

**BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**  
**2003-2004 MR BASKETBALL VOTE TOTALS**

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u># VOTES / 5 PTS</u>	<u># / 3 PTS</u>	<u>1 PT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DREW NIETZEL - Wyoming Park	(158) 790	(29) 87	31	908
JOE CRAWFORD - Detroit Renaissance	(33) 165	(59) 177	38	380
MALIK HAIRSTON - Detroit Renaissance	(36) 180	(49) 147	40	367
MARQUISE GRAY - Flint Beecher	(21) 105	(51) 153	34	292
AL HORFORD - Grand Ledge	(3) 15	(27) 81	31	127
BRIAN MOTEN - Saginaw Arthur Hill	(9) 45	(12) 36	18	99
RON COLEMAN - Romulus	(6) 30	(17) 51	15	96
GOREN SUTTON - Lansing Everett	(2) 10	(16) 48	30	88
DARRYL GARRETT - Detroit Denby	(5) 25	(9) 27	20	72
DAN WATERSTRADT - Redford Detroit Catholic	(4) 20	(3) 9	8	37

## Park High School holds the Mr. Basketball trophy.

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DETROIT — Drew Neitzel got his first victory over Detroit Renaissance Monday.

He's hoping for another shot at them before the week is over.

The Wyoming Park guard was named Mr. Basketball in a Monday ceremony, finishing well ahead of the Renaissance duo of Joe Crawford and Malik Hairston. Neitzel finished with 908 points, while Crawford had 380 and Hairston got 367.

"Those two guys have gotten a lot of hype because they play for a great team, and they are both McDonald's All-Americans," Neitzel said after the presentation. "I feel like I have something to prove, because I felt I should have been an All-American as well."

Wyoming Park plays Paw Paw in a Class B quarterfinal on Tuesday. A win would send them to Michigan State's Breslin Center for a probable semifinal date with unbeaten and nationally ranked Renaissance.

"That would be a lot of fun," Neitzel said. "Everyone knows how good that team is, and I'd love to get a crack at them."

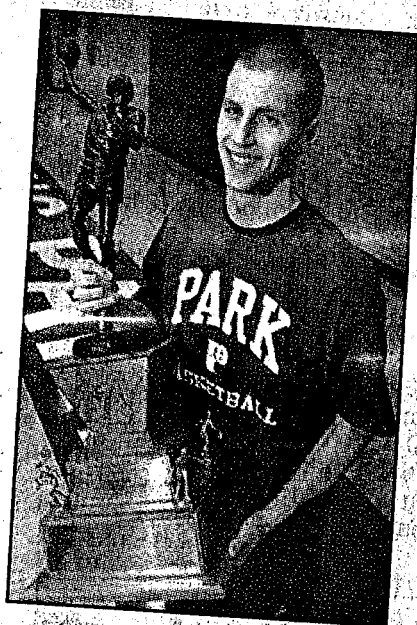
Neitzel is averaging 32.7 points and 8.9 assists for Wyoming Park (22-3), leading the school to its first regional title in 10 years.

"The neat thing about Drew is that winning is his sole priority," said Vikings coach Tom Vander Klay. "If he has to shoot 45 times to win a game, he'll do it, but he'd be just as fine if we win and he doesn't score a point. He scored 57 points when we beat Hudsonville, and he apologized to the team the next day, because he didn't like playing that dominant of a role."

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MR. BASKETBALL

## Neitzel earns top state honor



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Neitzel shoots nearly 25 times a game, but Vander Klay believes that his passing keeps his teammates from thinking him selfish.

"He's just trying to win, and they know that," he said. "I'm pretty sure he's the first player to ever finish in the state's top 10 career lists for points and assists. He's a once-in-a-lifetime player."

Neitzel began playing as a toddler, and credits his father with teaching him the basics of the sport.

"I'm proud as his coach, but more proud as his dad," Craig Neitzel said. "Not only has he turned into a great player, he is a quality person. That's what is best for me."

Like many previous winners of the Hal Schram Trophy, Neitzel will be attending Michigan State, which makes Tuesday's quarterfinal that much more important to him.

"I want to get to Breslin," he said. "I want my last high-school game to be on the same floor as my college games."

Crawford and Hairston are the first teammates to finish in the top 3, and are believed to be the first in the top 10 since future NBA players Jalen Rose and Voshon Lenard did it for Detroit Southwestern in 1991.

### MR. BASKETBALL VOTING

Here are the top 10 finishers in the voting for the 24th annual Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award, voted on by the members of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan:

1. Drew Neitzel, Wyoming Park, 908 points
2. Joe Crawford, Detroit Renaissance, 380
3. Malik Hairston, Det. Renaissance, 367
4. Marquise Gray, Flint Beecher, 292
5. Al Horford, Grand Ledge, 127
6. Brian Moten, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 99
7. Ron Coleman, Romulus, 96
8. Goran Sutton, Lansing Everett, 88
9. Darryl Garrett, Detroit Denby, 72
10. Dan Waterstradt, Redford Cath. Cl., 37