

ALL-AREA GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Mo Drabicki Stevenson, Tara Overallitis Ladywood, Maxann Reese Borgess, Britta Anderson Canton, Alyson Nounne Canton, Adriano Bryant Borgess, Carey Perkins Harrison, Dave Mann Coach of Year

Observerland's best small, but play tall

By BRAD EMONS
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Good things come in small packages, especially the 1993 All-Observer girls basketball team.

This year's seven-member squad of mighty mites does not boast a player over 6 feet, but each stood tall in their own right.

Three repeat selections highlight the All-Area team — senior Maureen Drabicki of Livonia Stevenson, junior Tara Overallitis of Livonia Ladywood and sophomore Maxann Reese of State Class C champion Redford Bishop Borgess.

Dave Mann of Borgess, who guided the Spartans to a 23-4 overall record, was named Observerland Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Borgess and Plymouth Canton each landed a pair of players on the first team as selected by the Observer sports staff.

Here is a closer look at this year's squad.

with Valparaiso (Ind.), enjoyed a banner final high school season. Drabicki set season school records for points (422), steals (154) and assists (151).

She hit 73.5 percent from the free throw line (75 of 102) while averaging 18.3 points per game.

With Drabicki as Stevenson's catalyst, the Spartans finished 38-6 overall during her junior and senior years.

She was also named Detroit Free Press All-Suburban and All-Metro, and was an All-Metro and Class A All-State pick in the Detroit News.

Drabicki also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

Tara Overallitis, junior, Liv. Ladywood: Nobody in Observerland was tougher in the low blocks than the 5-10 Overallitis.

She gave opposing teams fits in the Catholic League, averaging 22 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Overall, Overallitis averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per game while shooting an astounding 57 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free throw line.

Overallitis also averaged four assists and four steals per game.

The Ladywood standout was also named to the Detroit Free Press All-Catholic and All-Metro squads. In the Detroit News, Overallitis was a first-team Class A All-State selection.

Overallitis is also a standout in the classroom, sporting a 4.0 grade-point average.

1993 ALL-AREA GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FIRST TEAM	
Mo Drabicki	Liv. Stevenson
Tara Overallitis	Liv. Ladywood
Maxann Reese	Bishop Borgess
Britta Anderson	Ply. Canton
Alyson Nounne	Ply. Canton
Carey Perkins	Bishop Borgess
	Farm. Hanson

SECOND TEAM	
Jane Angell	Farm. Mercy
Lisa Craven	Ply. Salem
Aisha Gordon	N. Farmington
Genda Lee	Farm. Mercy
Janice Zelen	Redford Union
Melissa Camacho	Liv. Ladywood
Yvonne Malewski	Red. Thurston

THIRD TEAM	
Amee Clayton	Ply. Canton
Stacey Ivchola	Liv. Stevenson
Wendy Roy	Liv. Clarensville
Enca Anderson	Ply. Canton
Ann Marie Aquino	Liv. Farmington
Shannon Kickey	N. Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION	
Rachel Clor	Redford Union
Redford Bishop Borgess: Nikki Gimes, Marie Oubose, Yolanda Holt; Plymouth Canton: Sarah Warkner; Livonia Ladywood: Kery Duggan, Anne Fogels; Livonia Stevenson: Jill Van Tern, Kim Ostrowski; Farmington Hills: Mercedes Felice Brooks, Liz Weber; Redford Union: Nicole Drozda, Terry Chonoz; Jeny Markham; North Farmington: Allison Sizer, Doretha Labarre; Redford Thurston: Jean Herron, Heather Wiatlicki; Plymouth Salem: Kelly Lukala; Shelby Siler; Livonia Franklin: Tracy Rynkowski, Keba Mann, Jacyn Deane; Farmington Hills: Krista Snow, Amanda Ault; Garden City: Yvette Sibley, Janice Faber, Vonne Jenko; Wayne Memorial: Risa Baggio; Farmington: Andrea Salyer, Amanda Porter; Livonia Churchill: Patti Maltoni; Westland: John Glenn; Holly Hills: Shawn Krause; Redford St. Agatha: Susan Baiter; Lathrup High Westland: Lauren Horton, Jenny Puchnik; Plymouth Christian Academy: Nancy Kobecnik; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Rachael Olesky.	

on-one. She has that explosive first step."

Reese, who carries a 3.1 grade-point average, should be among the favorites for Miss Basketball in 1995. She made first-team All-State (Class C) in the Detroit News and Free Press.

Britta Anderson, senior, Ply. Canton: The 5-8 senior paced the 21-2 state-ranked Chiefs with a 15-point per game scoring average.

She was also the team's second leading rebounder and had a season total of 58 assists.

A fierce competitor, Anderson was a big reason why Canton captured the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff title for the second consecutive year and won the tough Class A district final at Northville.

"She'll do a little bit of everything — scores in the post, offensive rebounds, and is a good jump shooter," Canton coach Bob Blomh said. "She's very versatile, a solid player."

Alyson Nounne, senior, Ply. Canton: Though only 5-1, Nounne stood tall for the Chiefs in 1993.

She averaged 10 points per game and shot 40 percent from three-point range. As a free throw shooter, Nounne made 82 percent.

Nounne also had a season total of 50 assists and 50 steals.

Her career shooting percentage totals are 50 (field goal) and 70 (free throw). "Alyson's a great floor leader, she ran

the ball for us," Blomh said. "She got the ball to the right people and when you left her alone, she'd hurt you."

Nounne may be best remembered for her career-high 19-point performance in the district championship final against Livonia Ladywood.

Adriano Bryant, sophomore, Bishop Borgess: The 5-3 dynamo proved to be a smooth operator from the point slot, complementing Reese at the other guard position for the Spartans.

The speedy 100-grader averaged 9.0 points, 5.6 assists, 4.2 steals and shot 69 percent from the free throw line.

"Adriano's the classic point-guard," Mann said. "Nothing bothers her. She shows very little emotion and always makes great decisions."

"Though she's only 5-3, she's the best we have at taking charges. She plays 32 minutes."

Bryant carries a 3.7 GPA.

Carey Perkins, senior, Farm. Hanson: The 5-10 senior transfer from North Farmington averaged 13.5 points and six rebounds per game for the Hawks.

Perkins made 51.5 percent of her field goals as the Hawks (13-8) enjoyed one of their best seasons in years.

"Carey's a rugged, physical defender. Just a non-stop worker who loves the game of basketball," Hanson coach Pete Marlysis said. "Her field goal percentage was the highest of any kid I've ever coached."

FIRST TEAM

Mo Drabicki, senior, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-foot-6 point-guard, who has signed

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Items for the Sports Roundup must be submitted by noon Friday (for Monday edition) and noon Tuesday (for Thursday edition). Items run once only.

LIVONIA HARRIER 7TH

Kelly Travis, an eighth grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, placed seventh in the 2 1/2-mile run with a time of 16:17 at the USA Junior National Track Athletic Congress Cross Country Championships held Saturday in Rhode Island.

Kelly is the daughter of Bob and Ronnie Travis.

HOOP SHOOT CHAMPS

Joe Pawlik posted the top score, hitting 20 of 25 free throws, to win the Boys 10-11 age division Saturday at the 22nd annual Elks Hoop Shoot

Contest held at Livonia Church Hill High School.

Five other winners were crowned Saturday in the contest, co-sponsored by Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 and Livonia Parks and Recreation.

Among those advancing Roy Rabe, Boys 12-13 (16 of 25); Whitney Crosby, Girls 12-13 (14 of 25); Cassie Ehlendt, Girls 10-11 (12 of 25); Nathan Shernpunas, Boys 8-9 (15 of 25); and Deanne DeRoer, Girls 8-9 (seven of 25).

The six champions move on to the Southeast District finals Jan. 8 at Church Hill.

CONCORD DENTAL 1ST

The Livonia Mite Kings, sponsored by Concord Dental, recently finished first in the Little Caesars Thanksgiving hockey tourney.

The Kings defeated Southfield Oscewa in the finals, 6-3.

DATES AND EVENTS

ARCHERY

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, 693-9997 or 693-1369.

FUNDRAISERS/CLASSES

Naturally Michigan Afield will present a seminar entitled Ice Fishing for Family Fun, beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at the Farmington Community Center. The seminar will be conducted by naturalist/outdoor educator Joe Derek. Advanced registration is required, and the price for the seminar is \$7, 489-8333.

The Michigan Bowhunting Conference will sponsor a benefit dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Davison Knights of Columbus Hall. Proceeds from the event will be used to support an April conference entitled, "Hunters Resolving Issues." Raffles and a silent auction will also be held. Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited, 678-2556.

The National Rifle Association's Home Firearms Safety class begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17 and Jan. 24 at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus, 532-0255.

The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer two classes on fly tying beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. One class is for beginners and one for those who already tie flies. Classes run Monday evenings for 10 weeks. Class fee is \$30 and advanced registration is required, 433-8444.

The Wayne County Sportsman's Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer a class leading to a Michigan Safe Hunter certificate beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 22-23, at the Wayne County Sportsman's Club in Romulus, 532-0255.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISHING CLUB MEETINGS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarensville Junior High School, 420-2233.

SEASONS

Rabbit - statewide through March 31.

Squirrel - statewide through Jan. 1.

Archery deer - statewide through Jan. 1.

Ruffed grouse - zones II and III through Jan. 1.

Muzzelshooting deer - zones II and III through Dec. 19.

Raccoon - statewide through Jan. 31.

Fox - statewide through March 1.

Coyote - statewide through April 15.

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