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Creme de la creme!

Country Day trio heads up All-Area girls' squad

A look at his record this year shows why Detroit Country Day School's George Prosperi was named the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year for girls' track.

Country Day's 21-member team capped an excellent spring by finishing a best-ever fifth place in the Class C state meet June 5 at Bangor. Along the way came Spartan Relays and Metro Conference championships and a 9-1 dual-meet record.

Prosperi, who has coached DCDS' girls since the sport began there six years ago, spread around the credit for the teams' success this season.

"I HAVE two assistant coaches, Joe Hansen and Jane Adamcyzk, and I'd being doing them a real disservice if I didn't give them a reby chuck of the credit," said Prosperi, the director of Country Day's middle school. "I'm the head of it, but we're really full partners in this thing."

Three of Prosperi's top athletes — long jumper Kandis Davis and hurdlers Kristi Jackson and Ann Vereen — were similarly honored by the O&E by landing berths on the first team of the 1982 All-Area girls' track team.

The honor team was picked recently by a three-member panel of track coaches. The 20-girl squad is loaded with underclassmen — seven juniors, nine sophomores and two freshmen.

DAVIS, ONE of only two seniors, was the area's long jump leader for most of the season. Her top elfort was 16 feet, 11% inches recorded at a dual meet against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. She also finished first at the Spartan Relays and took third at the Class C regional. Jackson and Vereen, both sophomores, were easy choices in the hurdle events.

Jackson earned first-team honors in the 110-yard hurdles, thanks to her 14.9 romp, good a state championship at the Class C final. Her fastest time, 14.7, was recorded at the Metro Conference championship meet.

Vereen was the pick in the 220-yard hurdles. Her best time was 29.0 at the Metro Conference meet. She also fin-ished third in the regional.

Auburn Heights Avondale had the 220-yard dash pick — junior Paula Buckhaulter — and two of the three first-team relays selections.

BUCKHAULTER, A junior who is joined by her younger sister Kay on both relays, ran a quick 25? In the 220 and finished second in the Class B state meet in Grand Rapids. She was regional champion in the event and finished second at the Oakland County Championships at Walled Lake Central.

Avondale's 880-yard relay (the Buck-haulters, junior Cindy Ionson and fresh-man Amy Cosgrove) finished third at state with a time of 1:45.6, good for third place. The same four girls won the regional and placed second in the

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The Buckhaulters, senior Linda Hagerman and freshman Missy Mattiello combined to form a mile relay team, which earned a seventh at state with a time of 4:10.0 to go with seconds in the regional and county meets.

ROCHESTER GAINED first-team honors in the other relay, the 440. The team of sophomores Berni Branton, Kelly Stevens and Diane Cooper and junior Julie Sasaki won the event at the Greater Oakland Activities League

The were out of the running at state, although they qualified by winning the regional.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser has a pair of talented thinclads — and first-team choices — in juriors Mini Baker and Kecia Green.

Sprinter Green, who has never been beaten in dual meets in the 100-yard dash, won the county meet with an 11.5 clocking. Baker, a distance girl, was the area's top miler with a best time of 5:10.0, good for fourth place at the Class A state meet in Flint.

The only girl to be picked for two individual events was Farmington Harrison junior Alice Short, the state's top Class A shot putter and its second-best discus thrower.

SHORT, WHO tansfered to Farmington from downstate Illinois last year, put the shot 43-6% in a dual meet against Livonia Churchill this season. At state, she won with a 42-7%. Her runner-up discus effort was 130-1.

Karyn Finucan, a junior at Birming-ham Seaholm, was the area's best high jumper, with a 5-5 to earn third place in the state Class A meet. Finucan had soared 5-6 in an "unmeasured" jump in a dual-meet against Troy.

The two-mile award went to Rochesthe two-mile award went to roccue-ter Adams' Kathy Kubicki, a sopho-more. She won the regional with a sea-son-best 11:29.6, won the Metro Subur-ban Activities Association event and placed 10th at state.

Troy sophomore Sue Nash, who is making a repeat performance on this year's team along with Avondale's Buckhaulters, was the pick in the 440-yard dash. Nash won the regional and logged her best time of the season, 59.8, in a dual meet against Southfield.

West Bloomfield is represented by sophomore Kelly Geiger, the pick for the 880-yard run. Although she didn't place at state, Geiger won the regional (2:19.09) and the Greater Oakland Ac-tivities League event.



George Prosperi Coach of the Year



Kristi Jackson Country Day



Kathy Kubicki















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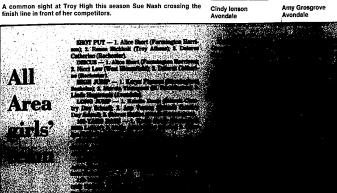




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