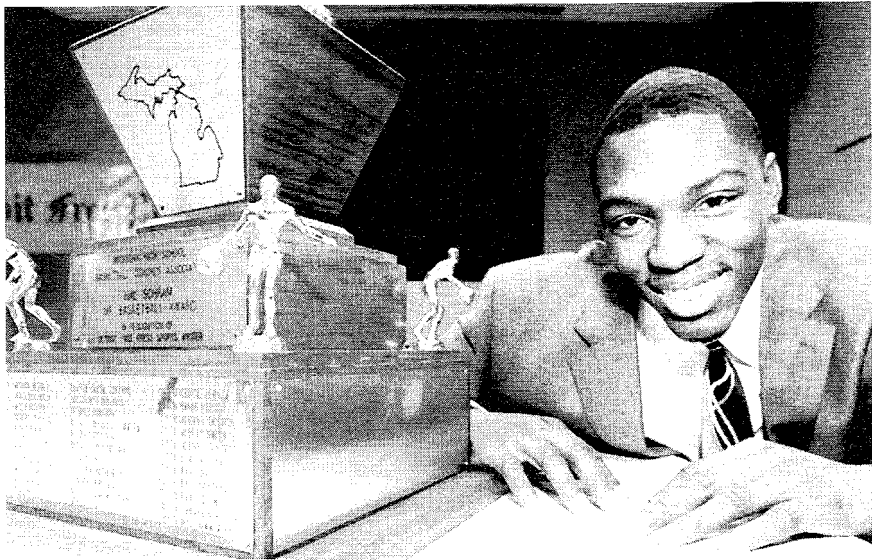


# MR. BASKETBALL DION HARRIS



## **Detroit Redford's DION HARRIS is Mr. Basketball**

For the last 16 1/2 years, Dion Harris has made the journey from a spectator in diapers to the 23rd recipient of the Hall Schram Mr. Basketball award, given annually to the state's top senior. The award is presented by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in conjunction with the the Detroit Free Press.

Harris, a 6-foot-4 guard from Detroit Redford, edged Detroit St. Martin dePorres guard Bandon Cotton. Harris received 555 points and Cotton, 503. North Muskegon center, Drew Naymick was third with 252.

Coaches association members vote for the award, and they must vote for three candidates. Points are awarded on a 5-3-1 basis. Harris had 77 first-place botes to Cotton's 63.

The coronation of Harris, who signed early with Michigan, halts a streak of four straight Mr. Basketball winners who had signed with Michigan State.

This season, Harris averaged 24.6 points and 8.7 rebounds for the Huskies, who advanced to the Detroit Public School League championship game before losing to Detroit Renaissance. Redford was eliminated from the Class A state tournament when it was upset by Detroit Mumford.

Harris has been the most heralded player in his class since he led Redford to the first PSL title in school history during his sophomore season. A year ago, he helped the Huskies reach the Class A championship game where they lost to Pontiac Northern.