8
Mike Davis (Lahser)	12	50	4.2
John Devine (S. C'tian)	12	48	4.0

hockey

MICHIGAN METRO HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Cranbrook	10	1	0	20	65	19
Catholic Central	7	3	1	15	42	17
Brother Rice	6	4	2	14	65	57
AA Huron	6	6	0	12	60	47
Trenton	5	4	2	12	48	43
AA Pioneer	4	8	1	9	29	41

EAST DIVISION

Fraser	10	0	1	21	71	20
AP Cabrini	6	6	1	13	55	56
GPU-Liggett	5	4	3	13	45	41
Lake Shore	3	6	3	9	55	69
Lakeview	1	9	3	5	30	60
South Lake	0	12	1	1	31	125

STATISTICS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts.
Jon Doehr (C'brk)	10	16	10	26
D Giacomin (BR)	11	13	11	24
B McCgbey (AAH)	10	15	7	22
Joe Moenik (Cab)	12	15	6	21
C. Chiatto (C'brk)	10	11	8	19
J. Maddelena (LS)	9	11	5	16
Jim Jaremia (LS)	9	10	6	16
Larry DelPalma (T)	10	7	8	15
Don Gerkey (F)	9	5	10	15
M. Wittmer (LL)	10	8	6	14
Mark Sykes (SL)	10	9	4	13
Larry Harm (F)	9	9	4	13
Jeff Buck (LV)	12	5	8	13
Jeff Jaremia (LS)	9	2	11	13
C. Hatch (C'brk)	10	4	9	13
S Summers (CC)	10	7	5	12
Lee Morales (BR)	9	6	6	12
Dave Morse (CC)	10	5	7	12

SUBURBAN PREP HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

team	W	L	T	Pts.
B.H. Andover	11	0	0	22
Liv. Stevenson	10	3	0	20
Southfield	9	4	0	18
Liv. Bentley	7	5	0	14
Wyan. Roosevelt	6	6	0	12
Liv. Franklin	4	8	0	8
B.H. Lahser	3	8	0	6
South.-Lathrup	2	10	1	5
Liv. Churchill	1	9	1	3

LEADING SCORERS

player	G	A	Pts
E.J. Perrault (LS)	19	16	35
Ken Chaput (SF)	13	19	32
Ed Zajdel (LF)	14	11	25
Steve Waldman (BHA)	15	9	24
Drexel Kleber (BHA)	13	11	24
John Galuardi (SF)	9	14	23
Dan Lonigan (SL)	8	14	22
Dave Cox (LS)	17	4	21
Barry Meyer (SL)	9	12	21
Rob Sarge (SF)	11	8	19

LEADING GOALIES

player	GP	GA	Avg
Jeff Schneider (BHA)	8½	21	2.47
Dave Benson (LB)	9	23	2.55
Darin Phillips (LS)	9	27	3.00
Sean Rose (SF)	11	48	4.36
Handy Sawicki (WR)	6½	29	4.46
Mike Vasileo (LF)	7½	34	4.57

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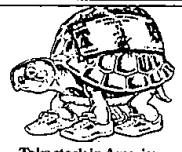

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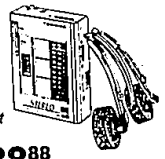

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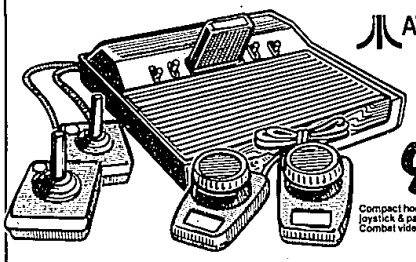

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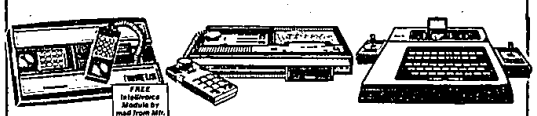

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