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Track talent is widespread

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The wealth of talent throughout the Observer & Eccentric track world this year was sensational.

And if you want proof, just take a look at the 1982 O&E All-Area boys' track team.

Of the 13 track and field events, 11 include trackmen from different schools. In other words, the only school with more than one first-team representative is Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) champion Southfield with three.

The field-event first-team members are Bradd Morse of Troy, Dave Butler from West Bloomfield, Chris Kramer from Troy Athens, Robert Hess from Rochester and Pete Brown of Farmington.

In addition, Southfield's Cornelius Edwards, Terrence Robinson and Glen Williams, Avondale's Derek Woodmore, Adams' Jim Cooney, North Farmington's John Winterbottom, Seaholm's Treg Scott and Southfield-Lathrup's Dave Krasaur made first team in the track events.

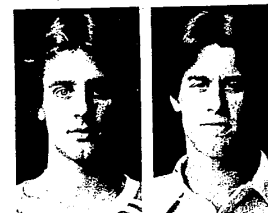
Southfield, Rochester and Birmingham Brother Rice have the area's top relay teams.

The team, headmastered by coach of the year selection John Bancroft of Troy High School, was picked recently by a panel of area coaches.

Following is a brief description of each first-team member.

FIELD EVENTS

DISCUS: Bradd Morse — Morse, a four-year member of the Troy track team, was the anchor of the Colts' powerful shot and discus corps. A senior, Morse won a regional title and finished fifth at the state Class A meet with a throw of 172 feet. He won the SMA championship, the county meet and the Oxford Invitational, and owns the school record of 172 feet, 11 inches. Morse, 6-foot, 205 pounds, was a



Dave Butler
West Bloomfield

Jim Cooney
Adams

Troy's John Bancroft is coach of the year. See story on page 4.

member of the 1981 O&E all-area team. "He always came through in the big meets for us," said Bancroft. "He's consistent and dedicated — after every meet he goes home and lifts weights."

HIGH JUMP: Dave Butler — Butler, a senior, is a two-time Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) high jump champion. This year, he won the regional, the Oakland County meet and tied for fourth at the state meet. On three different occasions Butler hit the 6-8 mark. His only loss in the high jump up until the state meet was in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

POLE VAULT: Chris Kramer — Kramer, a junior, set a school record of 13 feet, 8 inches in winning the Oakland County meet. The three-year member of the Red Hawk track team also won the Oxford Invitational.

LONG JUMP: Robert Hess — Hess set the Rochester High School long jump record of 22 feet, 8 1/4 inches this season, breaking the old standard of 21-10 set by Dave Peters in 1957. A junior, Hess was the county long jump champion, and he was second at the regionals in the long jump. Hess was also an outstanding sprinter and an anchor on two of the Falcons' relay teams.

SHOT PUT: Pete Brown — Brown, 6-1, 245 pounds, is a two-time Inter-Lakes League champion whose best throw this season was 58 feet, 5 inches in winning the regional title. The junior strongman's lone defeat this year was at the state meet, where he finished fifth. Brown was Farmington's leading point scorer this season.

TRACK EVENTS

HIGH HURDLES: Cornelius Edwards — Edwards was one-half of Southfield's one-two hurdle punch. A senior, Edwards was the SMA and regional high jump champion. He was third at the county meet. Edwards' best time this spring was a 14.6 in a dual meet against Seaholm. Edwards was a three-year member of the Blue Jay varsity and the team's leading point scorer. He was a two-year state qualifier in the high hurdles.

LOW HURDLES: Glen Williams — Williams was the other half of Southfield's dynamic hurdling duo. A junior, Williams won the SMA and regional low hurdle titles. He was fourth in the county meet. His best time was 39.3 — set in a dual meet with Troy and at the state finals. "Those two guys (Williams

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Seaholm's Treg Scott was one of the area's most consistent performers this season.

Boys' track stars

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ALL-AREA BOYS' TRACK
FIRST TEAM

DISCUS: Bradd Morse, Troy; **High jump:** Dave Butler, West Bloomfield; **Pole vault:** Chris Kramer, Troy Athens; **Long jump:** Robert Hess, Rochester; **Shot put:** Pete Brown, Farmington; **High hurdles:** Glen Williams, Southfield; **100-meter dash:** Derek Woodmore, Avondale Heights; **Low hurdles:** Glen Williams, Southfield; **400-meter relay:** Rochester (Dan Bradley, Brian Denzler, Terry Whitt, Robert Hess); **800-meter relay:** Southfield (Terrence Robinson, Cornelius Edwards, Mark Harris, Mike McCaskill); **1,600-meter run:** Jim Cooney, Rochester Adams; **400-meter run:** John Winterbottom, North Farmington; **800-meter run:** Treg Scott, Birmingham Seaholm; **200-meter dash:** Terrence Robinson, Southfield; **3,200-meter run:** Dave Krasaur, Southfield-Lathrup; **1,600-meter relay:** Birmingham Brother Rice (John McCleary, Ward Bobitz, Jim Post, Greg Kiselis).

SECOND TEAM

DISCUS: Derrick Perry, Troy; **High jump:** Gilbert Chapman, Southfield; **Pole vault:** Dan Antishin, Farmington; **Long jump:** Damon Jones, Detroit Country Day; **Shot put:** Chris Rusher, Rochester; **High hurdles:** Glen Williams, Southfield; **100-meter dash:** Terrence Robinson, Southfield; **Low hurdles:** Pat Larcum, Troy; **800-meter relay:** Southfield (Darryl Sailor, Mark Harris, Cornelius Edwards, Terrence Robinson); **400-meter relay:** Troy (Dane Losey, Ken Tanoury, Darrin Deese, Bruce Wehrle); **1,600-meter run:** Pat Johnston, Birmingham Brother Rice; **400-meter run:** John McCleary, Birmingham Brother Rice; **800-meter run:** Ward Bobitz, Birmingham Brother Rice; **200-meter run:** John Faulkner, Troy Athens; **3,200-meter run:** Joe Davey, Birmingham Brother Rice; **1,600-meter relay:** Troy (Jack Johansson, Darrin Deese, Rob McAdow, Daryl Strecker).

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

DISCUS: Mark Lytle (Rice); Al Meachum (Troy); Pete Brown (Farmington); Chris Risher (Rochester); **High jump:** Larry Davison (Athens); Joey Walton (Southfield); Brett Logsdon (Adams); **Pole vault:** Matt Sennett (Rice); Bill Schenden (Athens); Mike Krupik (West Bloomfield); Mike Rottell (Cranbrook); **Long jump:** Derek Woodmore (Avondale); Brett Logsdon (Adams); Mike McCaskill (Southfield); **Shot put:** Jim Cherced (Rice); Hiram Jackson (Country Day); Derrick Perry (Troy); Bradd Morse (Troy); Ken Wisemaster (North Farmington); **High hurdles:** Pat Larcum (Troy); John Kopke (North Farmington); Brett Logsdon (Adams); **100-meter dash:** John Faulkner (Athens); Robert Hess (Rochester); Troy Hudson (Country Day); Brian Cochran (Rice); **Low hurdles:** John Kopke (North Farmington); Joe Molnar (Athens); Chris Wehrle (Troy); Cornelius Edwards (Southfield); **800-meter relay:** Troy; Troy Athens; **400-meter relay:** Rochester; Avondale; **1,600-meter run:** Mike Moore (West Bloomfield); Daryl Strecker (Troy); Ward Bobitz (Brother Rice); Rick Pietras (St. Mary's); **400-meter run:** Jack Johansson (Troy); Burt Bieboyck (St. Mary's); John Mullett (Seaholm); **800-meter run:** Mike Moore (West Bloomfield); Pat Johnston (Brother Rice); John Winterbottom (North Farmington); **200-meter dash:** Mark Harris (Southfield); Terry Whitt (Rochester); Brian Cochran (Rice); Dan Bradley (Rochester); Burt Bieboyck (St. Mary's); **3,200-meter run:** Matt Keller (Cranbrook); **1,600-meter relay:** North Farmington; Rochester.

Good stuff's under glass at Old Ball Park, Inc.

I couldn't help feeling a little sad when I saw some of what they keep under glass at the Old Ball Park in Livonia.

Here they are asking for — and sometimes getting, according to the management — a few bucks more than the original price for some of the same kinds of things I used to hoard back in my sports pack-rat days.

I had Baseball Digest magazines from the late 1940s purchased in bulk from some grungy bookstore. One magazine I remember had a cover story about Pittsburgh's new manager: Hank Greenberg, "The Brain." Another carried an article called "Spring Training For Fans" by Bob Considine. I had programs for the Syracuse Nationals pro basketball teams of the mid-1950s... Dolph Schayes and Earl Lloyd played on those teams. I had lots of baseball programs, including the one from that night in 1961 when Warren Spahn beat the Chicago Cubs for his 300th career pitching victory.

I had a lot of stuff. After surviving for years in a musty basement, my treasures were tossed. And thinking of it brings on the gloom, not just because the stuff might be valuable now, but because of the pleasure I used to get from looking at it.

BUT HIT The Old Ball Park with those sentiments and you're likely to cause some major-league yawns by owner Mike Leahy and his staff.

"We hear this all the time," said Leahy, who ditched a lucrative sales career to open this sports-souvenir Valhalla in 1980.

"You're the first one who hasn't blamed his mother for throwing it out."

While it's true that Leahy keeps some valuable old stuff in a glass case in the middle of his 4,000-square-foot store in a strip shopping center at Meridian and Five Mile roads, those odds amount to only about 2 percent of his rather brisk sales.

"It gets a lot of reaction, but that (old) stuff doesn't sell," Leahy said.

What does sell are Tiger caps (more than 1,000 in two weeks), pairs of "official" major-league uniforms (#114 for a Phillies jersey with ROSE stitched on the back) and bubble gum baseball cards (Leahy claims half a million, most encased in clear plastic and held in loose-leaf notebooks).

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Mike Leahy, owner of a sports memorabilia store in Livonia, takes it easy on some seats which made it from one old ball park to another.