

8 harriers reap area accolades

By BOB GROSS

Seven is a magic number in cross country. Only the top five runners on a team count in actual dual-meet scoring, but coaches usually agree to race seven runners. So how come there are eight runners on the 1980 Observer & Eccentric boys' cross country all-area team? Well, there were too many good runners in the six-community Oakland County area, served by the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. So tradition — and with it, seven — fell by the wayside when a committee of coaches met to select the best runners in the area. Here's the team:

GEOFF SMITH — BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Smith, a senior, is a repeat performer from last year's first-team all area squad. He finished sixth this year in the Class A state meet at Flint's IMA Golf Course with a time of 16:40 for 5,000 meters. Smith finished first in every one of Groves' dual meets, and he had an impressive string of firsts in invitational competition. He was first in the Holly Invitational, the West Bloomfield Invitational and the Metro Suburban Activities Association-Southeastern Michigan Association meet.

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O&E boys' cross country team

FIRST TEAM — Tim Cannon, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; Geoff Smith, Birmingham Groves; Pete Shaffer, Auburn Hills Avondale; Mark Shaw, West Bloomfield; David Krutur, Southfield-Lathrup; Tim Sullivan, Birmingham Brother Rice; Chris Dorsey, Birmingham Brother Rice; Joe Davey, Birmingham Brother Rice.

SECOND TEAM — Rich Fromm, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Dave Berwick, Birmingham Groves; Dave Taylor, Rochester Adams; Dave Bowden, Birmingham Seabolt; Keith Skalis, Troy; Darrell Brecher, Troy.

HONORABLE MENTION — Mike Schafer, Birmingham Brother Rice; Dave Kutman, Birmingham Groves; Doug Krause, Birmingham Seabolt; John MacKenzie and Jim McKinley, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Don Cook, Detroit Country Day; Bill Atkinson, Farmington; Dave Tremont, Farmington; North Farmington; Paul Ward, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Norm Smith, Southfield-Lathrup; Mike Moore and Tom Grabowski, West Bloomfield.

COACH OF THE YEAR — Bob Stark, Birmingham Brother Rice.



Geoff Smith heads the 1980 All-Observer & Eccentric boys' cross country team. (Staff photo)



PETE STOUFFER
Avondale



GEOFF SMITH
Groves



MARK SHAW
West Bloomfield



DAVID KRAFSUR
Lathrup



TIM SULLIVAN
Brother Rice



JOE DAVEY
Brother Rice



CHRIS DORCEY
Brother Rice



BOB STARK
Coach-Brother Rice



LISA FRANSEEN
Rochester



AIMEE LANDRY
Rochester



ANNA BAUER
Seabolt



MINI BAKER
Lahser



LISA REIMUND
Athens



ALIA NEWMAN
Country Day



JOANNE SIMONETTI
Seabolt



GEORGE LONG
Coach-Athens

Falcon girls garner honors for a 3rd time

By BOB GROSS

Year in and year out, you just can't keep Rochester High School off the Observer & Eccentric All Area girls' cross country team.

The Falcons have dominated the team the past two years, placing four girls on the first squad in 1978 and three girls on the first team last year.

Well, the numbers for Rochester are a bit down this year.

But the quality is still there — Falcons Aimee Landry and Lisa Franseen were first-team picks for the third consecutive year.

Of course, with Rochester placing "only" two girls on this year's first-team selections, that opened up a few more spots for other schools.

Birmingham Seabolt responded with two selections — Anna Bauer and Joanne Simonetti.

Lisa Riemund and her coach, George Long, represent Metro Suburban Activities Association champion Troy Athens.

And girls from Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Detroit Country Day give the all-area team some youth — Lahser's Mini Baker is a sophomore, and Country Day's Alia Newman is a freshman.

A committee of coaches recent met to select this fine squad.

Here is the team:

AIMEE LANDRY — ROCHESTER

A senior, Landry was the Greater Oakland Activities League champion. She finished second in the Oakland County meet and second in the Class A Royal Oak Kimball Regional.

Landry was sixth in the state meet at Flint's IMA Golf Course with a time of 18:30 for 5,000 meters.

She is a 1980 Class A All-State selection.

LISA FRANSEEN — ROCHESTER

This is not merely the third year for Franseen on the O & E All-Area team.

This is also the third consecutive year the senior runner has been named to the Class A All-State team.

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O&E girls' cross country team

FIRST TEAM — Lisa Franseen, Rochester; Aimee Landry, Rochester; Anna Bauer, Birmingham Seabolt; Mini Baker, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Lisa Riemund, Troy Athens; Joanne Simonetti, Birmingham Seabolt; Alia Newman, Detroit Country Day.

SECOND TEAM — Teri Stouffer, Auburn Hills Avondale; Janet Hughes, Troy Athens; Mary Reed, West Bloomfield; Dawn Morla, Rochester; Kathy O'Brien, Troy Athens; Judy McNamara, Troy Athens; Kim Curry, Walled Lake Central.

HONORABLE MENTION — Colleen Nolan, Birmingham Marian; Rachel Loon, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Vicki Mata, Mary Pampreen and Kelly Krasch, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Annette Hickey, Farmington; Amy Brown and Joan McCarthy, Farmington Mercy; Paul Shaaban, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood; Patty Cavallini and Judy McNamara, Rochester Adams; Kris Courter, Southfield; Linda Hansen, Southfield-Lathrup; Diane Montgomery, Walled Lake Central.

COACH OF THE YEAR — George Long, Troy Athens.

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