

MR. BASKETBALL REPORT - Al Schaffer (Grand Haven)

Glen Rice, Flint Northwestern's 6'7" forward has been voted the winner of the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award. The award, announced at a press conference in Detroit on Monday, March 18, will be presented at the BCAM Awards Luncheon at noon on June 15 in Kalamazoo. Following the announcement of his having won the most prestigious honor given a basketball player, Rice said, "I thank God that he gave me the ability to perform and I thank my mother for all her support. This is a dream come true and I will live up to the honor that goes with this award."

The voting for the Mr. Basketball Award was the closest since the first year of the award - 1981, when Sam Vincent of Lansing Eastern was named the state's first Mr. Basketball. Rice edged another Flint superstar, Beecher's Roy Marble 449 to 439. Grover Kirkland, Rice's coach commented that Glen always wanted to learn. He wants to be coached. He has worked and worked and now his potential is unlimited. He is a really good kid."

It is fitting that the city of Flint, the producer of some of the state's top players has a Mr. Basketball title to add to its collection of awards. Glen Rice proved by leading his team to back to back Class A Championships that he is indeed Michigan's top prep player for the 1984-85 season.

MR. BB VOTING

1. Glen Rice.....	Flint Northwestern	449
2. Roy Marble.....	Flint Beecher	439
3. Mark Brown.....	Hastings	275
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7. Loy Vaught.....	East Kentwood	141
8. Negele Knight.....	Det. DePorres	109
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