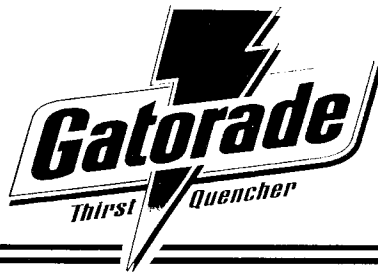


MR. BASKETBALL WINFRED WALTON

Detroit Pershing's 6' 8" Winfred Walton was named the winner of the 1996 Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award. In the closest voting ever for the award, presented each year to Michigan's top senior high school basketball player, Walton edged second place finisher, Mateen Cleaves by only 13 points.

Walton averaged 28 points and 15 rebounds per game for Pershing as a forward. Pershing was unbeaten, nationally ranked and favored to win the Class A state championship before losing to Southfield Lathrup in the regional finals.

When told he had won, Walton said "I'm just happy I was on the winning end of the stick."



MR BASKETBALL VOTES

Winfred Walton * Detroit Pershing	579
Mateen Cleaves * Flint Northern	566
Mike Chappell * Southfield Lathrup	185
Todd Shroetenboer * Gr Rap S Christian	183
Mike Burde * Newaygo	154
Sylvester Dotson * Detroit Cooley	121
Kerry Hartfield * Benton Harbor	118
Ron Banks * Lansing Sexton	105
Rashard Phillips * Ferndale	38
Kevin Kreger * Dearborn	34