

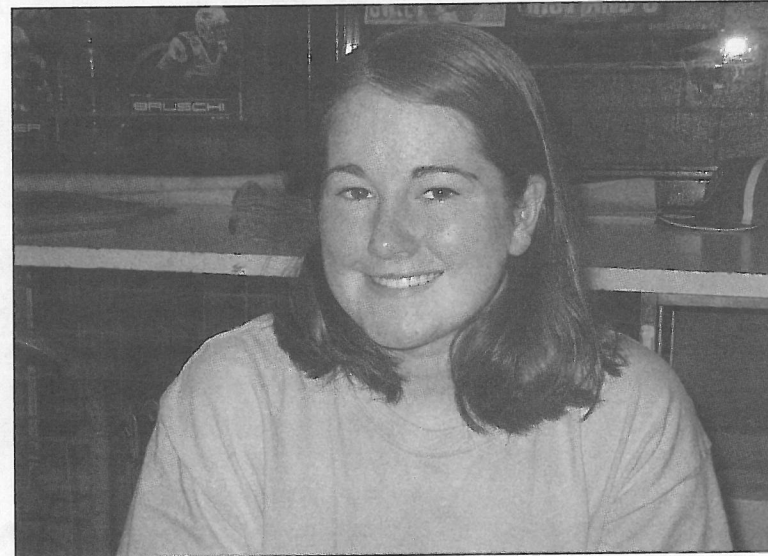
### Young girl concentrating on family, school, and hoop

by Kevin Devlin

She doesn't waste any of her time, has a close-knit family, focuses on school endeavors, and loves to play basketball every chance she gets. She is the daughter of Michele and Brian Colvin. She also has two younger sisters, Vicky and Abigail. Her name is Michaela Colvin.

Michaela, 15, will be a junior this upcoming school year at Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton. She's doing terrific in class, and realizes mostly Honor Roll grades. As a sophomore, she successfully completed four Honor's Classes, those being English, biology, geometry, and algebra II. She plans to attend college and hopefully work in the math/science field after she graduates.

At school, Michaela plays



Michaela waiting to play in a BNBL game at the Tynan Community Center gymnasium.

on the softball and basketball teams. She was the recipient of the 2008 "Coaches Award for Excellence" for basketball and also received two "Service Awards" for her valuable after-school contributions.

Outside of school, Michaela is an avid hoop player. She began playing the sport when she was eight years old, and has participated in the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball program, games at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, the All-Dorchester Sports League (ADSL), as well as the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL). I've seen her play many hoop games in the local gyms and she really

is a focused, determined, smart, and hard-nosed opponent, who gives one hundred percent every time she walks onto the court. I just like the way she plays the game.

I asked Michaela why she picked hoop as her primary sports' focus.

"When I began playing at

## Southie Sr. Babe Ruth to Host State Tournament

The South Boston Sr. Babe Ruth Team will make their third consecutive trip to the State Tournament this coming weekend. All games will be played at King Field in Moakley Park with the local squad playing their first game on **Saturday, July 18 at 3pm.**

After drawing a first-round bye, Southie will take on the winner of Friday night's game between Norwood and Old Colony. Games will continue throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday in the double elimination tournament.

The team has gotten off to a great start and is sporting an impressive 11-1 record heading into the tournament and any hometown fan support would be greatly appreciated.

See you at the park!

## Meet Michaela Colvin

the Club I was one of the older players so I got a lot of playing time," she said "I also tried to help the other players. The more I played I just learned to love the sport."

Michaela has also been involved in soccer throughout the years. She has participated in the South Boston Youth Soccer League and has also volunteered as a coach. She intends to coach and play again in Southie this fall and also try out for her school soccer team. Additionally, Michaela is a "Club Kid" and has spent many hours participating in Club programs (Keystone Club / swim team/mentoring/tutor etc.) and has also been a Club community volunteer.

During her leisure time, she takes her two younger sisters to the library, or plays basketball with them in their

backyard, hoping to teach them a trick or two about hoop. And, when time allows, which isn't too often, Michaela hangs out with her friends.

Her mom and dad are really proud of Michaela and rightly so.

"She's a great kid and we are proud of her," said her mom. "Michaela is a good role model for younger kids, especially her two sisters. She spends a lot of time with them because she knows it's the right thing to do. At the Club, she has mentored younger members and also tutored them. Kids look up to her and I think that's important. Michaela doesn't waste her time and has never hung out on the street corner. She keeps busy and out of trouble...and that's good."