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Farmington's Pete Brown finished fifth in the shot put event at the Class A state track finals Saturday.

Harrison's Short has No. 1 shot put

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Farmington Harrison's Alice Short and Farmington's Pete Brown settled some weighty matters Saturday at the state Class A track meets at Guy Houston Field in Flint.

Short and Brown, both juniors, were the only Farmington-area athletes to score in the prestigious season-ending meets. Short won the girls' shot put event with a heave of 42 feet, 7 1/4 inches and placed second in the discus at 130-1. Brown's finished sixth in the shot put in the boys' state final.

Short, who transferred to Harrison from downstate Illinois in time to help the Hawks' basketball team last fall, is "a real competitor and a dream

track

to coach," her coach, Mark Babcock, said.

"She's the most natural athlete I've ever coached," Babcock said. "I mean this girl has more natural ability than I've ever seen. And she has a great attitude — she does what you tell her."

"She's had a lot of success, but it hasn't changed her attitude. She's very good at getting herself mentally prepared for every event in every meet she's in. She's always ready."

Short's state meet put wasn't her season best. That was 43-6 1/2 in a dual meet against Livonia Franklin. She

came close to winning the discus event at state.

"Alice (with the 130-1 effort) was first until the very last throw of the day," Babcock said. "But then the girl from Adrian, Rhonda Moorehead, beat her out with a throw of 132-3."

Short missed the Western Six League meet (Harrison finished last in a field of five teams) because of illness but won both weight events at the Oakland County track and field championships.

Farmington's Brown, also a top competitor in the shot put, fouled twice at 55 feet at the state meet. He earned sixth place with a throw of 53-10.

"He was the only junior to make the (shot put) finals, so that was a pleasing note," Farmington coach Dave Catherman said.

Farmington netter makes state semis

By Roger Hart
staff writer

Farmington High School's Scott Davis is advanced to the semifinals of the singles competition at the state Class A tennis finals in Midland Saturday before losing.

Davis, a senior and Farmington's lone representative at the state meet, had won 18-straight matches before falling to East Lansing's Marco Wen, 7-5, 6-4. Wen advanced to the singles final where he lost to West Bloomfield's Ed Nagel.

Farmington Harrison, which qualified its entire team for the state meet because it won a regional, finished down in the team standings.

"Thank goodness for (Detroit) Mumford and Murray Wright, or we'd have finished last," said Harrison coach Bernie Goldstein. "We played very badly. I don't know . . . we just couldn't get into it."

Adam Gordon, Harrison's top singles player, lost a first-round match to Gross Pointe North's Chris Brown, 6-1, 7-5.

THE TENNIS TEAMS from Birmingham Brother Rice and West Bloomfield made fine showings in the Class A meet, finishing third and fourth, respectively, in the state.

tennis

Kalamazoo Loy Norrix took the Class A title with 26 points, followed by Ann Arbor Huron with 22, Brother Rice with 21, West Bloomfield with 13, Detroit Catholic Central with 12, Gross Pointe North with 10, Midland Dow with 9, and Ann Arbor Pioneer, Grand Blanc and Gross Pointe South with 7 each.

Nagel, a junior from West Bloomfield, won the state championship in No. 1 singles by defeating Wen in the finals, 6-2, 6-4.

The No. 3 doubles team from Brother Rice of Ed Garcia and Dave Lord defeated the team of Robert Grow and John Stabel from Gross Pointe South 6-4, 6-2, to take that state title.

Rob Warington of Brother Rice lost to John Hieder from Ann Arbor Huron 6-4, 6-3, in the No. 4 singles. Rice's No. 1 singles player Eric Holey was defeated in the semi-finals by eventual state champion Nagel.

Also losing in the semi-finals was the No. 2 doubles team from Brother Rice of Gary Dylewski and Mike Parks who lost to the team of Alex Hsi and Fred

Hamm from Kalamazoo Loy Norrix.

FOR BROTHER RICE, this was the second-highest finish ever in the state tournament. Besides winning third place, Brother Rice captured the Catholic League crown, won the regional for the fifth year out of six, and also captured the Trenton Invitational. Head Coach Don McKercher was named the coach of the year by the Catholic High School League.

McKercher summed up the year by saying, "It was a very good year overall. I think our record shows that."

While Nagel was the only state champion from West Bloomfield, head coach Greg Kopec mentioned some other performances worth noting.

The No. 1 doubles team of Dave Armstrong and Howard Eisenstadt lost in the semi-finals to the team of Eric Haab and Dave Swiat from Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 7-3, 6-3.

KURT STRENG, the No. 3 singles player from West Bloomfield lost to Tim Vanliere 6-2, 6-3, in the quarter finals. The No. 3 doubles team of Mike Seaton and Nick Scavone lost in the quarter finals to the Gross Pointe South team of Robert Grow and John Stabel, 6-1, 6-0.

Kevin Donase won his first round match to round out the scoring for West Bloomfield.



Brad Emons

Grand Prix needs tune-up

There I was, like a fish out of water in the Renault-AMC hospitality area on the second floor of the Renaissance Center.

I was invited to the tent to eat steaks and sip French wine because I had worked with the late Patrick Jacquemart, the chief competition manager and driver for Renault's Le Car operation. He had lived in Canton Township.

English was a foreign language up

there as I watched the Detroit Grand Prix.

The view was perfect, overlooking the third turn and start-finish line.

The Renault employees and friends cheered their drivers, Renee Arnoux and Alain Prost.

The atmosphere was more like Meadowbrook, not Pine Knob where I had been the week before at the Indianapolis 500.

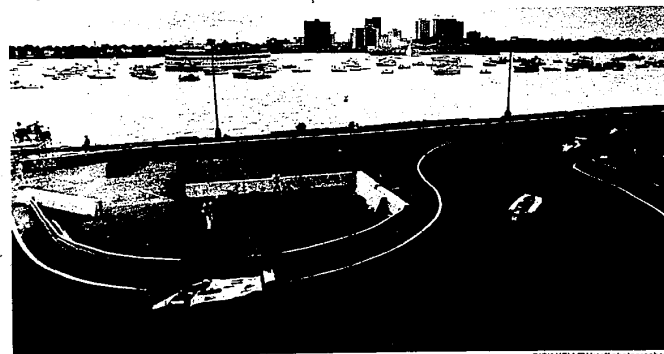
Formula One Grand Prix racing

seems to be a sport for the very rich. Indianapolis is blue-collar even though the costs to race are exorbitant.

It was a beautiful day for racing. Partly sunny and cool. They say 100,000 fans turned out. That's good for business.

When I first heard about the Grand Prix, I laughed. But if it's good for the local economy, how can I object?

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