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Danielowicz had another outstanding year for the Raiders, leading them to the WIAA championship with her pitching and hitting.

She had a 2-3 record and 0.52 earned run average. In 213 1/3 innings, she faced 809 batters, struck out 318, allowed 139 hits and walked 17. Of the 45 runs scored by opposing teams, only 10 were earned.

The all-WLAA and all-region player batted .403 and had a team-high 11 hits with six doubles, one triple and 13 RBI.

"She's a pleasure to coach," coach Dave Brubaker said. "She works hard at her batting and pitching. She has command of five pitches."

"I'm just excited about next year. I hope it rubs off on the rest of the girls, because I think we have an opportunity to do some damage in the OAA."

Megan Fedluk, pitcher, Mercy: Fedluk led the Marlins to another successful season with her pitching. She finished 22-5, giving her a three-year record of 61-14.

Known for her super control, Fedluk walked just 17 batters while striking out 175 in 180 2/3 innings. She allowed 95 hits and 38 runs but had an impressive ERA of 0.62.

"Megan was the player we looked to in the tough situations and the tough games," coach Jack Falvo said. "Over the three years of her career, she led the Mercy softball program to its best level in its history."

"Megan was a control pitcher; she was very disciplined and competitive. That's what made her such a great pitcher."

Holly Van Cleave, catcher, Mercy: Besides playing a key position in the Van Cleave was her team's second-leading hitter with a .353 average.

She had 41 hits, including eight doubles. Van Cleave also was second with 47 RBI, scored 19 runs and led the team with 12 sacrifice bunts.

"Holly worked extremely hard to be a defensive catcher, as well as an offensive threat," Falvo said. "Defensively, her best asset was her ability to receive the ball from our pitchers."

"Holly only struck out six times the whole season and, of those six, five came against the best pitchers around."

Anna Schneider, infielder, Mercy: The junior first baseman was Mercy's leading hitter with a .375 batting average, and she also led the Marlins with 48 hits, 12 doubles, two home runs, 30 RBI and a .547 slugging percentage.

Schneider, who owns or shares Mercy career records for doubles, triples and home runs, also had two triples and scored 27 runs.

"She's the heart of our team," Falvo said. "She is the consummate team player and a hard-nosed competitor. We looked to Anna for leadership on the field."

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

2002 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM

P - Meghan Misak, sr., Livonia Churchill
P - Beth Danielowicz, jr., North Farmington
P - Megan Fedluk, sr., Farmington Mercy
C - Holly Van Cleave, jr., Farmington Mercy
1B - Anna Schneider, jr., Farmington Mercy
2B - Sarah Booth, jr., Garden City
INF - Sallie Kuratko, sr., Livonia Churchill
INF - Allissa Melvin, sr., North Farmington
INF - Meghan Young, sr., Farmington
OF - Jenie D'Annunzio, sr., Livonia Franklin
OF - Kelly Jaskot, sr., Plymouth Salem

SECOND TEAM

P - Nikki Zabolnick, jr., Livonia Franklin
P - Heather Rose, sr., Lutheran Westland
P - Kate Chidister, sr., Garden City
C - Jonelle Brown, sr., Plymouth Canton
C - Jacqui Smylie, sr., Farmington Harrison
1B - Maggie Tuori, jr., Plymouth Salem
2B - Julie Kimmel, sr., Farmington
INF - Crystal Tracey, jr., Farmington Mercy
INF - Crystal Little, sr., Wayne Memorial
INF - Debbie Gentry, sr., Livonia Stevenson
OF - Dawn Ricci, sr., Livonia Ladywood
OF - Lindsey Ritz, sr., Garden City
OF - Lindsey Taul, sr., North Farmington
DH - Meghann Wilkinson, sr., Livonia Ladywood
AL - Amy Szwarn, sr., Plymouth Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dana Hardwidge, Livonia Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Marilyn Gros, Sarah Carter, Ashley Crowley; Franklin: Olivia Mauricio, Stephanie Smith, Amy Sandick; Stevenson: Amy Hollandsworth, Amanda Jankowski, Julia Vecchioni, Lindsay Hollandsworth; Ladywood: Liz Malek, Patty Kolinski, Cory Sandowicz, Stephanie Day, Jennifer Voluski, Missy and Mindy Mitchell; Darton: Meghan Coulter, Salem: Jill Foster, Alicia Murawski; Farmington: Randi Brown, Melissa Patterson, Kelsey Gubbert; Harrison: Kristin Schrock, Kristen Kluge, Heather Simola, Abbey Cleland, Beth Leeb; N. Farmington: Amy Benke, Emily Jaffe, Jehan Hinda, Moira Reaser; Mercy: Lindsey Fedluk, Rachel Del Corral, Molly O'Malley, Sarah Roman, Tammi Karagiosian; John Glenn: Sara Walter, Devin Ross, Erica Novak; Wayne: Julie Reed; Livonia Clarenceville: Nicole Martin, Brooke Kaufman, Whitney Kueber, Amy Neater; Lutheran Westland: Jenna Heas, Christina Hilden, Meghan Engel, Charlie DeVries, Sam Matyas; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Lauren Greer, Lauren Merlan; Plymouth Churchill: Amber Ward, Lauren Terksoo; Garden City: Ashley Bonner, Lynzee Smith, Terra Russell, Jessica Rayburn; Redford Union: Katie Pelc, Sarah Greenwalt, Kelly Hazlewood; Redford Thurston: Jackie Green, Jennifer Dwyer.

"She's the person who is very concerned about all the other players, the one who has that compassion and empathy for teammates, but she can be a tough competitor, too."

Sarah Booth, infielder, Garden City: In the balanced Cougars' lineup, someone had to provide the power, and junior Sarah Booth did just that.

Booth led the team with 26 runs batted in, as the Cougars finished with a 26-8 record in 2002. She also scored 17 runs, hit one home run and had a .313 batting average. Look for Booth to be the center of the team's veteran offense in 2003, according to coach Barry Peterson.

"She batted cleanup for us and was very solid defensively," he said. "Her biggest contributions came at the plate where she came through in a number of clutch situations. She led us in RBI and had the fewest amount of at bats among our top hitters."

Allissa Melvin, infielder, N. Farmington: Melvin was a major reason the Raiders were 24-13. The senior first baseman and cleanup hitter came through at the plate, batting .368 with 38 hits, which included five doubles and three triples.

She also had 27 RBI and scored 11 runs. An all-WLAA player, Melvin had a .913 fielding percentage at a crucial soft-

ball position.

"I think Allissa really stepped up for us this year," Brubaker said. "She did a good job at first base. She stepped up at the plate and delivered, and she played real good D at first base."

Sallie Kuratko, infielder, Churchill: The senior shortstop, making her second straight appearance on the All-Observer squad, led the Chargers with a .390 batting average (.39 for 100).

Kuratko, Churchill's lead-off hitter four straight years, was also the team leader in on-base percentage (.543) and runs scored (29).

Defensively, she made just one error with a .981 fielding average.

Kuratko made all-WLAA, all-region, all-district and was honorable mention all-state.

"Sallie has been a permanent fixture in Churchill's infield for the last four years, starting two years at catcher and two years at shortstop," Hardwidge said. "She is a solid athlete with good range and a strong, accurate arm. With her knowledge of the game, she was a team leader in the infield the last two years."

"We'll miss Sallie in the softball program because she always worked hard, was very competitive, and was a huge part of Churchill's success the past few years."

Meghan Young, infielder, Farmington: A four-year varsity player, Young signed with Division I Tennessee Tech after a fine senior season in which she hit .437 for the Falcons.

Her 38 hits included three doubles, five triples and one home run. She walked 13 times, stole 12 bases, scored 28 runs and had 23 RBI. Young had an .844 fielding percentage at shortstop.

"She's the most well-rounded, knowledgeable player on my team," coach Kristen Hansen said. "She really plays the game like it should be played. She plays a lot of travel ball."

"One of her goals is to play in college, and it looks like she'll have a chance to compete right off the bat at Tennessee Tech."

"Because of her experience, she brought a lot to our team - a lot of little things, strategic-wise, like taking the extra base."

Jenie D'Annunzio, outfielder, Franklin: The senior started the season in center field, but was moved to shortstop May 4 following an injury to a teammate.

She hit .433 with 39 hits in 90 at-bats. She scored 23 runs and knocked in 12.

D'Annunzio also swiped 30 of 31 bases this season en route to all-WLAA, all-district and all-region honors.

"Jenie is a switch hitter who drops bunts very well," Franklin coach Linda Jensen said. "Every year she hit well, but she played her best this season. We don't have too many kids hit .400."

Defensively, the Patriot had 24 putouts, 25 assists and only six errors with a fielding average of .891.

Kelly Jaskot, outfielder, Salem: The senior center fielder hit .422 overall en route to all-state recognition, including .500 in Lakes Division play and .418 overall in the WLAA. She had 46 hits in 109 trips to the plate, including four doubles and 13 RBI. Her on-base average was .484.

The team's defensive MVP, Jaskot made only one error all season with a .977 fielding average. She had 57 putouts in center and a total of 71 assists.

The three-year starter earned all-WLAA, all-district, all-region and first-team All-Observer honors both in 2001 and 2002.

The three-sport letter winner, named Salem's Female Athlete of the Year for 2002, is bound for the University of Detroit-Mercy on a basketball scholarship.

"Kelly has great range, an extremely strong arm and she's one of the smartest players I've ever coached," Salem's Bonnie Southard said. "She's one of the best female athletes to come out of Plymouth Salem."

(Observer staff writers Dan O'Meara and Brad Monstere also contributed to this story.)



Meghan Misak
Livonia Churchill



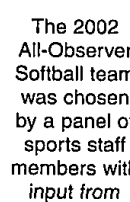
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SPORTS BRIEFS

BIRMINGHAM PICKS COACH

Steve McIntyre of Walled Lake is the new head coach of the Birmingham Unified Hockey Team.

A teacher at Clifford H. Smart Middle School in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, McIntyre takes over the job formerly held by Bill Reespemeyer who retired at the end of last season.

McIntyre had previous coaching stints with the Metro Jr. B team (CSHL), Walled Lake Central High School, the Detroit Falcons (AAA), Lakeland Bantam (AA) and Lakeland Midget (AA).

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL SOFTBALL

The City of Farmington Hills Recreation Department is accepting registrations for the

Founders Festival men's softball tournament to be played Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21.

Games will be played on the fenced fields at Founders Sports Park. Softballs and umpires are included in the fee of \$160.

Call (248) 478-1800 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VIKINGS NEED CHEERLEADERS

The NFWB Vikings football organization still has positions available for cheerleaders (ages 8-13) at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels.

The season runs from August to October, plus any playoff games. The participation fee is \$130, plus limited fundraising. For more information call Doreen Frederick at (248) 626-6001.

CAMPS TEACH GRID SKILLS

The NFWB Football Skills Academy for high school athletes will have classes at North Farmington High School on the following Wednesdays: July 10, 17 and 24.

The Rushing Academy will take place 10-11:30 a.m. and the Passing Academy 4-5:30 p.m. The sessions will focus on offensive and defensive skills. The fee is \$40. Contact Rich Burrell at (248) 489-3535.

A strength and conditioning camp for high school athletes will take place at North Farmington HS during the summer months from 9-11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Burrell at the above number to register.

FHHA REGISTERING PLAYERS

Farmington Hills Hockey Association is accepting registrations for new players for the 2002-2003 fall/winter season. Registration forms are available at the information desk at Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road. For more information

call (248) 478-8193.

SCHOOLCRAFT HOOP CAMP

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs will conduct a boys basketball instructional camp for boys in grades 1-12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 5-9, at the school's gym. The cost is \$125 per person. For more information,

call (734) 462-4400, ext. 6254.

C'VILLE VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Livonia Clarenceville coach Alissa Love is offering a summer volleyball camp for grades 5-12 from 9 a.m. to noon July 15-19 at Beechwoods in Southfield (cost \$90).

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