

ALL-AREA

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her a great leader." **MELISSA NG** (Rochester): Only a freshman, Ng played No. 1 singles at Rochester where she finished with a 20-9 record. She was the OAA Division II champion and a state regional runner-up in the Division I meet. She was 1-1 at the state meet and selected as Rochester's most valuable player. "Her strengths are her outstanding serves, groundstrokes and her ability to play at the net," said Rochester coach Randy Mikula about his All-State honorable mention standout. "She has very aggressive power and is relentless on the court and a gentle giant off the court."

CAITLIN O'KEEFE (Troy): The Troy junior is one of the best players this state has ever produced, according to veteran coach Glen Corey. The Colt All-Stater finished with a 36-0 dual meet record, winning all her invitational tournaments and repeating as Division I state champion. Her three-year varsity record is an astounding 101-2. "Caitlin's strength as a player is, first of all, her footwork. She moves with ease to any ball hit her way," said Corey. "She also has terrific groundstrokes. She can place the ball well and hit with power and control. This year she has improved her all-court play, moving to the net when necessary to take control of the point and her mental game has solidified as well." Corey also said O'Keefe is a "positive" team leader who makes the new players feel welcome. The repeat Eccentric All-Star carries a 4.0 grade-point average.

STEPHANIE PARKINSON (Clarkston): A solid No. 2 flight player, the Clarkston freshman finished with a 24-3 overall record. She won the OAA Division I championship and placed first at the Fenton, Holly and Troy Classic invitational tournaments. "Her game is very powerful. She hits it extremely hard and deep with a lot of pace," said Manoglovich. "She had a wonderful season in her first year

of high school tennis. Her game is fun to watch." **ALLIE SCHMOYER** (Cranbrook Kingswood): Schmoyer, an Division 3 All-State honorable mention star, won two matches at the state tournament. "Allie had a wonderful year at the very difficult No. 1 singles position," said Cranbrook Kingswood coach Keith Cullen. "She won more matches than she lost playing the top teams in the state. Her deep, penetrating groundstrokes mixed up with deep shots and angles made her a very challenging opponent. I will miss Allie's great tennis game, but more importantly, I will miss her leadership and friendship."

HOLLY SMITH (Athens): A junior in her second year of varsity, Smith played No. 1 singles for Athens where she earned All-State status and made

The Eccentric team for the second straight season. She was 19-8 on the season. "Her great athleticism enables her to win points against anybody in the state," said Block. "This year she improved tremendously in focus and consistency and will be a force to be reckoned with next year."

SARA SUCKSTORFF (Troy): A Troy junior, Suckstorf moved up from playing No. 4 singles last year to No. 2 flight this season.

She finished with a 21-13 overall record. "Sara is an even-tempered player. One cannot tell if she is winning or losing by watching her facial expressions," said Corey. "She keeps a determined, focused look and concentrates on each point to be played. Sara works hard and is an inspiration to other members of the team who voted her the most improved player on the team."

EMILY WILKINSON (Seaholm): A sophomore at Seaholm, Wilkinson is a repeat Eccentric all-area team member. She finished with a 21-6 record at No. 1 singles. She captured the state Division 2 regional title and was a state semifinalist, losing to eventual state champion Christine Bader of Okemos. She was second at the Ann Arbor Invitational and won the

Cranbrook Kingswood Invitational. "She's a fighter and intense person who does not like to lose," said Seaholm coach Harry Greenspan. "She hits sound ground strokes and hits the ball deep. When she's up on you, she doesn't let up."

DOUBLES TEAM

LINDSAY KOSS AND SARAH NICOLAY (Marion): Koss and Nicolay, Marian's senior co-captains, finished with a 20-5 record at No. 1 doubles. They teamed to capture the Catholic League championship, win the regional and finish as state semifinalists. They made All-State and are repeat Eccentric all-stars. "Lindsay is a great leader and competitor and Sarah is a hard worker and great athlete," said Marian coach Janine Haubenreich.

COACH OF THE YEAR

JUDY HEHS (Sacred Heart): Hehs, in his seventh season as Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart's head tennis coach, led the Gazelles to a sixth-place finish at the Division 4 state meet. Sacred Heart was fourth at state last year.

The Gazelles won their second straight regional tournament and placed first in three other tournaments, including Essexville-Garber, Plymouth Salem and the Sacred Heart Invitational. Sacred Heart finished with a 6-3-1 dual-meet record. "It was a really good season for us. One of the big differences for this team is that these kids got to know other teams and players this year, and I think that was exciting for them," said Hehs. "That was a big accomplishment and nice to see. We had a solid line-up. The singles players were strong and we had some exceptional doubles teams. We expected to do well this year and once we started winning some tournaments the kids started believing in themselves."

Hehs has coached at Sacred Heart in some capacity for 16 years.

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Madonna University will hold a softball hitting camp from 9 a.m.-noon on Dec. 21 and 22.

Coach Al White and his staff, along with current members of

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