

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL



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# Hit parade: Observerland spikers hailed

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Minutes after Livonia Stevenson won the Class A regional volleyball championship at Northville, Patty Diamond was asked how the team had responded to the fact that this would be Lee Cagle's final season as Stevenson's coach.

"Well," she said, "we wanted to make it his best season. Because it is his last season."

The Spartans disappointed no one. They finished with a 45-8-2 record, losing to eventual state champion Portage Northern in the quarterfinals.

"I am very proud of this team," said Cagle, whose 15-year legacy at Stevenson is a 475-116-62 record with eight district titles, four regionals and three trips to the final four. "There was a great chemistry and a great companionship on this team. Every day they did something nice for each other."

It is, of course, proper and fitting that Cagle be named Observerland Coach of the Year, and not just for sentimental reasons. His team was No. 2 in the state most of the year and was ranked No. 1 in Observerland most of the year. It also is proper and fitting that the Spartans placed two players on the All-Area team: Diamond and Julie Martin.

Also garnering two spots on the first team were Livonia Ladywood (39-9) and Plymouth Salem (37-13-4).

Here is the 1993 All-Area Volleyball team:

- FIRST TEAM**
- Angela Assad, senior, Farmington Hills Mercy. This first-team all-Catholic League and all-region performer was Mercy's designated blocker-basher. Assad had 152 kills in 340 attempts, 78 solo blocks and 143 digs. She had a serve and attack reception of 87 percent. Assad, a 6-foot-01, has been courted by some NCAA and Division I schools but has not decided where she will attend.
- "Angela was by far our greatest impact player and her presence up at the net, defensively, as well as offensively, made it easier for team defense," Mercy coach Peggy Spangler said. "She was a great leader, really devoted to the team and sport."

**1993 ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

**FIRST TEAM**

Angela Assad	Mercy
Chrissy Daly	Churchill
Patty Diamond	Stevenson
Liz Gunn	Ladywood
Julie Holst	Harrison
Mary Jo Kelly	Ladywood
Daune Koester	Thurston
Julie Martin	Stevenson
Kelly McCausland	Redford Union
Cyndi Platter	Salem
Yvette Sibley	Garden City
Caryn Tatterton	Salem
Lee Cagle (coach)	Stevenson

**SECOND TEAM**

Val Adzium	Ladywood
Kristen Drabicki	Stevenson
Karen Grooms	Stevenson
Julie Holst	Harrison
Tara Overalls	Ladywood
Debbie Schroeder	Farmington

**THIRD TEAM**

Amanda Ault	Harrison
Angela Fountain	Canton
Lisa Ladd	Churchill
Lisa Moore	Wayne
Tracy Siedz	Claremont
Larry Trueman	Franklin

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Harrison: Maggie Coughlin; Franklin: Andrea Green; Nancy Hoeche; Garden City: Lydia Abbott; Salem: James Yau; Jerry Garvey; Jenna Blanton; Farmington: Maggie Frump; Kresy Mahon; Elm Plains: St. Agathe; Tom Rich; Laura Williams; Churchville: Alissa Coucho; Andrea Zawalski; James Garzotto; Ladywood: Riley Walker; Anna Foght; Andrea Furt; Stevenson: Heather Taylor; Rachel Clark; Angie Pippoc; Claremont: Chris Nazzari; Michelle Lashley; Kristen Prapantza; Jaime Zerkas; Mary Virginia Kordus; Mercedes Dominguez; Thurston: Jean Herron; Tammy Oczaral; Jean McEwen; Canton: The Scheiler; Kerle Diebihaber; John Glenn; Lynn Little; North Farmington: Mandy Terral; Jerry Raff.

Chrissy Daly, senior, Livonia Churchill. In three years of varsity competition, Daly has led Churchill to 82 matches, two district titles and a state championship.

She led Churchill in three categories this season: digs (313, 18.6 per game), serving (84.8 percent, 80 aces) and serve reception (93.6 percent). She was second in attacks (762, 22.9 kills).

"Chrissy is a fierce competitor who strives for perfection in everything she does," said Chargers coach Mike Hughes. "She typifies the competitive spirit of Churchill volleyball teams."

Patty Diamond, senior, Livonia Stevenson. Diamond was a four-year starter, a two-time all-star, a three-time all-con-

ference choice and now a three-time All-Observerland standout.

"Patty has been a dream," Cagle said. "Her positive leadership, her work ethic, her desire to excel and her athletic ability made her four years an absolute pleasure for me."

Not so for the rest of Observerland, however. This season she had 341 attacks with 181 kills, 1,055 assists, an 89 percent service efficiency with 51 aces, 350 digs and 318 blocks.

She has accepted a volleyball scholarship from Florida State University.

Liz Gunn, senior, Livonia Ladywood. Gunn's resume is almost as startling and impressive as her thunderous left-handed spikes. She was an AAU All-American last summer, leading the SOVA team to a fifth-place finish in the nationals. She's a two-time all-star who has led Ladywood to the straight Catholic League championships.

"Liz was one of the more exciting players to watch," said coach Tom Teffers. "She is a very unique hitter. Most hitters will hit cross-court from the left side. Liz has always been able to hit lines and hit cross-court."

The Gunn, as she is called, led the team in kills but she was far from a one-dimensional player. She was among team leaders in service receptions, digs and blocks. She will attend Western Michigan on a volleyball scholarship next year.

Julie Holst, senior, Farmington Harrison. Holst is a high jumper.

"Julie is by far the best volleyball player to come out of Harrison," said coach Ron Shortt.

How's this for backing up that statement: She set a school record with 407 kills this season, had a 91 percent serving efficiency with 149 aces and posted 103 solo blocks.

"She always worked hard both in practice and in games and she showed great leadership qualities on and off the court," Shortt said. "She's a very dedicated player and she will be missed at Harrison."

Mary Jo Kelly, senior, Livonia Ladywood. Court players are distinguishable by their physical abilities alone. Others, like Kelly, are distinguishable not only by their talent, but by qualities such as leadership, court sense, intensity and desire.

Players like Kelly are also distinguishable by the fact that their teams seldom lose. In basketball of volleyball, the Ladywood teams Kelly has played on the last three years didn't often lose.

"She is such a smart player, she is like a sense and coach," Teffers said. "She is so helpful to the younger players, especially in practice."

Kelly, a two-time all-Catholic League choice, averaged 9.2 assists and had a kill percentage of .235.

Daune Koester, senior, Redford Thurston. There have been a number of side hitters as consistently dominating as this four-time all-Tri-Flow, two-time academic all-state, three time all-region and two-time All-Observer standout.

A 3.2 student, Koester posted 407 kills (5.8 per game) this season and she holds the Thurston record for kills and kill percentage.

"She is perhaps the best female student-athlete Thurston has ever had," said coach Bob Burns.

Aside from her numerous volleyball achievements (four tournament MVP honors, to name another), she has been the president of her class the last three years and she was crowned Miss Spirit '93.

She's accepted a full-time volleyball scholarship from the University of Maryland.

Julie Martin, senior, Livonia Stevenson. Mercy coach Peggy Spangler watched Martin block and bust the Martins out of the regional tournament.

"When she is on, she is just about unstoppable," Spangler said.

Martin, who will play at Madonna University next year, nailed 638 kills in 1,145 attempts (5.2 per game) this year. She had a 90 percent serving efficiency with 49 aces. She also posted 338 blocks (89 solo) and 199 digs.

"Julie realized the potential that we saw in her as a freshman," Cagle said. "We have been exceedingly fortunate to have her grow into the force she was on the court this year."

Kelly McCausland, senior, Redford Union. McCausland and Martin will team up to give Madonna a formidable front-court attack next year.

McCausland had 338 kills in 589 attacks and posted 183 blocks (70 solo) last season. She also slugged 134 aces in 448 serves.

"She is one of the classiest players I ever coached," said RUI's Marie Becker. "She will do well at Madonna. She works hard and she is very coachable. It won't be the same without her, that's for sure."

Cyndi Platter, senior, Plymouth Salem. Like she was for the Salem basketball team, Platter was the go-to girl for volleyball coaches Brian Giles and Alie Sully.

"Her confidence was contagious," said Sully. "We always knew if we could get the ball to her, she would get us to the point or the sideline."

Platter set Salem records with 206 digs and 114 blocks. She also served at a 91 percent efficiency with 110 aces. In 882 attacks, she nailed 375 kills.

Though she sparked interest among Division I volleyball scouts, Platter will play basketball at Oakland University next fall.

Yvette Sibley, senior, Garden City. The lone junior to make this squad, Sibley is only beginning to tap into her potential.

"She had a successful junior season, but I am very pleased that she will be playing AAU ball this summer to improve her skills," said coach Nick Stubbs. "She is very eager to learn."

Sibley averaged nearly four kills and three digs per game. She posted 58 blocks (50 solo) and 58 service aces.



Cyndi Platter  
Salem



Yvette Sibley  
Garden City



Caryn Tatterton  
Salem



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**Coach of Year: Lee Cagle led Livonia Stevenson to the Western Lakes, district and regional Class A titles in his final season.**

Caryn Tatterton, senior, Plymouth Salem. Salem posted its best record since 1977 and the driving force behind the success was the ultra-competitive setter.

"No question she was the main reason that we have been so successful the past two seasons," Giles said.

The all-region and all-Western Lakes standout posted a 90 percent serve proficiency with a team-high 144 aces. She distributed 613 assists and 2,163 quality passes and even managed 230 kills.

"Caryn will be greatly missed, but a player like her always leaves a little behind with the younger players," said Sully.

**RANKINGS**

These final winter rankings have been compiled by the Observer sports staff. Schools eligible to be rated must be located in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Farmington, Redford and Garden City.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Redford Bishop Borgosa.
3. Wayne Memorial.
4. Redford Catholic Central.
5. Farmington Harrison.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Livonia Ladywood.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Redford Thurston.
5. Farmington Hills Mercy.

**BOYS WRESTLING**

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Plymouth John Glenn.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Livonia Stevenson.
5. Garden City.

**BOYS HOCKEY**

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Livonia Churchill.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Livonia Franklin.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. Plymouth Canton.
5. North Farmington.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. North Farmington.
4. Westland John Glenn.
5. Farmington.

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