

# 2000-2001 MISS BASKETBALL BALLOTING

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u>5 PTS</u>	<u>3 PTS</u>	<u>1 PT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>TABITHA POOL - Ann Arbor Huron</b>	<b>(53) 265</b>	<b>(35) 105</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>400</b>
KRISTIN HAYNIE - Mason	(39) 195	(22) 66	36	<b>297</b>
KATIE FEENSTRA - Grand Rapids Baptist	(33) 165	(31) 93	21	<b>279</b>
KELLY KOERBER - Flint Powers Catholic	(19) 95	(36) 108	24	<b>227</b>
LINDSEY PASQUINZO - Utica	(28) 140	(20) 60	27	<b>227</b>
SARA POTTS - Rochester	(9) 45	(33) 99	34	<b>178</b>
BREANNE McPHILAMY - Portage Northern	(17) 85	(16) 45	27	<b>160</b>
COURTNE ELLIS - Oak Park	(13) 65	(14) 42	9	<b>116</b>
SAMANTHA McCOMB - North Farmington	(9) 45	(15) 45	16	<b>106</b>
TISHONA GREGORY - Martin Luther King	(10) 50	(10) 30	15	<b>95</b>
RYAN COLEMAN - Det Communication & Media	(5) 25	(11) 33	7	<b>65</b>

# Pool owns Miss Basketball

*Injury halted winner's season at only 13 games*

By MICK McCABE  
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As Tabitha Pool lay on the basketball floor writhing in pain last month, she thought it was over.

A college scholarship? Over. A state championship? Over. Miss Basketball? Over.

"I didn't think any of the coaches would vote for me after this," she said, glancing down at her right knee, which required surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

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## THE TOP THREE

Top vote-getters for the Miss Basketball Award:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	PTS
Tabitha Pool	Ann Arbor Huron	400
Kristin	Haynie Mason	297
Katie Feenstra	GR Baptist	279

**Complete voting totals on Page 3E.**

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Pool's senior season was finished after only 13 games, but it didn't make a difference to members of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Pool, from Ann Arbor Huron, became the 20th winner of the

Miss Basketball Award on Monday. She accepted the trophy while on crutches.

Miss Basketball is the most prestigious honor a female high school athlete in Michigan can receive. The award is given annually to the state's top senior by the coaches association, in conjunction with the Free Press.

In voting by association members, Pool accumulated 400 points, followed by Kristin Haynie of Mason with 297 and Katie Feenstra of Grand Rapids Baptist with 279. Points are awarded on a 5-3-1 basis.

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Although her season was limited, Pool, 6-foot-1, made the most of it. She averaged 21.6 points, 17.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 6.0 steals.

But the most telling statistic had nothing to do with the number of points she scored or rebounds she grabbed. In a story profiling the 11 Miss Basketball finalists, five named Pool the best player they had ever played against.

"I thought that was a nice thing for them to say," Pool said.

They were simply stating the obvious. Pool is a tough opponent, and no one knows that better than her brother, Rufus, a junior at Ann Arbor Huron.

The two of them honed their skills on the outdoor courts at nearby Ellsworth Park. The courts are lighted, and they spent hours playing with and against each other.

"It took me a few years before I could beat her," said Rufus, a member of Huron's varsity team. "Her best move is her behind-her-back move. I can't stop that, but a lot of people can't stop it."

Pool is the state's first Miss Basketball not to complete her senior season, and she is the first to sign with Michigan. Her injury occurred before she signed a national letter of intent, and she needed assurances from U-M coach Sue Guevara that her offer was still on the table.

"When I got hurt I thought I wouldn't be able to get into a university," Pool said. "I called Sue that same day and she told me she still wanted me. That made me happy."

There isn't a school in the country that wouldn't take a risk on Pool, healthy or otherwise. National power Tennessee put the full-court press on her through the summer and early fall but couldn't convince Pool to leave Ann Arbor.

In addition to her obvious talents on the floor, coaches appreciated her concern for her team.

"How many kids do you know would score 30 points and get 25 rebounds and be crying because we lost by one point?" Huron

## ELECTION RESULTS

Voting for the 20th annual Miss Basketball Award, given to the top senior by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Free Press. Only association members are permitted to vote. Points are awarded on a 5-3-1 basis:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	PTS
1. Tabitha Pool	Ann Arbor Huron	400
2. Kristin Haynie	Mason	297
3. Katie Feenstra	Grand Rapids Baptist	279
4. Kelly Koerber	Flint Powers	227
5. Lindsey Pasquinzo	Utica	227
6. Sara Potts	Rochester	178
7. BreAnne McPhlamy	Portage Northern	160
8. Cortne Ellis	Oak Park	116
9. Samantha McComb	North Farmington	106
10. Tishona Gregory	Detroit King	95
11. Ryan Coleman	Detroit CMA	65

## The past winners

- 1981: Julie Polakowski, Leland (Michigan State).
- 1982: Sue Tucker, Okemos (Michigan State).
- 1983: Michele Kruty, Manistee (Dayton).
- 1984: Emily Wagner, Livonia Ladywood (Stanford).
- 1985: Franthea Price, River Rouge (Iowa).
- 1986: Daedra Charles, Detroit DePorres (Tennessee).
- 1987: Dena Head, Plymouth Salem (Tennessee).
- 1988: Jennifer Shasky, Birm. Marian (Geo. Wash.).
- 1989: Peggy Evans, Country Day (Tennessee/Ohio St.).
- 1990: Markita Aldridge, Detroit King (N.C.-Charlotte).
- 1991: Lisa Negri, Flint Powers (Ohio State).
- 1992: Erinn Reed, Saginaw (Iowa/Kansas).
- 1993: Sally Sedlar, Manistee (Toledo/Central Mich.).
- 1994: Kim Knuth, St. Joseph (Toledo).
- 1995: Maxann Reese, Redford Bishop Borgess (MSU).
- 1996: Deana Nolan, Flint Northern (Georgia).
- 1997: Aiysha Smith, Bishop Borgess (St. John's).
- 1998: Kristen Koetsier, Grandville (Western Mich.).
- 1999: Vicki Krapohl, Mt. Pleasant (Duke).

coach Pat Battani said. "Most kids would say: 'Hey, I did my job.'"

Pool didn't make Miss Basketball a priority until she saw an AAU teammate, Vicki Krapohl of Mt. Pleasant, win the award last year.

"I had heard of Mr. Basketball but I hadn't heard of Miss Basketball for some reason," she said. "The first one I remember was Kristen Koetsier, two years ago. When Vicki won it last year, I thought I might have a chance."

Despite being ranked No. 1 in the preseason ratings, Pool thought her chances slipped away when she underwent surgery earlier this month. She was surprised and pleased Sunday afternoon when she learned she had won the award.

"I haven't been able to sleep well since the surgery," Pool said. "The pain wakes me up all of the time. I didn't sleep well last night either, but it was because I was so nervous and excited about this award."

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# MISS BASKETBALL TABITHA POOL

ANN ARBOR HURON HIGH SCHOOL



Tabitha Pool, 6-feet-1 from Ann Arbor Huron HS, was the 20th recipient of the Miss Basketball award. This award is voted on by the coaching members of BCAM in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press.

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Pool will take her talents to the University of Michigan next fall.

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