

1979 Steve McGilton named All-Ohio HM

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Kellogg is AAA player of the year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Michigan Coach Johnny Orr says of Clark Kellogg, The Associated Press' Class AAA Ohio prep basketball Player of the Year, "There isn't a college team he wouldn't fit into — immediately."

Orr and Ohio State Coach Eldon Miller are involved in a tug of war over the 6-foot-8 Cleveland St. Joseph star's services.

"I've never seen a player with better feeling for the five-man game than Clark shows at this stage. He has as much potential as any young man I've seen in high school," said Miller.

"He could play guard, center or forward in college," said the Ohio State coach. "But he belongs on the perimeter. He has to face the basket."

Kellogg nipped another top college prospect, Notre Dame bound John Paxson of Kettering Alter, for the Ohio honors.

Mike Ferone, who led Cincinnati Withrow to 18 straight regular season victories and the AP state poll title, won the Ohio Coach of the Year laurels in Class AAA.

The selections, based on regular season play, are made with the recommendations of a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Kellogg, a senior, averaged 26.8 points and 17.6 rebounds as well as being a top assist man for St. Joseph. His play helped the Cleveland school to a 16-2 record and the state's No. 4 ranking.

Paxson, a 6-2 playmaking senior guard, also scored at a 23.4 point clip in helping Alter to a 17-1 season. The Knights were second ranked statewide. Paxson was the Most Valuable Player in the 1978 state tournament finals for champion Alter.

Ferone guided Withrow to the first Ohio ratings title for a Cincinnati school since Elder accomplished the feat in 1961.

Besides Kellogg and Paxson, first team members are 6-10 LaSalle Thompson of Withrow, 6-7 Dave Rieker of Findlay, 5-11 Johnny Davis of Steubenville, 6-6 Pete Williams of Columbus West, 6-5 Kevin Castleman of Columbus East, 5-11 David Greer of Canton McKinley and 6-5 Kevin Gaffney of Alliance.

All are seniors and range in scoring average from Kellogg's 26.8 points to 14.6 for Greer, the hub of third-ranked McKinley's powerhouse.

FIRST TEAM

Clark Kellogg, Cleveland St. Joseph, 6-8 Sr., 26.8 points per game, John Paxson, Kettering Alter, 6-2 Sr., 23.4; LaSalle Thompson, Cincinnati Withrow, 6-10 Sr., 22.4; Dave Rieker, Findlay, 6-7 Sr., 17.0; Johnny Davis, Steubenville, 5-11 Sr., 22.0; Pete Williams, Columbus West, 6-6 Sr., 22.6; Kevin Castleman, Columbus East, 6-5 Sr., 20.0; David Greer, Canton McKinley, 5-11 Sr., 14.6; and Kevin Gaffney, Alliance, 6-5 Sr., 17.2.

SECOND TEAM

Bill Ross, Marietta, 6-1 Sr., 19.6; Pete Carrillo, Stow Walsh Jesuit, 5-

10 Sr., 26.9; Terry Tezchout, West Geauga, 6-1 Sr., 26.7; Eric Salter, Xenia, 6-7 Sr., 19.0; Mike Reichert, Celina, 6-8 Sr., 19.6; Granville Waiters, Columbus East, 6-11 Sr., 21.4; Joe Glassco, Chillicothe, 6-foot Sr., 17.4; and Chris Thomas, Zanesville, 6-5 Sr., 15.3.

THIRD TEAM

Fred Carson, Springfield North, 6-2 Sr., 23.2; Ron Laraway, Wapakoneta, 6-2 Sr., 23.0; Bill Johnson, Mount Healthy, 6-2 Sr., 22.1; John Jones, Toledo Start, 6-2 Sr., 20.4; Mike McAdams, North Olmsted, 6-4 Sr., 13.1; George Clayton, Groveport, 6-foot Sr., 16.4; Mitch Adams, Copley, 6-7 Sr., 18.7; Ken Byrd, Toledo Scott, 6-4 Sr., 18.2; and Bernard Johnson, Cleveland Glenville, 6-6 Sr., 16.5.

PLAYER OF YEAR — Clark Kellogg, Cleveland St. Joseph.
COACH OF YEAR — Mike Ferone, Cincinnati Withrow.

SPECIAL MENTION

Jay McHugh, Geneva; Tony Capasso, Cleveland West Tech; Mel Pollock, New Philadelphia; Rob Woods, Dover; Jeff Gilliam, Steubenville; Art Chonko, Athens; Dave Lehman, Logan; Brett Cordle, Lancaster; Scott Jones, Mansfield Madison; Bobby Harris, Columbus South; and Howie Slemmons, Hubbard.

AREA HONORABLE MENTION
Steve McGilton, Fremont Ross; Tracy Colston, Port Clinton.

