

Sports

Dan O'Meara editor/591-2312

Thursday, July 6, 1989 O&E

(F10)



JIM JACOBSON/staff photographer

Amy Edward earned a place on the All-Observer softball team for the second straight year. The Mercy senior completed an outstanding four-year career.

Area's best teams supply top players

By Brad Emons
staff writer

IT'S THE CREAM of the crop and for some, the frosting on the cake for their prep softball careers.

This year's All-Observer squad is without peer.

A majority of the first-team picks come from the area's winningest programs.

Livonia Franklin placed two on the first team.

The Patriots were second in the Western Lakes Activities Association, but became the final survivor in the state tournament, losing to Taylor Center in the Class A regional final, 4-2.

Farmington Hills Mercy also placed two on the first team.

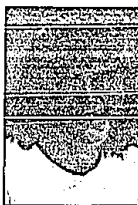
The Marlins reached the Catholic League A-B Division semifinals and lost to Franklin in the district finals.

Other schools represented on the first team include district champion Westland John Glenn, WLAAs runner-up Plymouth Canton, Class B district champion Redford Thurston, Catholic League runner-up Livonia Ladywood, and Northwest Suburban League champ Garden City.

The Observer sports staff compiled information on the players with help from the coaches.

Thurston's Ron Leckta, who led his team to a 16-4 record, including a victory over top-ranked Taylor Center, as well as a district title, was named Overland Coach of the Year.

"We were kind of shaky starting out and we had some green spots," said the 58-year-old Leckta. "It took



Amy Edward
Mercy



Kerry Sayers
Mercy



Melissa Tisdale
Farmington

some time, but once we got the prom out of the way, we didn't lose many more. Overall, this is probably the best team we've ever had."

Here is the 1989 All-Area softball team:

FIRST TEAM

Amy Edward, pitcher, Mercy: Making her second straight appearance on the first team, the senior was a steady performer again in 1989.

She finished with a 24-13 record, including 253 strikeouts and a 1.48 earned run average.

As a hitter, she batted .600 (63 for 105) with seven homers, 42 RBI and 47 runs scored. She also collected seven doubles and five triples.

The All-Catholic League pick amazingly struck out only 10 times.

Lisa Allen, pitcher, Franklin: The 6-foot senior came on strong for the Patriots, particularly during state tournament time.

She posted wins over Mercy, Garden

City, Plymouth Canton, while tossing no-hitters in three mercy-rule shortened games.

Allen dueling Taylor Center's Wendy Jamula in the final until the eighth when the Patriots pulled out the regional final.

Sporting a 1.51 ERA and a 11-7 mark, Allen was described by coach Joe Epstein as "overpowering."

"Lisa was very unsure early, but as the season went along she got stronger and better," said Epstein of the Patriots' co-MVP.

Anne Marie Moss, catcher, Thurston: The senior catcher was the "heart and soul" of the Eagles 16-6 season, according to coach Ron Leckta.

"When people were on base, Anne Marie was most dangerous," said the Thurston coach.

Moss' statistics back that up. She batted .508 after going 3-for-4 in the regional against Monroe St. Mary. Seventeen of her hits went for extra bases, including six homers.

Please turn to Page 5

1989 ALL-AREA SOFTBALL SQUAD

FIRST TEAM

P-Amy Edward	Farm, Mercy
P-Lisa Allen	Liv, Franklin
C-Anne Marie Moss	Red, Thurston
AL-Leslie Stalinski	Liv, Franklin
INF-Jenny Kennedy	Liv, Ladywood
INF-Cristina Hoffman	Westland, Garden City
INF-Ann Munding	Phy, Salem
AL-Suzanne Thompson	Phy, Canton
OF-Melissa Tisdale	Farmington
OF-Kim Fleeth	Garden City
OF-Kerry Sayers	Farm, Mercy

SECOND TEAM

P-Shannon White	Liv, Ladywood
P-Zenaida Perez	Red, Thurston
C-Lisa Fretter	Redford, Union
1B-Kim Falekowsky	Garden City
INF-Melissa Gilbert	Garden City
INF-Rhonda Saunders	Liv, Clarenceville
INF-Tracy Martin	Westland, Garden City
AL-Deb Westraub	N. Farmington
OF-Katie Versaugh	Phy, Salem
OF-Michelle Myers	Westland, Garden City
OF-Kim Schiffr	Phy, Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ron Leckta Red, Thurston

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Franklin: Linda Kulezka, Emily Skura, Karen Brown, Trish Vassalor; Farmington Hills Mercy: Kathleen Benjamin, Jeffery Gondok; Redford Thurston: Debbie Dobak, Stacy Goese, Laura Kress, Michelle Buchner, Shelly Hendon; Garden City: Stacy Feltz, Carolyn Shanks, Tracy Thompson; Livonia Ladywood: Lisa Bishop, Kim Dwyer, Dana Domanski; Westland John Glenn: Tracy Sylvester, Jenny Massey; Plymouth Canton: Stacey Arnold, Allison Flanagan, Rhonda Kosko, Beth Roberts; Plymouth Salem: Jo Wiland, Tracie Roberts; North Farmington: Kelly Gonschke; Redford Union: Becky O'Leary, Janet Hetta, Jenny Gentry, Debbie Gonschke; Farmington: Lisa Rockafellow, Michelle Miller; Farmington Harborside: Lisa Donovan, Roden Cohen, Karen Nalder; Livonia Stevenson: Kristyn Mazza, Carrie Palmisano; Livonia Clarenceville: Colleen Wood, Karl Watson; Redford St. Agatha: Laura Rakowski, Kelly Gannon, Rachel Labell, Amy Racz; Livonia Churchill: Marlene Grom, Jackie Hebert, Jenny Sprad, Vicky Lucas; Wayne Memorial: Rocky Gonschke, Carolea Dancy.

Finally, BBSC nails down Wolverine title

By Steve Kownski
staff writer

Twelve teams were crowned champions Monday at the 10th-annual Wolverine Soccer Invitational Tournament, but no one had more reason to smile than Birmingham-Bloomfield Soccer Club coach Harry Smith.

BBSC won the Under-19 boys division at Schoolcraft College, defeating the Rochester Maple Leafs, 4-1, in the championship game. The Wolverine Tournament title was the first for Smith, who has coached an Under-19 team at the prestigious journey every year of its existence.

BBSC built a 57-61 all-time tournament record under Smith's guidance before last weekend's action, but the club was never able to grab the elusive Wolverine championship.

This time, BBSC took a 2-0 lead before the game was 20 minutes old and prevented the Maple Leafs from mounting a serious rally. BBSC outscored its five Wolverine Tournament opponents 30-2.

"THIS IS A very successful team," Smith said. "I knew it would be a great match, and I think it was. That first goal (by Jeff Forschey) really turned us on. Their goalkeeper made a mistake on it, but it was great hustle and a heck of a play, too by Forschey."

Bob Boyle, Chad Okulich and Rick Sanchez recorded the other goals for BBSC. Khalid Zeidan, a recent Livonia Churchill graduate, notched the only goal for Rochester, which had to overcome several ankle injuries to some of its top goal-scorers.

Striker Lamarr Peters of Birmingham Brother Rice, who was named Mr. Soccer last fall, left on a stretcher late in the first half after suffering a severe ankle injury. Also playing on injured ankles were Redford Catholic Central product Steve McCaul, Zeidan and Derek Willford of Livonia Stevenson.

"We were beaten up the whole tournament," said McCaul, who will play next fall at Michigan State University. "They're a good team, but they got lucky on the first goal and the second goal (on a penalty kick) is what really hurt us. The referee took the game away from us. Even the players on the other team said he was calling bad stuff."

IN ONE OF the day's most entertaining finals, the LYSC Michigan

WOLVERINE SOCCER TOURNAMENT July 1-3 at Schoolcraft College CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS	
Under-11 Boys	Liv. Wolves 1, Bluewater Sting (Pl. Huron) 0
Under-12 Boys	Livonia Wolves 2, Travelers '77 1
Under-12 Girls	LYSC United 2, TPSA Chargers 1
Under-13 Boys	Sport Club 1024 2, Bluewater 0
Under-14 Boys	SUSA Lightning 4, Vardar III 1
Under-14 Girls	E. Detroit Express 3, Beechmont Boomers 2
Under-15 Boys	Vardar III 2, TCSSA Travelers '74 1
Under-16 Boys	Michigan Erie 2, Saginaw Acc. Carbide 1
Under-16 Girls	Livonia Cosmos 2, Plymouth Lightning 1
Under-17 Boys	LYSC Michigan Athletics 2, Livonia Wolves 1
Under-19 boys	BBSC Blazers 4, Roch. Maple Leafs 1
Under-19 Girls	Troy Spirts 1, Cardinals '70 0

Athletics defeated the Livonia Wolves, 2-1, in double overtime to win the Under-17 boys division. CC's Bill Tarnacki decided the game early in the first overtime, as his penalty kick beat Wolves' goalkeeper Jerry Smolenski (Stevenson) on the right side.

The Athletics' Dave Poniatowski, of Milford, sent the game into overtime when his goal tied the score at 1-1 with five minutes left in regulation.

Churchill's Brady Erickson had given the Wolves a 1-0 lead before overtime, but they were forced to play short-handed nearly the rest of the way because of four red cards.

LYSC received strong play in the nets from Plymouth Canton's Andy Collins and the Athletics played over an injury to CC's Mickey Hydes, who left with the game only five minutes old.

John Labadie (Livonia) and Todd

Menko (Farmington) gave the Athletics strong play in Hydes' absence, coach John Hydes said.

ON THE GIRLS side, the '77 LYSC United team won the Under-12 division, beating the Troy Chargers 2-1 in double overtime.

Brighton's Amber Berendowski, who scored both United goals, scored early in the first overtime to break the 1-1 tie. Berendowski now has a team-high 42 goals.

The final was played Sunday evening and that was fine with coach Pat McCaul, whose team competes in the U.S. regional finals this weekend in Omaha, Neb.

"I was glad because the girls needed a rest," McCaul said. "It was only 13 on my panel (team) and was very happy we got the games over with fast. We have a good team and put on a good show. I'm happy to represent the state. The team is very well balanced."

They're young girls and very easy to coach. They come to play. They're probably the best Under-12 team in Livonia in a long time."

IN A FINAL matching local teams, the Livonia Cosmos edged the Plymouth Lightning, 2-1, to win the Under-16 girls title. Jenny O'Meara's goal in the first of two overtime sessions broke a 1-1 tie. Jennifer Holowka, of Rochester, scored the Cosmos' first goal.

Ten of the 16 Cosmos' players were from Livonia and one, Amy Krajewski, hails from Plymouth. The Cosmos and Lightning played to a scoreless tie Saturday in the tournament's first round, and both teams won their next two games, setting up the final.

"We had a lot of hard work from the girls," said coach Chris Morano, who won a boys Under-14 title earlier this decade when coaching the Livonia Cardinals. "The teams we played to get there (including Cardinal, Ind. and the Evansville, Ind. Sprites) were very good. The Under-16 division was very well matched this year. The Plymouth Lightning is a very good team."

The Livonia Wolves captured the boys Under-11 title, outlasting the Bluewater Sting, 1-0, on a goal by Jeff Domilinson. Peter Varga picked up the game-winning goal.

The Wolves' Under-12 squad also earned tournament bragging rights, beating the '77 Travelers, 2-1 in the final.

featuring real oak vanities by **Bertch Mfg.**

72" x 21" base
\$737⁸⁸
Includes:
standard double bowl,
marble top 70" x 22"
48" x 21" base
\$499⁸⁸
Includes:
standard single bowl,
marble top, 3 drawers

all cartoned
in-stock
In fawn or mocha (darkest)

now in stock
matching framed mirrors
and
medicine cabinets
by Bertch Mfg. Co.

60" x 21" base
(as pictured)
\$659⁸⁸
Includes:
standard double bowl,
marble top 61" x 22"
only tops
in stock for
all above
at extra cost

Nautilus
30" WHOLE HOUSE
VENTILATOR
model N-2230
\$179⁹⁹
moves 6100 sq. ft.
per minute
30" model N-2238
moves 6850 sq. ft.
per minute
\$249⁹⁸
Includes:
off and on switch
with automatic flush, white loured shutter

prices effective thru July 29, 1989

Kohler
bath fixtures
"wellworth" waterguard
toilet &
tank
In white
(seat extra)
\$99⁸⁸
In colors: almond, tender gray, mexican sand,
wild rose \$129⁸⁸

5 ft. cast iron
bath tub
In white
\$239⁸⁸
In almond
\$329⁸⁸

store and shed hours
monday thru friday 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
saturday 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
sunday 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.