

ALL-AREA SOCCER



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First team



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Solid footing

Observer team features 4 repeat selections

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Well, OK. Times have changed. The Western Lakes Activities Association is no longer the dominant force in girls soccer.

Good. It's been three years since a WLAA team won the state championship. Can you believe it?

It seems like only yesterday that two league teams were playing for the state crown every year (actually, it occurred in '84, '87 and '88).

But don't downgrade the league

just yet. It still ranks favorably with any in the state — including the Metro Suburban Association (which features Troy Athens, Rochester and Rochester Adams).

Of the 11 players selected to the all-Observer first team, four are repeat choices from '92. Seven are seniors. And six were all-WLAA.

Furthermore, only two of the 11 are from outside the league.

So here it is. And, although goal-scorers usually get the bulk of the recognition, coaches build their defense first. That's where we'll start.

Jori Welchans, Plymouth Canton, keeper: Welchans has been all-state, all-WLAA and all-Observer the past two years. She recorded 14 shutouts in 23 games this season, giving up just 15 goals. A graduating senior, Welchans will try to make University of Detroit-Mercy's first season of women's soccer a success this fall.

Her coach at Canton, Don Smith, described Welchans as "excellent in the air and coming to the ball. She's a great young lady to work with." She was also a big reason the Chiefs reached the Class A state finals.

Kris Goff, Plymouth Salem, sweeper: Another two-time all-state selection, Goff was "just like a coach on the field," according to Salem coach Ken Johnson. "A great team leader. She has excellent fitness and stamina, and a great love of the game."

A senior, Goff was the Rocks' team MVP and was twice an all-WLAA and all-Observer pick. She had nine goals and 10 assists this season from her defensive position. She'll attend Michigan State in the fall.

Leah Hutko, Plymouth Canton, forward: Another two-time all-Observer selection who was all-state this year, Hutko, a senior, did what she was supposed to do — score goals. She put 23 into opponents' nets this season, and assisted on 12 others. For her career, she had 47 goals and 21 assists.

Hutko set a Canton school record for goals scored in a season this year, an accomplishment that earned her team MVP honors.

"She's well-skilled, very intense, a 110 percent player," said Smith. "She was a pleasure to coach."

Almee Cousino, Livonia Churchhill, midfielder: She is the fourth player to repeat as all-Observer from the '92 team — and Cousino will have a chance to make it a three-peat next year. She's just a junior.

She scored 12 goals and assisted on eight more for the Chargers. But her main contribution came in other areas, according to assistant coach Chris Speen: "She has exceptional ball-handling skills, and she sets the tempo of the game. She's a real team leader."

Beth Zlobro, Farmington Hills Mercy, stopper: A senior and team captain, Zlobro was an all-Catholic League selection who counted for 108 blocked shots. She was a team leader in all aspects — a National Honor Society member, she plans to play for Michigan's first-year varsity team this fall.

"Beth is the type of student-athlete that makes coaching soccer truly a gratifying experience," said Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman. "Her work ethic and intensity are unmatched. She is pure skill and heart."

"Beth has never missed a game. Her playing performance defines the team consistency."

Danielle Priebe, Livonia Churchhill, defender: A senior, Priebe's nickname, according to Speen, was "the wall." She wasn't entirely defensive-oriented, however — Priebe scored three goals and had four assists.

"She's an all-around great player," Speen said, "and was the backbone of the defense. She's a team leader."

She was also a three-year starter for the Chargers.

Carrie Dzladosz, Farmington Hills Mercy, midfielder: There are more than a few Catholic League foes who are happy to bid farewell to Dzladosz, a senior. She was a four-year starter at midfielder, was all-division three times and all-Catholic twice. She completed her career at Mercy with 30 goals and 55 assists.

"Carrie is one of the most talented players to come out of the state," said Shivraman. "She can make or break a game. Carrie has been instrumental in the success of Mercy's soccer program (three

straight Catholic championships, two district titles)."

Michele Brach, Livonia Stevenson, midfielder: A senior teammate and team MVP, Brach, an all-WLAA pick, did a bit of everything for the young Spartans, including taking an active part in the goal-production. She scored 13 and assisted on 11 more, showing skills that should come in handy this fall on Detroit-Mercy's team.

"She should do very well at that level," said Stevenson coach Mary Kay Hussey. "She keeps getting better and better. She's very aggressive, extremely fast and hard-nosed, and very determined."

Alyson Nouno, Plymouth Canton, midfielder: Having just completed her junior year, Nouno is just beginning to find her niche in soccer — which is bad news for opponents. She has 11 goals and nine assists in her career, with four goals and four assists coming this season. Nouno was an all-Western Division pick in this season's WLAA balloting.

"She plays with a great amount of desire," said Smith. "She's well-skilled and able to shoot or cross with both feet. And she's super to coach."

Caryn Tatterton, Plymouth Salem, striker: A senior, Tatterton enjoyed a superb final season for the Rocks — 20 goals, six assists. In her career (two years as a starter), she had 36 goals and 20 assists. Her play earned Tatterton all-Lakes Division honors in the WLAA this season.

"She's a great team player," said Johnson. "She's a fast, skillful forward who always scored in big games."

Marie Spaccarotella, Livonia Churchhill, forward: Spaccarotella represents the future of the WLAA. She's enjoying her first year on the all-Observer team because, well, this is her first year of high school soccer.

There's no doubting she made her mark in her freshman season, considering a school-record 28 goals scored and 11 assists.

"She's a speedy forward," said Speen, "probably the fastest in the state. She's just a great forward."

With a strong future.



Alyson Nouno Canton
Caryn Tatterton Salem
Marie Spaccarotella Churchhill



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Rock-solid: Caryn Tatterton of Plymouth Salem was named to the first-team as a forward.

1993 ALL-AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

F-Leah Hutko	Ply. Canton
F-Caryn Tatterton	Ply. Salem
F-Marie Spaccarotella	Liv. Churchhill
M-Almee Cousino	Liv. Churchhill
M-Michele Brach	Liv. Stevenson
M-Carrie Dzladosz	Farm. Mercy
M-Alyson Nouno	Ply. Canton
D-Kris Goff	Ply. Salem
D-Beth Zlobro	Farm. Mercy
D-Danielle Priebe	Liv. Churchhill
D-Jori Welchans	Ply. Canton

SECOND TEAM

F-Angie Downs	Garden City
F-FAI Lord	N. Farmington
F-Margaret Wirth	Farm. Mercy
F-Andrea Zawalski	Liv. Churchhill
M-Leney Truchan	Liv. Franklin
M-Amy Westendorf	Ply. Canton
M-Michelle Lorenz	Farmington
D-Natly Bably	Ply. Canton
D-Michelle Cronan	Ply. Salem
D-Dan Roy	Liv. Ladywood
G-Liz Gurne	Liv. Ladywood

COACH OF THE YEAR
Deepak Shivraman . . . Farm. Mercy

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Stevenson: Laura Fedigo, Michelle Book, Holly Kambal, Michelle Faurie, Karen Grouse, Misty Heath; Livonia Franklin: Lisa DeChano, Lesley McDougall, Sue Getalolan, Chris Schaffner; North Farmington: Lisa Apodi, Julie Stone, Michele Wilder, Jenny Riff; Livonia Ladywoods: Kelli Colliton, Val Adams, Darcy Marzocco; Farmington: Christy Mahon, Francine Karim; Farmington Hartwood: Carrie Earle, Cassie O'Sullivan, Kristin Walters, Lynne Churchhill; Kalamazoo: Erin Stancurski; Garden City: Sue Letasz, Jamie Faber, Kelly Woloski; Farmington Hills Mercy: Theresa Ciso, Flannery Campbell, Heather Richards; Plymouth Canton: Kelly Roberts; Farmington Hills: Stacy Miller; Plymouth Salem: Mari Hoff, Sue Parshis, Stacey DeLong; Bedford Thornton: Jill Galley, Andrea Meador, Jackie Kukka, Yvonne Malowski.

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