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2002 All-Area Girls Tennis Team

2002 ALL-AREA GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

SINGLES STARS

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Mary Atallah	West Bloomfield	Junior
Mary Berke	North Farmington	Senior
Emily Jaffe	North Farmington	Junior
Angela Kaza	Mercy	Senior
Megan LaMothe	Athens	Junior
Kasia Mazur	West Bloomfield	Senior
Colleen Mead	Clarkston	Junior
Melissa Ng	Rochester	Freshman
Callie O'Keefe	Troy	Junior
Stephanie Parkison	Clarkston	Freshman
Allie Schmoyer	Kingswood	Senior
Holly Smith	Athens	Junior
Sara Suckstorf	Troy	Junior
Emily Wilkinson	Seaholm	Sophomore

DOUBLES STARS

Lindsay Koss	Marion	Senior
Sarah Nicolay	Marion	Senior

COACH OF THE YEAR

Judy Hehs	Sacred Heart	7th season
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each first-team player:

SINGLES PLAYERS

MARY ATALLAH (Mercy): Atallah, a junior, played No. 1 singles for Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy coach Ken Stocker. Atallah won two matches at this year's state tournament, defeating Jennifer Jain (Ann Arbor Pioneer) and Ann Grant (Port Huron Northern). She gained All-State honors. "Mary has a great all-around game and had very strong performances this year at the state meet and the Grosse Pointe Invitational," said Mercy coach Ken Stocker.

AMY BERKE (North Farmington): Berke compiled a 17-5 overall record at No. 2 singles for North Farmington coach Mark Shenton. The All-State honorable mention star was an Oakland Activities Association Division 1 tournament finalist and a state regional runner-up. At the Division 2 state tournament, Berke advanced to the flight championship match with three victories before falling to Stephanie Keblor of

Okemos in straight sets. "She has a lot of natural ability," Shenton said. "Being a senior, she kept improving over the course of the year, and she played her best tennis at states. She can run down any ball, and she always makes her opponents work for their points."

EMILY JAFFE (North Farmington): Jaffe was a runner-up at the Division 2 state tournament at No. 1 singles, losing a tough three-set championship match to Christine Bader of Okemos. The North Farmington Junior All-Stater won a regional title and was the Okemos Invitational champion. Jaffe was a finalist at the OAA tournament and finished with a 20-2 overall record. "She's a great girl with an outstanding work ethic," said Shenton. "That's why she is the caliber of player she is. Her strength is the way she can control the point. She has great ground strokes and a strong service game, and she always has the ability to hurt her opponent."

ANGELA KAZA (Mercy): Kaza won the Grosse Pointe Invitational and Division 1 regional championships at No. 2 singles flight. Kaza won two of her three state-meet matches, losing in the

semifinals to eventual state champion Amy Szyniar of Port Huron Northern. "Angela's strengths are serving and her forehand groundstrokes," said Stocker. "For the past two years, Angela has lost to the flight champion at the state tournament," said Koch.

MEGAN LAMOTHE (Athens): A junior, LaMothe was the first regional medalist at Athens in more than 10 years. She finished with a 'deceptive' 17-11 overall record at No. 2 singles since "her only losses were either avenged later in the season or were against state semifinalists or better," said Athens coach Warren Block. "She is a tremendous competitor who won't let minor setbacks like losing a set keep her from battling until the last point," said Block. "Her consistency, ball-placement and competitive edge enabled her to beat many players who had higher rankings prior to this season."

KASIA MAZUR (West Bloomfield): Mazur was a four-year varsity veteran for West Bloomfield coach Bonnie Koch. She served as a captain the past two years and was named the team's MVP during that time. She finished with a 6-0 OAA

Division II dual-meet record and was 19-7 overall at No. 1 singles. The All-Stater also captured the West Bloomfield Laker Award. Mazur's a repeat member of the Eccentric's All-Area team. "She's a very coachable player who's tenacious on the court," said Koch. "She's a great leader who always gives 100 percent. The girls look up to her and she was a joy to coach."

COLLEEN MEAD (Clarkston): A junior captain, Mead finished with a 23-7 overall record at No. 1 singles. She was second at the state regional tournament and a state quarterfinalist. The Clarkston All-Stater won the Fenton and Grosse Pointe South invitational tournament titles. The repeat All-Area star is a three-year varsity veteran. "She has very good top-spin strokes that keep her opponents deep in the court. She moves her opponents around to set up her points," said Clarkston coach Beth Manoglovich. "Another strength is her mental toughness and her competitiveness that wears other people down. Her work ethic is excellent and her sportsmanship makes

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House projects piling up? You are not alone! More and more people are finding it harder than ever to keep up on their home repair and maintenance tasks, and it's no wonder why. With more hours required at the workplace, increasing demands on parents, and the intrusive technology of cell phones, pagers, laptops, palm pilots, voice mail and e-mail consuming an ever-increasing portion of the day, the amount of time available for many Americans to accomplish tasks around the house is at an all-time low.

One of the fastest growing of these home repair companies in Oakland County is Mr. Handyman Of Birmingham/Bloomfield, a franchise company locally owned by Todd Mailloux. What may have propelled Mr. Handyman ahead of so many others in this booming industry is Mailloux's commitment to three key ideas: "Prompt, Safe, and Reliable." Mailloux maintains, "We don't just say these words, they truly guide us in what we do." These concepts zero in on what home repair customers need, but often don't get from general contractors, specialists, and sometimes other handymen. When it comes to being prompt, Mailloux asserts, "It's very important to us that people can rely on us to be there whenever we say we're going to be there. Not calling and communicating is not acceptable. There is always a customer service representative in our office in Birmingham to make sure that the customer's needs are met."

Safety is another big concern in the home repair industry. "We're in people's homes, we have to be trusted," Mailloux insists. "Mr. Handyman customers feel comfortable when the service technician arrives at their homes wearing a uniform labeled with the company name, driving a clearly marked van that is identical to all the others in the fleet. The vans are stocked with all the tools needed for just about any job. "We present an air of professionalism," explains Mailloux, "and there's security in that." Each service technician is bonded, insured and is an employee of the company, not a subcontractor. He has had a thorough background check and is a skilled professional with proven expertise."

When it comes to reliability, beyond promptness people expect quality. Mr. Handyman guarantees satisfaction, which is not always the case in this industry. "We stand behind our work," Mailloux assures. "We currently have a crew of three technicians that each have at least 15 years experience in the industry, so their skill level is extremely high."

Fall and winter projects are looming for so many people as Mr. Handyman handles requests for gutter cleaning, water damage repair, hanging of holiday decorations and several other winter preparation projects. In the spring season when homeowners are recovering from winter's havoc, they need assistance fixing mailboxes, repainting and installing screens, doors and windows, cleaning out basements, organizing garages, hauling debris to the dump, and doing light carpentry and interior painting.

Of course, customer requests handle year-round projects, such as fixing leaky faucets, installing door locks, drywall repair, tile repair, grouting, caulking and repairing shower doors, continue to keep the company busy. "We'll take care of your honeydew list to free up your time for more important things," Mr. Handyman's mission statement, displayed on the company website, www.MrHandyman.com would prompt anybody to seriously consider the company's help around their house: "Life is made up of precious moments. Let us give back a few."

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