

Zerman on All-Ohio first team

Staff, wire reports

COLUMBUS — Fremont Ross senior Dawn Zerman, who led the Little Giants to a 21-2 record and the Great Lakes League championship was named to the first team on the 1995-96 Associated Press Division I girls All-Ohio basketball team.

Zerman, a 5-foot-6 guard, averaged 21.6 points and more than five rebounds and five assists a game.

Clyde's Lisa Keegan was an honorable mention selection in Division II.

Zerman said one of her goals was to earn first-team All-Ohio honors this season, "but I didn't really think I'd get it."

"I just figured, Fremont's small and not too many people look at it," Zerman said. "There



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are a lot of good ballplayers in Columbus and Cleveland.

"My biggest goal was to get to the state tournament. We didn't get there, but we did win our league."

The Little Giants lost to Toledo Central Catholic in the district semifinals.

Zerman was also named the Northwest District Player of the Year last week and finished her career with 1,403 points.

Helen Darling, who led Columbus Brookhaven to a perfect season and the No. 2 ranking in the state, is the player of the year in Division I. The 5-8 senior, averaged 16.1 points, 9.5 rebounds, 5.3 assists and eight steals — in 17 minutes per game.

The point guard, already signed to go to Penn State, shot 52 percent from the field and 64 percent at the line. She'll be on display in Thursday's first game of the 21st girls state basketball

tournament when she leads Brookhaven (26-0) against defending champion Beavercreek (25-1) at 2 p.m. Rocky River Magnificat (22-4) takes on Wooster (24-1) in the second game at 4 p.m., with the winners meeting in Saturday's 11 a.m. championship final at St. John Arena.

She was the choice for the big-school player of the year based on the recommendations of a state media panel. As if all that weren't enough, she also is a 4.0 student.

The coaches of the year are Frank Dalton of Delaware Hayes and James Spurrier of Cleveland Collinwood.

For the second year in a row, Semeka Randall of Garfield Heights Trinity is the player of the year on the Division II team.

Randall, a 5-foot-10 junior, averaged 30.4 points, 8.6 rebounds, 4.7 assists and an eye-popping 8.2 steals a game for

Trinity, the state's second-ranked team in the division.

The coach of the year was Lima Bath's Gretchen Prichard, who guided her team to a perfect record and this week's state tournament.

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Randall was challenged for player of the year honors by Lima Bath's Sherry Kahle, a 5-9 senior, who hit for 18.8 points, 10.4 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 3.8 steals a game.

They could meet, should they both win their semifinal games Friday in the 21st girls state tournament at St. John Arena. Trinity (23-3) plays Bellefontaine (24-2) at 7 p.m. Friday, with Lima Bath (26-0) taking on Zanesville Maysville (19-6) in the nightcap at 9 p.m. The survivors meet Saturday at 9 p.m. in the title game.

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