

BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**2005-2006 MR BASKETBALL VOTE TOTALS**

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u># VOTES / 5 PTS</u>	<u># / 3 PTS</u>	<u>1 PT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DAVID KOOL - Grand Rapids South Christian	(155) 775	(44) 132	24	931
TOM HERZOG - Flint Powers	(28) 140	(60) 180	40	360
DeSHAWN SIMS - Detroit Pershing	(38) 190	(36) 108	31	329
JONATHAN JONES - Okemos	(13) 65	(30) 90	52	207
LEON FREEMAN - Belleville	(22) 110	(18) 54	22	186
TORY JACKSON - Saginaw Buena Vista	(11) 55	(25) 75	27	157
K'LEN MORRIS - Grand Blanc	(2) 10	(33) 99	18	127
LARRY WRIGHT - Saginaw	(7) 35	(14) 42	26	103
TAJUAN PORTER - Detroit Renaissance	(4) 20	(9) 27	21	68
RAMAR SMITH - Detroit Martin Luther King	(3) 15	(10) 30	15	60

289 BALLOTS (+ 5 spoiled ballots) * * **WRITE-INS / POINTS**

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OH, SO KOOL

Sister's orders helped injured guard make speedy recovery from surgery


BY CHRIS SILVA
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His sister knew best. That's what David Kool came to realize after he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee last May.

Kool is a senior guard at Grand Rapids South Christian, where his older sister, Candace Bonnema, is the athletic trainer.

The injury was supposed to keep Kool off the basketball court for up to eight months, and Kool decided to keep his rehabilitation work in the family.

"She actually offered, but basically

 For more pictures of David Kool, Michigan's Mr. Basketball 2006, check out the photo gallery online at www.freep.com

made me do it," Kool said of Bonnema. "She set up all the plans. It was great to spend a whole summer with her and get to know her."

Three days after surgery, Kool was shooting free throws. He attempted 50 and made all of them. Four months after the surgery, Kool was back on the court, ready to rejoin his teammates at nearly full strength.

See MR. BASKETBALL, 5D

The fab five

Top five vote-getters for the 26th annual Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award, given by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press. Voting was on a 5-3-1 basis:

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Kool wins Mr. Basketball

DETROIT (AP) — David Kool wasn't sure if he'd play basketball again after knee surgery last spring. His comeback ended with the 26th Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award.

The 6-foot, 2-inch guard, who helped Grand Rapids South Christian claim two Class B state championships, received the award Monday. The trophy is given to the state's top senior player based on voting by members of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Kool, the first Western Michigan University recruit to win the award, easily beat a field that included Michigan State signee Tom Herzog of Flint Powers and Michigan-bound DeShawn Sims of Detroit Pershing. He received 931 votes to finish ahead of runner-up Herzog (360) and Sims (329).

"It's a great honor," Kool said. "I've played with a lot of the guys who were up there in the voting and any one of them could have won it."

He tore his anterior cruciate ligament in May and spent the summer rehabbing under the care of his sister Candace, the school's athletic trainer.

Kool is the second Mr. Basketball from South Christian. Matt Steigenga, who went on to help Michigan State win the 1990 Big Ten title, won the award in 1988.

He averaged 30.1 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and 3.6 steals per game this

Two quarterfinals being played in Tri-Cities tonight

Two high school basketball state quarterfinals will be played in the area tonight.

Midland High will host a Class D quarterfinal between Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (23-1) and Bay City All Saints (19-5) at 7 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State University will host a Class A quarterfinal between Saginaw Arthur Hill (18-6) and Clarkston (21-4).

season but caught the eye of voters with his performance during the Sailors' run to the 2005 Class B state championship.

Kool scored 37 points in a quarterfinal win over Hillsdale, had another 37 in a semifinal victory over Detroit Renaissance and finished his junior season with a 43-point show in South Christian's 67-60 win over Muskegon Heights in the championship game. He was 10-for-15 from the field and 20-for-20 from the free-throw line.

"Some of the coaches who never saw me play probably got a chance to do it last year in the finals," Kool said. "I guess it shows that if you work hard enough, people are going to notice you."

The Sailors finished the regular season 20-0 but were eliminated by Wyoming Godwin Heights in a district semifinal game. Kool ended his career with 1,853 points.