

CEP baseball stars named to Class A All-State team

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The stocky senior hit an incredible .543 with six home runs and 47 runs batted in from the number three spot in coach Brian Gilles' batting order.

"I wanted to hit close to .600 and top 30 runs batted in," admitted Slavin. "Mr. Gilles kept telling me I had a good shot this year (at All-State honors).

"I really wanted it even when I was a freshman," Slavin added.

"You could see his talent as a freshman (the first ever on Salem's varsity)," said Gilles.

"As a hitter he was disciplined. He was strong and had real quick hands."

Slavin is the fourth MHSAA All-State selection from Salem. The first was left-handed hurler Tom Willette, who was a key in the Rocks' State Champion team in 1975. Willette now coaches the Salem pitchers. He pitched at North Carolina State between tours of duty at Salem.

The other Rock selections include pitcher Brian Wolcott in 1976 and catcher Dave (Bubba) Wilcox in 1979. Wolcott went on to pitch at Michigan State.

Capnerhurst is Canton's seventh All-State pick since the varsity team began in 1974. The first was shortstop Brian Stemberger in 1975. Stemberger was an all-Mid American selection at Eastern Michigan and currently plays in the Toronto Blue Jays' farm system.

Scott Collins, another shortstop, won honors in 1977 and '78. The older brother of junior Tim Collins, Scott gained all-Big Eight accolades at Missouri.

Other winners include Michigan State players Scott James (pitcher) in 1979 and Bill Hanis (catcher) in 1982. Pitcher Dan Smith was All-MHSAA in 1981.

Slavin's fondest memory of his career was the comeback and the state playoff performance of Salem this year.

Capnerhurst was most thrilled when he hit a home run to help capture not only the WLAA title this year, but Crissey's 200th win in the process. "When I slapped Mr. Crissey's hand, I just said, 'that's your 200th, coach,'" said Capnerhurst.

"Mr. Crissey's like a father to me. I'll never forget him," concluded Capnerhurst.



BRYAN CAPNERHURST is the sixth different Canton baseball player to be named to the first team All-State, according to the coaches. The three-year starter hit .380 in his senior year to help the Chiefs to a 17-7 mark. (Crier photo by Robert Cameron)

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sistently molded his troops into one of the best units in the state year after year.

But, as Capnerhurst acknowledged, one goal has eluded the Chiefs, the Class A state title. Canton was in the finals last year, but they lost to Midland. Two other times, Canton reached the semi-finals, but they bowed out to the eventual champs both times.

I think it's the excellent coaching, not only at Canton but at Salem, too, that has brought this town ten All-State performers since 1975, including one repeat performer.

And, it's that coaching that'll keep on bringing All-State performers and possibly another state championship (Salem took top honors in Michigan in 1975) to our school district.

When it will happen is the big question now.

Canton girls' track coach not unhappy

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people and a continued commitment from the runners.

"All we need now is to get more people. The girls on the team need to bring out a friend or two," said the fourth year coach.

Richardson did a commendable job with his team, even though they had a lack of experience and depth.

Canton finished eighth at the recent Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) meet, only seven points out of seventh. The highest finish was the record-setting mile relay team, which was second.



DAN SHAMIYEH took top honors in the July Fourth run. Entered in the 20-29 year-old category, he ran a time of 23:57 (Crier photo by Rick Smith)

Shamiyeh tops July 4th Run

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Kathleen Dodson took top honors, placing 88th overall. Second was Therese Kowalski (136) and Susan Roy (182).

The men of the same age bracket had two top ten placers, Mark Gibney (fourth) and Ray Henderson (ninth). R. Leviin was twelfth.

William Boyd (10), Miles Kinhead (17) and Harry Stoddard (23) were tops in the men's 40-49 category.

The 40-49 women were led by Henny Volpe, who was 97th overall. Second and third, respectively, was Barb Frey (139) and Janet Dehucia (140).

Michael Long, 96th overall led the over 50 men. Long was hotly pursued by Salvatore Scianna (108) and Bob Zaborsky (109).

Connie Cavanaugh was the only woman over 50 to enter and she came in 266th place.

Salem Elks blast past Redford, 12-1

The Salem Elks baseball team got the firepower they needed and then some on Saturday.

They pounded the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association (RTJAA), 12-1, in Redford Adray Connie Mack league play.

The game at Capital Park in Redford was stopped after five innings due to the ten-run mercy rule.

Down 1-0 in the third inning, Salem's Chris Mowers got things going with a bases-loaded triple to open the floodgates.

Tom Moore got three hits, including a two run homer in the seven-run fourth inning rally. Mike Cindrich also got three hits.

Barry McNamara went the distance, surrendering four hits, walking one and striking out five. The only run given up was not earned.

Salem is now 5-1.

They played the Canton Elks yesterday in a doubleheader.

The Canton crew breezed to a 10-1 win over Southfield Lathrup on Thursday. Mark Bennett, Bucky Blake and Mike Battaglia combined on a four-hitter, striking out seven.

Marty McCarthy was the hitting hero. He hit a home run and a double. Other two-hit players included Tim Collins and Jeff Olson. Canton got a total of 13 hits.

On Thursday, Salem beat Bishop Borgess, 10-2.

Moore had three hits, including a home run. Todd Riedel and Dave Slavin each got two of Salem's 11 hits.

Rick Berberet pitched four innings, giving up two runs, four hits and one walk. The big righthander struck out two batters.

McNamara cleaned up, allowing two hits, walking one and striking out six. McNamara struck out the side in the seventh inning to insure the win.