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Miss Soccer leads All-Observer squad

all-area soccer

1990 ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM	
FIRST TEAM	
F — Michele Martin	Ply. Salem
F — Jenny Russell	Ply. Canton
F — Amy Trunk	Farmington
HB — Carrie Maier	Farmington
HB — Ragen Coyne	Liv. Stevenson
HB — Patty Shea	Liv. Franklin
D — Margaret Martin	Farmington
D — Stephanie Spon	Liv. Churchill
D — Lori Goddard	Liv. Stevenson
G — Renee Larabell	Farm. Mercy
AL — Sue Gibson	Farmington
HONORABLE MENTION	
Stevenson: Tracy Morell, Lisa Thomas, Shannon Winkson, Abela Smith, Mary: Kathryn Dudley, Anne Scullen, Kaitly McDonald, Farmington: Julie Dupan, Jody Paris, Amanda Cannon, Kristen Soper, Canton: Ayana Nash, Lynne Nichols, Jan Welchans, Salem: Gwen Glabach, Tracy Shough, Jenny Elmwall, Churchill: NAKI Johnson, Christina Gary, Tracy Ligeman, Ladywood: Christa Grog, Annie Moch, Liz Gwin, North Farmington: Leanne Adie, Kelly Kershaw, Cheryl Waller, Walley Lake Central: Aurlim Waterman, Brooke Smith, Sue Wisnams, Jamie Bolan, Franklin: Kari Zabel, Keri McKay, Jennifer Whitfield, Walley Lake Western: Laura Galt, Sara Ales, Julie Dobbo, Holly Kiser, Farmington Hills Harrison: Jenny Wilder, Holly Horton	
COACH OF THE YEAR	
Henry Klimes	Farm. Mercy
SECOND TEAM	
F — Lori Place	Liv. Churchill
F — Cassie Ozog	Liv. Ladywood
F — Dana Lenhardt	Farm. Mercy
HB — Michelle Braun	Liv. Churchill
HB — Sara Hayes	Ply. Salem

By Bill Parker staff writer

LIVONIA STEVENSON'S 2-1 victory over Rochester Adams in the Class A championship girls soccer game returned the title to where most Observer fans believe it belongs: In the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Last year, Troy Athens clipped Northville 1-0 in the title game and upset a six-year streak in which a WLLA team had won the state championship. But thanks to Stevenson's victory, the coveted crown is back where it belongs in the center of the hottest soccer area of the state.

With the abundance of talent in Observerland, selecting an All-Area team is no easy task. But a panel of area coaches finally agreed on an all-star cast that would make a concrete winner out of even the losingest coach.

The players on the 1990 All-Area team combined for 132 goals and 90 assists this season, led by Farmington's Carrie Maier, recipient of the Miss Soccer Award. Five other members of the team earned All-State recognition and three received All-State honorable mention.

The following teams are represented on the All-Area squad:

- Stevenson, which survived possibly the state's most competitive district tournament and eventually won the Class A title despite finishing fifth in the WLLA.
- Farmington Hills Mercy, which won district and regional championships and advanced to the state semifinals.
- Farmington, which won the WLLA title and was ranked No. 1 in Class A most of the year before falling to Mercy (1-0) in the district final via a sudden-death shootout.
- Plymouth Canton, a district champion and regional finalist which held the No. 1 ranking late in the season.
- Plymouth Salem, which was ranked in the state throughout the year but fell to Canton for the third straight year in the district tournament.
- Livonia Churchill, which was ranked No. 1 at the start of the season and finished second to Farmington in the WLLA.
- Livonia Franklin, which was



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Carrie Maier Farmington



Amy Trunk Farmington



Renee Larabell Mercy



Margaret Martin Farmington



Sue Gibson Farmington



Henry Klimes Mercy

Amy Trunk is an All-Observer player for the second consecutive year, as are Farmington and Sue Gibson. Trunk scored 73 goals and 63 assists during her high school career. High teammates Carrie Maier, Margaret Martin

defeated by Livonia Churchill in the district tournament at Northville, which Stevenson won.

Six of the 11 members of the All-Area first team are underclassmen and will return to action next spring. Michele Milton, Jenny Russell, Amy Trunk, Carrie Maier, Ragen Coyne, Margaret Martin and Sue Gibson are first-team repeaters.

Henry Klimes, in his second year at the helm of the Mercy program, guided the Marlins to the state semis and was selected Coach of the Year.

The Marlins were Catholic League runners-up to Birmingham Marian and finished the season with a 13-2-4 overall record. But they caught fire in the state tournament, beating their top-ranked Farmington in the district final, and avenging their loss to Marian in the regional final.

The following is a brief profile of each member of the first team:

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Renee Larabell, Junior, Mercy,

goalkeeper: In just her second year of varsity competition, Larabell compiled an impressive 14-2-4 personal record which included seven shutouts — one each in the district and regional finals. She owns a career .924 save percentage and a career 1.21 goals-against average. Larabell earned All-State honorable mention and was selected to the All-Catholic first team.

"Renee had an outstanding season," Mercy coach Henry Klimes said. "Without Renee playing her best in the district and

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Marijuana is choice of some prep athletes

By Ryan Tutak staff writer

Some area high school athletes used marijuana and, less often, LSD and cocaine this past school year — sometimes before games, according to the players themselves.

More than 100 student athletes were surveyed May 29 to June 6 from Birmingham Groves and Seaborn, Bloomfield Hills Labser, Farmington High, Rochester Adams, Southfield High, Southfield-Lathrup, Troy Athens, Troy High and West Bloomfield. They were interviewed in school parking lots and at the Birmingham Fair.

Athletes were asked whether they and their teammates have used illegal drugs and, if so, what kind, when and how often. Alcohol and tobacco



were not included. Their responses are reported here only if at least two fellow athletes confirmed them. They said:

- On one boys soccer team, 10 players would smoke marijuana before games and practices and sometimes at weekend parties with football players.
- "We'd be drinking pop, and they'd be smoking pot," one football player said.
- On a second boys soccer team,

at least nine players smoked marijuana every weekend during the season and on the car ride to most games.

"Before games, everyone would get baked," one player said. "It would wear us out so bad."

● On one football team, at least 15 players smoked marijuana every other weekend during the season and every weekend after the season. At least three players used steroids. Two others used speed (a stimulant like amphetamines) before some games.

"I've seen them take it through their mouth and up their nose," one player said.

One, now in Narcotics Anonymous, said he smoked marijuana every day

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Area ADs, state oppose drug-testing of athletes

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

The Melvindale School District will begin drug testing its athletes randomly this fall. But don't expect any area high schools to follow suit.

Athletic directors interviewed by The Eccentric say the best approach right now to solving problems among their athletes is drug education. When the Melvindale School Board unanimously approved (7-0) random street-drug testing in April,

area A.D.s were intrigued by the idea but weren't ready to support it.

Five area A.D.s available for comment said they oppose drug testing, and they believe drug use among their athletes is isolated.

"I'm sure we'll all watch (Melvindale's drug-testing program) closely," said Bob Atkins, the Walley Lake schools athletic director. "The thing that concerns me is what I read and what I've heard has not convinced me that tests are always 100 percent accurate."

"It (drug testing) would be a deterrent, but I'd hate to see someone innocent be harmed. I'm not a liberal by any stretch of the imagination, but I would be just devastated if someone innocent was caught."

SAID DICK ULRICH, athletic director of the Rochester schools: "I'm an American history teacher and I'm very much a flag waver, but I think that people's rights need to be guar-

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