

BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

1999-2000 MR BASKETBALL VOTE TOTALS

<u>NAME - SCHOOL</u>	<u>5 PTS</u>		<u>3 PTS</u>		<u>1 PT</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
MARCUS TAYLOR - Lansing Waverly	(162)	810	(35)	105	(17)	17	932
EUGENE SEALS - Saginaw	(10)	50	(47)	141	(36)	36	227
MAURICE SEARIGHT - Orchard Lake St Mary's	(15)	75	(30)	90	(34)	34	199
RICKY PAULDING - Detroit Renaissance	(11)	55	(36)	108	(26)	26	189
CHRIS KAMAN - Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian	(15)	75	(24)	72	(21)	21	168
TONY BOWNE - Hastings	(6)	30	(24)	72	(28)	28	130
DESMAN FARMER - Flint Northwestern	(3)	15	(14)	42	(21)	21	78
GERRIT BRIGITHA - Niles	(7)	35	(5)	15	(10)	10	60
JAMES THEUS - Detroit Martin Luther King	(1)	5	(7)	21	(12)	12	38
ARTHUR JOHNSON - Detroit Pershing	(0)	0	(8)	24	(12)	12	36

MR. BASKETBALL MARCUS TAYLOR



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MARCUS TAYLOR RUNS AWAY WITH MR. BASKETBALL TITLE

The 6-3 Lansing Waverly HS senior, Marcus Taylor, easily won this year's Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award. Marcus received 932 points based on voting by BCAM members. Second place was Eugene Seals of Saginaw HS.

Mr. Taylor is averaging 27 points, 6.3 rebounds and seven assists as his team enters the final week of the state tournament. The future MSU Spartan has hopes of finishing his high school career with a state championship.

Marcus was selected to play in the McDonald's game as well as the Hoop Summit Game during the Final Four. He made several All-American teams and is in the running for national player of the year. But as he told his parents, "the Mr. Basketball Award is special".

Waverly coach Phil Odlum says, "The coaches couldn't have picked a better person for this award. The nice thing is that if you set goals and work hard, you can attain them. Marcus is living proof of that."

Taylor-made award

Waverly star earns state's top hoop honor

DETROIT (AP) — Marcus Taylor has been compared to Magic Johnson and Michigan State guard Mateen Cleaves for years. Now the Lansing Waverly senior has something that neither of those players does — the Mr. Basketball Award.

Taylor won in a landslide Monday. In voting by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press, Taylor received 932 points compared to just 227 points for runner-up Eugene Seals of Saginaw. Maurice Searight of Orchard Lake St. Mary's took third place with 199 points.

It is the 20th anniversary of the award and organizers said they believe it is the largest point differential in voting history.

"I was very happy," said Taylor, about hearing he had won. "I worked so hard to get to this point and win this award. It just shows all the hard work paid off. My parents are so proud and it's just been great."

It is Taylor's parents, James and Kay, who have stayed involved in his life and have had the biggest influence on him.

"He put in a lot of time with me and taught me a lot about the game and about life, what to expect," Taylor said. "We sat down and watched players as I was growing up, seeing all the mistakes they made and all

Here are the results of the 20th annual Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award.

1. Marcus Taylor, Lansing Waverly 932 points
2. Eugene Seals, Saginaw 227
3. Maurice Searight, OLS St. Mary's 199
4. Ricky Paulding, Detroit Renaissance 189
5. Chris Kaman, Wyoming Tri-Unity 168
6. Tony Bowne, Hastings 130
7. Desmon Farmer, Flint Northwestern 78
8. Gerni Engima, Uiles 60
9. James Hues, Detroit King 38
10. Arthur Johnson, Detroit Pershing 36

The voting was conducted by BCAM members and points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis.

the good ones and I wanted to follow the good ones. He's just been a great inspiration for me, him and my mom. Without them, I definitely wouldn't be in this room right now. I just want to thank them because they've showed me tremendous love and support."

It is that love and support that have helped Taylor keep his feet firmly on the ground in spite of all the attention and adulation he's received since before he even got into high school.

James Taylor said he and his wife set the example, but Marcus is the one who follows it.

"No matter how much credit people want to give us, he deserves most all of it," James Taylor said. "Because I've talked to a lot of kids. I work with a lot of kids. You have to have a guy that's willing to listen, then make all the sacrifices that he's made. That's the hardest thing to find."



AP photo/J. KYLE KEENER

Lansing Waverly guard Marcus Taylor pumps his fist after winning the 20th annual Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award Monday in Detroit. The award is the highest honor for a Michigan high school basketball player and is given by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press. Taylor will be attending Michigan State in the fall.