# squad earns pro raves

T WAS A Camelot-type of season for Emil Majeski and his Red-ford Thurston baseball survival may be a made of the major that to the state tournament began, Majeski E Engles were nowhere to be found in the Observerland rankings. They had a 19-91 record although they had gained a share of the Northwest Soburban League (NSL) crown with Garden City.

Redford Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill, Garden City, Plymouth Can-ton and Livonia Stevenson were all ahead of Thurston.

But underdog Thurston saved the best for last, winning seven consecutive tournament games and beating four state-ranked teams in the process en route to the Class B championship, the first state crown in the school's 28-year bilders.

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Majeski, a veteran of 19 seasons, is to be saluted for the job he did this season — thus, he is the 1984 Observerland Coach of the Year.

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NOT TO be overlooked were the efforts of Garden City coach Bob Dropp, whose team posted a 19-7 record with an inexperienced lineup, or Churchill coach Herb Osterland, whose team claimed a share of the tough Western Lates Conference crown with Northwille and beat class A state champion Walled Lake Western twice.

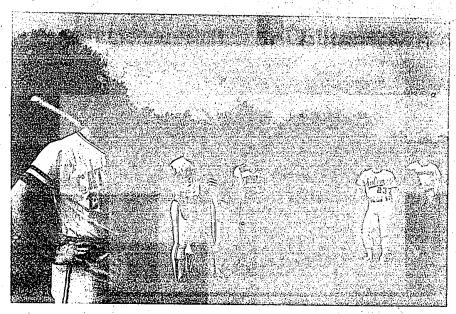
This year's team is talented and versatile. The team is led by Redford St. Agatha pitcher Andy Robertson, who unfortunately couldn't make our colorphoto secsion because he had to report boto secsion because he had to report balavia of the New York-Fean Legue.

League.

Area coaches gathered recently to select the top players. Here are the results.

### FIRST TEAM PITCHERS

Andy Robertson, Redford St. Agatha: What a season for Robertson, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Cleve-land Indians and signed a pro contract immediately.



This year's All-Ares basebell team is loaded with fonce-buating talent. From left to right are Tim Elichalik (CC), John Nissen (CC), Bob Rousseau (Thurston), Paul Krol (Garden City), Mark Bennott Michigan coach Bud Middaugh said the hard-throwing righthander, clocked at 88 mph, and "the best arm in the state," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate," He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness tate, "He struck out 199 batters in 104 inness ta

(Canton), Tim DeMarco (Thurston), Mike Cindrich (Selom), Bob Foust (Churchill), and Brian Porter (Stevenson).

ed a 10-2 record with a 1.52 ERA this season.

five no-litters. He was an All-Catholic pick three times.

John Nissen, Catholic Central: The hard-throwing senior righthander postThe three-year varnity performer

was 18-4 and was "un excellent strikeout pitcher with a good curve hall to compliment his fastball," according to CC coach John Salter.

#### CATCHER

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Bob Rosseau, Redford Thurstor
Last year Rousseau made second team
and this year he became the area's top
catcher, batting 333 (prior to the state
semilinals) with 31 hits and 20 RBL
The 5-foot-10, 155-pound receiver
captained the Eagles and possessed a
strong arm.

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He was an All-NSL and All-Region

(Class B) choice this year.

"Bob's a great team player with an excellent arm," said the Thurston ceach.

#### INFIELDERS

Mark Bennett, Plymosth Canton: The senior was a versatile performer, for the always-potent Chiefs. He grabbed the first base slot with a .371 average with 23 hits and 20 RBI: He led the team in runs scored (25) and bome runs (6).

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Careciwie, Krol hit over 400 and collected eight homers in three years of varily ball. He also played on three district and two league championable teams.

Faul is a good contact hitter—good wrists—who rings the ball, said GC coach Bab Dropp. He was good verse were successed of Garden City basechall for the past three years.

Bob Foust, Livenia Churchill: Hitting was Foust's forte. The senior shoristop batted .370 this

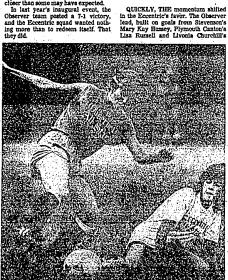
## All-Stars put on 'Classic' show

It's called a classic — the Observer & Eccentric Girls High School Soccer Classic to be exact. But now, with good

Classic to be exact. But now, with good reason.

The 338 soccer fans who gathered at Livonia Stevenson Friday were treated to a thrilling game, which featured some of the top high school players in the state. The final 5-2 score went in case of the state. The final 5-2 score went in closer than some may have expected.

In last year's inaugural event, the Observer team posted a 7-1 victory, and the Eccentric squad wanted nothing more than to redeem itself. That they did.



Garie SEP Annotte Rugglero of Mercy uses some nitty tootwork to get past Warlan's Debble Wojtexask in Friday's elf-star poccer mischum.

Down, 3-0, with about 13 minutes to play in the game, the Eccentric scored back-to-back goals from Troy's Carol Grenn and Birmingham Seabolm's Katy Andreae, to turn a would-be rout into a barn-burner.

"I think the girls may have let up a bit," said Stovenson coach Norene Diyens, who directed the Observer squad. There was an lajury which stopped play for about 3-4 minutes, and we relaxed a bit. That stoppage of play can stop the momentum of a team." span.

Grenn — who played most of the

Green — who played most of the game as sweeper but was shifted to center-forward late in the game — had a scoring chance, but was tripped by goalie Betsy Eads of Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy, Green, on a penalty lick, blasted the ball to the upper left corner to cut the gap to 3-1.

Andreae made it a one-goal game when she headed in a pass from Birmingham Marian's Shannon Bessette, and there was a secont of an upset brewling.

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However, killer instinct from Mercy's Annette Rugglere took care of the
outcome. Rugglere, voted the game's
Most Valuable Player, asslated on Piowers' second goal of the game, and
added an insurance marker with less
than a minute to play.

"She certainly deserved the MVP
award, Divens said, "She's ah excelient ball-handler and a very hard player. She has good soccer sense. She
stands out wherever she plays."

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RUGGERO'S PLAY stole a little of the thunder from the Eccontrie's valiant comehact, but it couldn't totally.

These players weren't going to give up in that situation, said flarine conchite the players weren't going to give up in that situation, said flarine conchitery Dilworth, who ran the show for the Eccentric. They're just to experienced for that. I thought if we could tis it up, whoser would score the period would have it.

They (Observer) just had too much energy at the end. That last push took everything out of us.

Although Ruggiero wan brilliant from start to finsh, picking an MVP is difficult. As expected when the state's best gather on one field, it was coast to the state of the country of the country

Mercy standout Annette Ruggiero scored one goal and added two assists to earn MVP honors in the Observer & Eccentric Soccer Classic.

forward, the attack was fierce.

"Twe seen her play before, but to have her on your team, well, it was fan-tastic." Dilworth sald. "She was incredible. She was all over the field. If she played one position, I didn't notice it. She was all over the place.

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The played outstanding is what she did.

Another Eccentric standout was goalle Sue Lormin of Athens, who came out of the not several times to close off Observer threats.

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HUSSEY OPENED the game's scoring early in the first half when she scored on an unassisted goal. Her shot was right on center and through the contretched hands of Lornain.

To that point, the play was controlled by the Observer tends in favor of the Secontric when Troy's Lis Settle took a thot, which was handled by Penglish Chordy thereafter, Troy's Journal of the Secontric when Troy's Lis Settle took a thot, which was handled by Penglish Chordy thereafter, Troy's Journal of the Secontric when Troy's Lis Settle took a thot, which was handled by Penglish Chordy thereafter, Troy's Journal List to would find the range, but Bengle laped and mared the ball from light. The most dangerous, threat came when Marquard borded loose and was tripped. Andreas took the penalty kick, and har bilistering shot hit the Inside of the right post, and bounced to the ight jost, and bounced to the internal property which Lorning to the Company of the Company of



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