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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, Jim Cooney 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, Seaford's Treg Scott and Southfield-Lathrup's Dave Krafus made first team in the track events.

Rochester, 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 discuss corps. A senior, Morse won a regional title and finished third at the state Class A meet with a throw of 160 feet. He won the SMA championship, the county meet and the Oxford Invitational, and overcame the school record of 172 feet, 11 inches. Morse, 6-foot, 205 pounds, was a

member of the 1981 O&E all-area team. "He always comes through in the big meets for us," said Bancroft. "He's consistent and dedicated — after every meet he goes home and lift 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 regionals, 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 the 1981 O&E all-area 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 Lakes League champion whose best throw this season was 56 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 Seaford's one-two hurdle punch. A senior, Edwards was the SMA and regional high hurdles champion. He was third at the county meet. Edwards' best time this spring was a 14.6 in a dual meet against Seaford. 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 38.3 and he finished third at the state finals. "Those two guys (Williams and Edwards) were the best in the state," said Bancroft.



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

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 sitting 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 National pro baseball team in the mid-1950s — Ralph 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 leaden eyes 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 Merriman and Five Mile roads, those oldies amount to only about 2 percent of his rather broad line.

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

What does sell are "Tiger caps (more than 1,000 in two weeks), parts 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).

Aside from all this fabric and cardboard, there are other interesting things: Lance Parrish's

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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.

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Boys' track stars

1982 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
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: Cornelius Edwards, Southfield; 100-meter dash: Derek Woodmore, Avondale Heights Avondale; Low hurdles: Glen Williams, Southfield; 800-meter relay: Rochester (Dan Bradley, Brian Denzler, Terry Witt, Robert Hess); 400-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 North Farmington; 200-meter dash: Terrence Robinson, Southfield (Terrence Robinson, John McCleary, Ward Bobbit, Jim Post, Greg Kiselis).

SECOND TEAM

Discus: Derrick Perry, Troy; High jump: Gilbert Chapman, Southfield; Pole vault: Dan Antilish, Farmington; Long jump: Damon Jones, Petrel Country Day; Shot put: Chris Kramer, Rochester; High hurdles: Glen Williams, Southfield; 100-meter dash: Terrence Robinson, Southfield; Low hurdles: John Ladd; 800-meter relay: Southfield (Darryl Sailor, Mark Harris, Cornelius Edwards, Terrence Robinson); 400-meter relay: Troy (Dwane Lees, Ken Tanoury, Darrin Deese, Bruce Woehrle); 1,600-meter run: Pat Johnston, Birmingham Brother Rice; 800-meter run: Ward Bobbit, 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 McCleod, Daryl Strecker).

HONORABLE MENTION

Discus: Mark Lytle (Rice); Al Meachum (Troy); Pete Brown (Farmington); Chris Rutherford (Rochester); High jump: Larry Davison (Athens); Joey Walton, Southfield; Brett Logdon (Adams); Pole vault: Mike Bittel (Cranbrook); Long jump: Derek Woodmore (Avondale); Brett Logdon (Adams); Mike McCaskill (Southfield); Shot put: Jim Cerone (Rice); Hiram Jackson (North Farmington); High hurdles: Pat Lareau (Troy); John Kopko (North Farmington); Brett Logdon (Adams); 100-meter dash: Mike McCaskill (Southfield); 800-meter relay: Jim Ladd (Canton Day); Brian Cochran (Rice); Low hurdles: John Kopko (North Farmington); Joe Molar (Athens); Chris Woehrle (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 Bobbit (Brother Rice); Rick Flores (St. John's); 200-meter run: Jack Johnson (Troy); Bill Blodgett (Southfield); Mike Mallett (Athens); John Winterbottom (North Farmington); 3,200-meter run: Matt Keller (Cranbrook); Pat Johnston (Brother Rice); John Winterbottom (North Farmington); 200-meter dash: Mark Harris (Southfield); Terry Witt (Rochester); Brian Cochran (Rice); Dan Bradley (Rochester); Bert Blodgett (St. Mary's); 3,200-meter run: Matt Keller (Cranbrook); 1,600-meter relay: North Farmington; Rochester.

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