

## 6 Lady Beavers receive J-P all-conference honors



Katie Parker

Six members of the Beaverton varsity girls basketball squad received recognition when the Jack Pine All-Conference selections were announced last week.

Senior Katie Parker was named to the all-league first team. Senior twins Tina and Dena Argyle and sophomore Jennifer Johnston were selected to the all-conference 2nd team. Seniors Sally Grant and Karrie Snyder received honorable mention.

Parker was the team's leading rebounder and was instrumental in the Beaverettes' success on the hardcourt.

Tina Argyle sparked the defense, while sister Dena was the team's leading scorer. Grant was a power player who worked the ball inside for the Beavers while Johnston and Snyder helped lead Beaverton's tough full court and

half court presses and fast break offense.

"I was pleased to see all 6 of those girls get recognition and I was happy with the all-conference selections," said Coach Doyle Durkee. "These players helped us through the year with their leadership and abilities and they were instrumental in our success this season. I thought the girls really deserved the recognition."

Beaverton compiled a 19-6 overall record and finished with a 10-4 conference mark, good enough for 3rd place behind champion Roscommon and Houghton Lake. The Lady Beavers defeated Alma, 48-38 to win the Class B District Championship and downed Bañgor John Glenn, 63-43 to take the regional title. Beaverton was knocked out of the state tourney quarterfinals by Kingsford, 66-44 Dec. 4, which ended their season.

The 19 wins sets a school record for most victories in a season.

Those who received unanimous selection to the all-conference 1st team were juniors Cheri Euler from Houghton Lake and Michelle Richardson from Farwell. Other 1st team members were seniors Tammy Mire and Lori Willett from Roscommon.

Others selected to the 2nd team were junior Heather Richardson

from Farwell and senior Joy Resigule from Harrison.

Team awards were presented to the members of the Beaverton varsity squad at the banquet last Wednesday evening in the middle school's multi-purpose room. The team members dedicated the season to the late Jenny Loar, a Beaverton High School graduate who died earlier this year.

Receiving awards were Katie Parker for top rebounder and most valuable player; Tina Argyle, "Miss Defense" award; Dena Argyle, top scorer; and Karrie Snyder, most improved player.

### Final J-P Standings

Roscommon	13-1
Houghton Lake	12-2
Beaverton	10-4
Farwell	9-5
Coleman	5-9
Harrison	4-10
Meridian	3-11
Clare	0-14



**MEMBERS OF the Beaverton varsity girls basketball team sadly watch their season come to an end in the Lady Beavers' 66-44 loss to Kingsford in the Class B quarterfinals at Co-runna last Wednesday. - photo by Mary Irwin.**

from the floor (41%), compared to the Flivvers' 24 of 64 (38%). The Beavers iced 8 of 14 charity tosses (57%), while Kingsford was 19 of 26 (73%).

Beaverton controlled the boards by a 38-25 advantage as Tina Argyle pulled down 8 and Parker, 7. Wozniak had 7 for the Flivvers.

"The key to the game was their pressure beating us," said Coach Doyle Durkee. "Our half court defense never bothered them. But their press was run very well. They were a lot quicker than us and we just lost our composure."

Durkee commended his seniors, particularly Parker, for their never-say-die attitudes in the final game. He was also pleased with the way his team hit the boards for timely rebounds.

"Katie did a good job early, but they double teamed her and nobody stepped up," the coach added. "We missed a lot of little layups and easy shots. We haven't faced many presses this year

and Kingsford sure threw a good one at us. Their coach said that was their best performance this season, no question. I don't doubt it."

Despite the loss and the end to the post-season tournament, Durkee said he is very proud of what this team accomplished in 1991.

"I can't say enough good things about these young ladies. They truly are champions," he said. "The kids hung in there, battled and never gave up. This is a fantastic group of kids and they accomplished something that's never been done here at Beaverton - win a regional title."

Beaverton, which finished 3rd in the Jack Pine Conference behind league champion Rockhampton and Houghton Lake, claimed a Class B district title and regional championship before bowing out in the first round of the state finals.

That's the farthest a Beaverton girls basketball team has gone in post-season play.