

DENA HEAD NAMED MISS BASKETBALL

Ron Mott (Okemos)

On January 16, 1988 Dena Head was presented the Miss Basketball award which is voted on by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, and sponsored by the Lansing State Journal.

This is the top honor a female high school athlete in Michigan can receive and Dena Head is the 1st player from a Class A school to win the award. After the presentation at the Journal, a photo session and luncheon were held at the Lansing Radisson hotel. In attendance were Dena Head and her family and coach, Fred Thomann, and representatives from BCAM and the Lansing State Journal.

Dena Head, a dominating 5'10" perimeter player and Parade Magazine All American averaged 27.7 pts., 12.8 rebounds, 5.7 steals, and 6.5 assists while hitting 63% of her shots. The last two years, Dena Head has lead Plymouth Salem to the Class A semi-finals. In her 4 year career as a starter, Plymouth Salem was 90-13.

In response to sports reporter Mick McCabe's question, Dena replied, "This is really an honor, but it's hard to describe how you feel." "It's something I've strived for for quite some time — probably since the beginning of my high school career."

Dena, the 7th recipient for the award, has yet to commit to any college or university, but has narrowed her choices to Tennessee, Ohio State, Iowa, Rutgers, and Illinois.

Her next appearance will be in the BCAM All Star game on June 18, 1988 at Eastern Michigan University.



A WINNING COMBINATION

Miss Basketball, Dena Head, and her coach, Fred Thomann, our Overall Coach of the Year.