

ALL-OBSERVER FIRST TEAM

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when it comes to goalkeepers," said her coach, Jim Kimble. "She made the big saves when she was called upon. That's why we are back-to-back state champs."

Andrea Sled, defender, Stevenson: The sophomore has started each of the 43 games in which she has played for the Spartans and has keyed a defense which has been scored upon only eight times during this season.

In addition, Sled has notched three goals and added a pair of assists.

Sled was named to the state's elite All-State Dream Team by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. This is her second time on the All-Observer team.

"I believe Andrea is the best defender in the state," coach Jim Kimble of Stevenson said. "She allows us to do so much more offensively because she's so steady in the back."

"As long as we have And, we will be able to compete with just about anyone."

Mia Sakesian, midfielder, Salem: Sakesian, who made the 1997 All-Observer team, was a member of the MHSAA's All-State Dream Team for the second consecutive season. She has been a first-team all-state selection for three straight years.

The reason for her selection starts with her passing touch. "If she were to have another top-level forward playing with her the last few years, she would have had 15 to 20 assists (a season)," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, whose Salem squad lost to eventual state champ Stevenson in the regional final.

"What impressed me most about Mia was even when things weren't going well this year, she defended well and did all the other things she had to do well."

Sakesian led the 17-2-2 Rocks in scoring for the second straight year with 23 goals and eight assists (54 points). She has received a scholarship to attend Notre Dame University in the fall.

"She's the consummate team player," Landefeld said.

Leah McGrath, midfielder, Stevenson: The senior captain was a leader at center midfield for the Spartans.

McGrath, a four-year varsity player, is going to Central Michigan to play soccer and will take her nickname of "The Playmaker" with her.

She scored nine goals and had six assists this season, which ended with her being named third-team Division I all-state.

"Leah is very underrated as a center midfielder," Kimble said. "She has the ability to control the flow of a game and is extremely reliable as a defending midfielder."

"We call her 'The Playmaker' because she makes things happen."

Emilie Villemonte, Farmington High: A three-year starter in the midfield, Villemonte led the Falcons (19-6-2) in goals scored (21) and assists (15) for 57 total points. Her career totals are 39 goals and 22 assists.

Villemonte was named to the Division II all-state team, as well as the all-WLAA and all-district teams. She was second-team All-Observer last year.

Villemonte and senior Angela DeDomenico, a second-team, all-state player, shared Farmington's most valuable player award.

"Emilie has been quite an asset to the team, and we're looking for her leadership and skills to help us next year, too," coach Bob Neff said.

"She was a terrific scoring threat from various spots on the field. Her most-assists speaks to the threat she was with the ball, passing it off for someone else to shoot."

Meryl Denton, midfielder, Ladywood: Denton was All-Catholic and a member

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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER

1998 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

F: Allison Campbell, senior, Liv. Stevenson
F: Anne Morrell, freshman, Ply. Canton
F: Missy Simons, senior, Plymouth Salem
F: Kersten Conklin, junior, Liv. Churchhill
F: Lindsay Gusic, freshman, Stevenson
M: Mia Sakesian, senior, Plymouth Salem
M: Leah McGrath, senior, Liv. Stevenson
M: Emilie Villemonte, junior, Farmington
M: Meryl Denton, senior, Livonia Ladywood
M: Mary Gignac, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy
D: Andrea Sled, sophomore, Stevenson
G: Jenny Barker, senior, Livonia Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

F: Katie Thomson, senior, Redford Union
F: Sarah Witrock, junior, Liv. Stevenson
F: Dawn Sanders, junior, Garden City
F: Stacy Supanich, junior, Liv. Churchhill
M: Abby Shepard, freshman, F.H. Mercy
M: Angela DeDomenico, senior, Farmington
M: Andrea Galindo, senior, Liv. Churchhill
M: Norville Swartz, sophomore, John Davin
M: Jeannine Edwards, sophomore, Salem
M: Melissa Backus, senior, Liv. Stevenson
D: Elise Exler, senior, Plymouth Canton
D: Stacy Hartman, senior, Liv. Stevenson
G: Suzi Towne, sophomore, Plym. Salem
G: Kristin Lukaski, senior, Plym. Canton

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Stevenson: Brianna Roy, Becky Peterson, Cheryl Fox, Cherechi, Lisa Fabrikiewicz, Jamie Scott, Susan Hill, Karen Kramer, Terri Owens, Fraskala, Alexis Bowman, Emily Krecht, Kristin Dougherty, Lisa Balke; Ladywood: Stefanie Stachura; Salem: Kelle Krause, Lucy Catalano, Sarah Pack, Rola Amel, Val Kuzynski, Wayne Memerlat, Natalie Carlson; Alana Tucker, Kristina McCall, Joelyn Lemeth, Jenny Clark, Andrea McCall; Lathrop High Westside: Kelle Bucken, Sarah Voight, Mary Hoeserman, Sarah Butkus; Salem: Kristina Seruch, Brooke Schupre, Andrea Weinman; Liv Gusic; Canton: Abi Morrell, Cheron Rice, Lisa Tomasso, Jen nail Cobb; Garden City: Tracy Terrell, Bethany Rice, Summer Davidson; Redford Union: Megan Kelley, Kim Stummel; Farmington: Jamie Jakacki, Dana Martin, Claire Lockhart, Olivia Helms, Loranne DeDomenico, Dana Babiniski; Harrison: Emily Jackson, Regina Bander, Janine James, Patty Moloney, Denelle Strickland; Mary: Susie Rott, Colleen Solson, Erin Cain, Marie Lantz, Kelly Fuller; North Farmington: Allison Edwards, Joyce Chung, Sara Steadman.

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