

ALL-AREA

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GOALTENDERS

Andy Chima, Cranbrook: Junior netminder Chima also was integral to the Cranes' team success, posting impressive numbers this season. He went 12-4-4 with a 2.17 goals-against average and registered a save percentage of .910.

According to Weldenbach, Chima took over down the stretch as the Cranes' No. 1 goalie, thanks to puck-handling ability and a penchant to challenge shooters.

"He had some real strong outings down the stretch against Clarkson, Brother Rice and Trenton. He only allowed seven goals in the state tournament."

Chima also was named to the all-state Division 3 squad, as well as to the MIHL first team.

Dan Hemphill, Brother Rice: On the surface, Hemphill's 5-7-5 record, 0.21 goals-against average and .883 save percentage might not seem worthy of accolades. But it was widely recognized that Hemphill's net-minding heroics could not be measured just by statistics. He also was named to the all-state Division 2 team by state coaches.

Hemphill's own coach, Mills, said the goalie played "stellar" in a tough league and that his stats were marred by a 9-0 defeat to Catholic Central.

"Dan's an aggressive goalie, he moves the puck, he's vocal," Mills said. "He's all the things you look for in a goaltender. He comes to play every game."

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

Several all-state selections also helped comprise the second team, including forwards Matt Fritz and Chase Langlais of Cranbrook Kingswood and defenseman-forward Doug Pickens of Birmingham Brother Rice.

■ Scoring 12 goals and 13 assists in 19 games, senior co-captain Fritz "developed into a good, two-way hockey player," said Cranes head coach Weldenbach.

■ Langlais, a sophomore, netted 21 goals and 11 assists in 26 games. "Chase has great hands, wins the one-on-one battles and can score," Weldenbach said.

Both Cranbrook players were named to the all-state Division 3 team.

■ The third second-team forward, Mike Hand of Farmington Unified, scored 22 goals and 27 assists in 25 games while spending just eight minutes in the penalty box.

■ On the blue line is Rochester United's Matt Pletkovic. According to his coach, Sean Penn, Pletkovic "carried our team pretty much all year" and was named team MVP.

Pletkovic scored 11 goals and 20 assists and was an all-state honorable mention.

■ Also on the second team is Pickens (all-state Division 2), a junior who excelled both on defense and as forward for the Warriors. Coach Mills added that Pickens quarterbacked the power play and played on the penalty kill.

"He's just an incredible player and great leader with outstanding versatility," Mills said.

■ In not on the second all-area team is Aaron Allior of



Auburn Hills Avondale:
 Jerry Blakey Forward
 Paul Gallagher Defense
 Sam Spurlin Forward

Birmingham Unified:
 Mark Cromar Forward
 Xortinal Dehecho Forward
 Craig Roos Forward

Bloomfield Unified:
 Brian Florek Forward
 Jeff Rotenberg Defense
 Kyle Wilson Defense

Cranbrook Kingswood:
 Nick Buzyn Defense

Farmington Unified:
 Victor Calagiris Defense
 Ian Chornoby Forward
 Brett Laird Forward
 Leetal Leuran Forward

Oakland Lk. St. Mary's:
 Brett DeVries Forward
 Patrick Nagerson Forward
 Brendan Thomas Defense
 Shane Tretter Goal

Oxford:
 J.T. Anderson Forward
 Marty Maier Goal
 Brandon Stevens Forward

Rochester United:
 Brian Alet Forward
 Bryan Karl Forward
 Erik Schardt Goal

Troy Unified:
 Steve Brezenski Forward
 Matt Goldhof Defense
 David Kennedy Goal
 Zach Zimcosky Forward

West Bloomfield:
 Ross Chawansky Forward
 Steven Kuzo Forward
 Bryan Stratton Defense
 Matt Wasterwill Forward



Farmington Unified. He compiled a 9-1 mark for the Flyers. Coach Yellucci noted that the goalie rebounded from a mid-season injury and played particularly well down the stretch, nearly winning in the playoffs against Catholic Central.

ALL-AREA THIRD TEAM

The third team featured forwards Trevor Johns (Clarkston), Kyle Vandenburg (Troy Unified), Brandon Ward (West Bloomfield), defensemen Eric Roman (Oakland Lake St. Mary's), Jeff Iosolan (Farmington Unified) and goaltender Sean Garvey (Birmingham Unified).

■ Johns scored 13 goals and 13 assists and had a tendency to tally important goals for the Wolves.

■ Vandenburg, senior co-captain for the Blackhawks, led his team with 25 goals and 33 points in 26 games. He also played a major leadership role, said coach Jamie Grant. "It's going to hurt losing him."

■ Ward, a senior who played three years for the Lakers, was described by coach Dale McCann as a hard-working player with leadership skills who scored timely goals. "He came to play every game."

■ Iosolan (6-15, 21) was named Farmington Unified MVP and showed "a lot of heart," said coach Wilczek, adding that the 5-7, 130-pound senior co-captain "played bigger than his size." The defenseman also is an all-state Academic with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

■ Garvey posted a 2.20 goals-against average with a save percentage of .901 for Birmingham Unified.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASEBALL
 Friday, April 11
 Harrison at Roch Adams, 4:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Troy Athens, 4:30 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Groves, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 Harrison at N. Farmington, 11 a.m.
 Farmington at Huron tourney, TBA

GIRLS SOFTBALL
 Friday, April 11
 Troy at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Harrison at Rochester, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at Kimball, 4:30 p.m.
 Rich Warren at Mercy, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 Mercy tourney at Founders Park

GIRLS SOCCER
 Thursday, April 10
 Farmington at Kimball, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at Water Mill, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 W.L. Western at Farmington, 1:30 p.m.
 Merry at Rich Warren, 5 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
 Thursday, April 10
 N. Farmington at Lakeshore, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at Lakeshore, 4 p.m.
 Clarkson at Harrison, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 Farmington at Huron, TBA
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
 Thursday, April 10
 Adams, Clarkson at Harrison, 4:30 p.m.

Lakeshore, Mott at N. Farmington, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 City meet at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
 Thursday, April 10
 Adams, Clarkson at Harrison, 4:30 p.m.
 Lakeshore, Mott at N. Farmington, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 12
 City meet at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
 Friday, April 11
 Farmington at N.D. Prep, 5 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Saturday, April 12
 Farmington at Troy, 8 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
 Thursday, April 10
 Farmington at Dearborn Inver, TBA

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