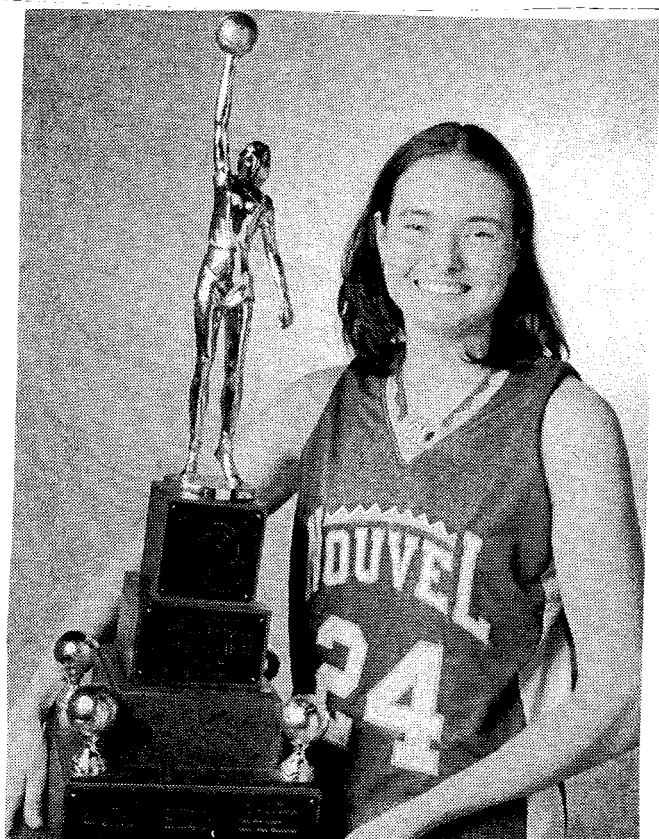


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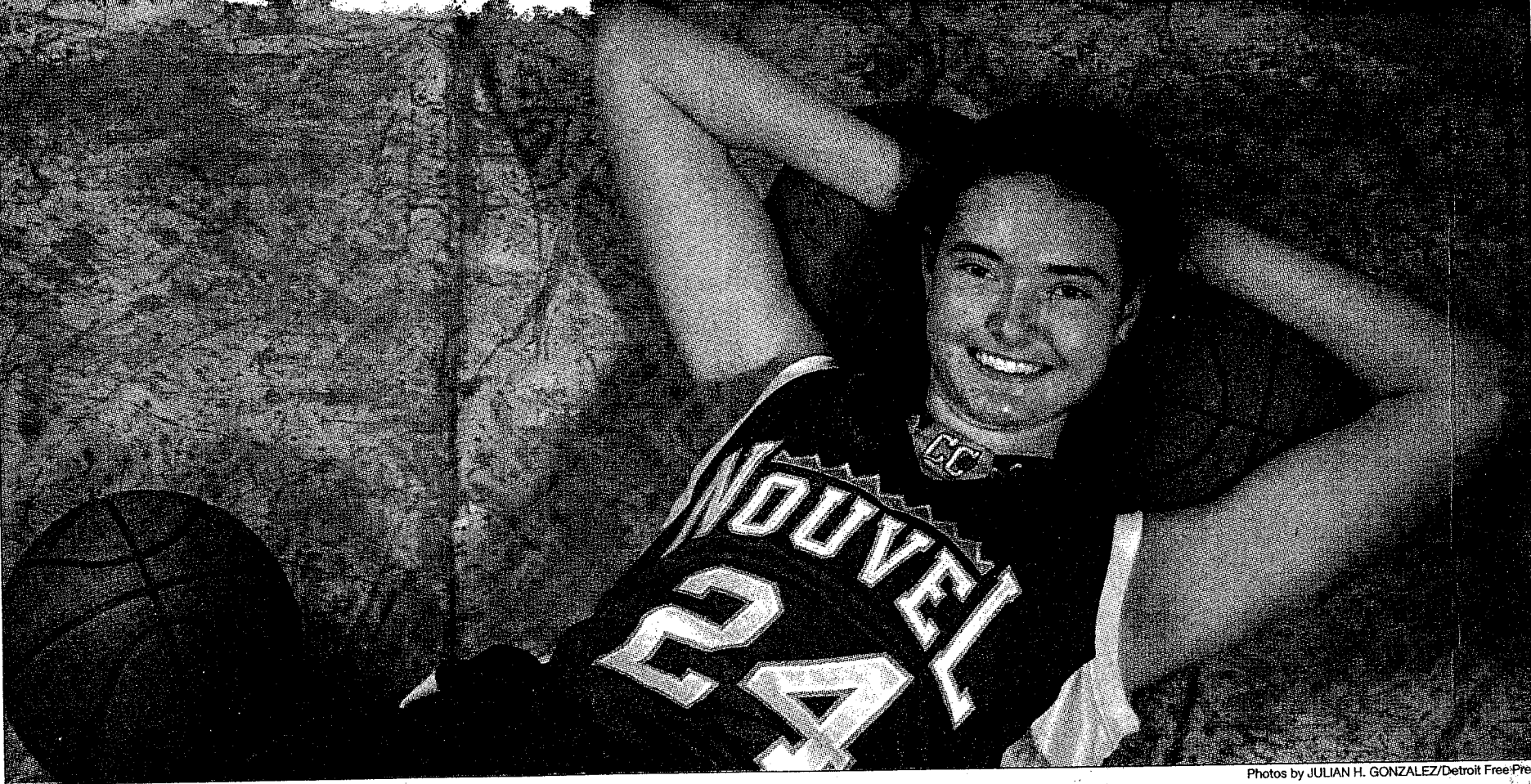


**2002-2003
 MISS BASKETBALL BALLOTING**

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DANIELLE KAMM - Saginaw Nouvel Catholic	457
Victoria Lucas-Perry - Flint Powers Catholic	413
Elise Morrison - Detroit Country Day	284
Katerina Grantham - Saginaw Heritage	226
Kristin Reinhart - East Lansing	212
Nicole Piggott - Pewamo Westphalia	193
Lauren Kohn - Adrian	181
Bonnie Baker - Allen Park Cabrini	152
Annie Malatinsky - Holt	149
Jennifer Smith-Dewey - Okemos	144

BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN 2002-2003 MISS BASKETBALL BALLOTING

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u>5 PTS</u>	<u>3 PTS</u>	<u>1 PT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DANIELLE KAMM - Saginaw Nouvel Catholic	(56) 280	(51) 153	24	457
VICTORIA LUCAS-PERRY - Flint Powers Catholic	(61) 305	(26) 78	30	413
ELISE MORRISON - Bev Hills Detroit Country Day	(30) 150	(36) 108	26	284
KATERINA GRANTHAM - Saginaw Heritage	(18) 90	(34) 102	34	226
KRISTIN REINHART - East Lansing	(23) 115	(23) 69	28	212
NICOLE PIGGOTT - Pewamo Westphalia	(14) 70	(32) 96	27	193
LAUREN KOHN - Adrian	(20) 100	(21) 63	18	181
BONNIE BAKER - Allen Park Cabrini	(18) 90	(14) 42	20	152
ANNIE MALATINSKY - Holt	(14) 70	(18) 54	25	149
JENNIFER SMITH-DEWEY - Okemos	(11) 55	(19) 57	32	144



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Danielle Kamm of Saginaw Nouvel, above, and with the trophy given to Michigan's top senior girls basketball player. She will play her college ball at Marquette.

Saginaw Nouvel's Kamm wins in one of award's closest races

By MICK McCABE
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The Saginaw Nouvel girls basketball players were sitting in a circle Saturday discussing Flint Powers, their opponent tonight in the Class B state quarterfinals.

Powers is the two-time defending state champion, and the Chargers eliminated Nouvel from last year's tournament.

"We don't need a Miss Basketball to beat them," Nouvel coach Kris Hengsbach told her players, "but it would be nice."

Hengsbach then looked to Nouvel

star Danielle Kamm, who giggled and said: "Hey, guys, I won."

Kamm is the 22nd recipient of the Miss Basketball award, given annually to the state's top high school senior by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press.

Kamm, who has signed with Marquette, edged Powers' Victoria Lucas-Perry, who signed with Michigan State, in one of the closest races in years. Points are awarded on a 5-3-1 basis, and Kamm received 457, Lucas-Perry 413. Lucas-Perry actually

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THE TOP VOTE-GETTERS

RK	PLAYER	TEAM	PTS
1.	Danielle Kamm	Saginaw Nouvel	457
2.	Victoria Lucas-Perry	Flint Powers	413
3.	Elise Morrison	Birm. Det. Country Day	287
4.	Katrina Grantham	Saginaw Heritage	227
5.	Kristin Reinhart	East Lansing	217
6.	Nicole Piggott	Pewamo-Westphalia	197
7.	Lauren Kohn	Adrian	187
8.	Bonnie Baker	Allen Park Cabrini	157
9.	Annie Malatinsky	Holt	147
10.	Jennifer Dewey-Smith	Okerrios	147

Points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis.

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received more first-place votes than Kamm, 61-56.

Kamm's victory was remarkable considering she never has played past the quarterfinal round of the state tournament. Lucas-Perry and Birmingham Detroit Country Day's Elise Morrison have played in three straight state championship games and received more state-wide exposure.

Kamm, 6-foot-2, was a virtual unknown when the season began.

"I remember in my freshman year when Vicki Krapohl was in the paper for being Miss Basketball, I thought that would be awesome," Kamm said. "I knew I had the potential to do it, but I didn't know if it would happen.

"I knew it would be tough because Victoria is such a great athlete. At one point I thought she would win for sure. I guess I know more people than I thought."

A starter since her freshman year, Kamm has been exceptionally consistent throughout her career. This season she is averaging 18 points and 11.6 rebounds. In 101 varsity games, her averages are 18.2 points, 12.6 rebounds.

"She is obviously a great person to win this because she busts

FORMER MISS BASKETBALL AWARD 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,

Birmingham Marian (George Washington).

1989: Peggy Evans, Country Day (Tennessee/Ohio State).

1990: Markita Aldridge, Detroit King (North Carolina-Charlotte).

1991: Lisa Negri, Flint Powers (Ohio State).

1992: Erinn Reed, Saginaw (Iowa/Kansas).

1993: Sally Sedlar, Manistee (Toledo/Central Michigan).

1994: Kim Knuth, St. Joseph (Toledo).

1995: Maxann Reese, Redford Bishop Borgess (Michigan State).

1996: Deana Nolan, Flint Northern (Georgia).

1997: Aiysha Smith, Redford Bishop Borgess (St. John's).

1998: Kristen Koetsier, Grandville (Western Michigan).

1999: Vicki Krapohl, Mt. Pleasant (Duke).

2000: Tabitha Pool, Ann Arbor Huron (Michigan).

2001: 2001 Liz Shimek, Maple City Glen Lake (Michigan State).

her butt every day in practice," Hengsbach said. "She can score basically any time she wants to even though she has two or three people guarding her. This year I told her she needed to dominate, to take over games, and she's done a good job at that."

Despite her size, Kamm is more comfortable playing on the perimeter, where she can take advantage of her ball-handling and three-point shooting ability.

"I was talking to the Maryland coach and she asked me how I became such a good ball-handler," Kamm said. "It wasn't something I did intentionally. Whenever I got bored when I was little I'd dribble a basketball around the house and in the driveway. Now I work on my ball-handling a lot."

In the fourth grade, Kamm was the only girl on the team at St.

Elizabeth and was the team's third-leading scorer. But her experience playing against boys goes back even further.

Her older brother, Richard, a sophomore football and basketball player at Northwood University, reluctantly allowed her to join him in neighborhood pickup games.

"I was a tomboy," Kamm said. "I used to beg them to let me play. They wouldn't let me play football with them, but I'd play roller hockey and ice hockey and basketball with them.

"There was one guy, Kirk Ryan, who was older than my brother. He used to want me to play. He used to talk me up. He used to say: 'She's so awesome.'"

The state's coaches agree.

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