



MISS BASKETBALL KIM KNUTH, Saint Joseph

The screaming began at the Knuth home on Thanksgiving evening when coach Rick Bloodworth said, "I'd like to toast the 1994-95 Miss Basketball!" "Kim, that's you!"

Kim Knuth is the 14th recipient of the Miss Basketball Award, given annually to the state's top senior by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, in conjunction with the Lansing State Journal.

Knuth, a 5-foot-9 forward, has become the state's all-time leading scorer, surpassing Flint Northwestern's Tonya Edwards. Knuth entered the Class B quarterfinals with 2,366 career points. She had at that time scored 1,159 career rebounds. This season she averaged 28.3 points and shooting 61percent.

She is more than a scorer though. A terrific passer, Knuth holds school single-season and career records in rebounding, steals and assists. "Every game, Kim has been there to do what we needed done," Bloodworth said, "whether it was getting the big defensive rebounds or making the right pass or the big steal."

Kim became the front-runner as a sophomore, leading St. Joe to the Class B final and becoming the first sophomore to reach 1,000 points. "I did real well my sophomore year," she said. "That's when I became aware of the award. From then on, every camp I went to, every scrimmage I played in, every game I played went into winning this award. This year I worked a lot on my three-point shot. I needed to do that to get Miss Basketball."

Kim has signed to play at Toledo.

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TOP MISS BASKETBALL VOTE-GETTERS

906	KIM KNUTH	Saint Joseph
653	ANN LEMIRE	Frankenmuth
216	TARA OVERAITIS	Dearborn Divine Child
171	STACY PIASECKI	Muskegon Mona Shores
159	KYLIE MARTIN	Mattawan
157	COURTNEY RUFFING	Rochester Adams
155	LARECHA JONES	Flint Northwestern
151	KELLI DELONG	Auburn Bay City Western
151	KELLI SPIELHAUPTER	Bay City Central
150	NICOLE CUSHING	Pinckney
121	DARCEY RASCH	Madison Hgts Bishop Foley
108	KATHIE CUSHMAN	Flint Powers
97	EBONY DICKINSON	Detroit Murray Wright