

# All-Area track squad buoyed by veteran stars



DAVID FRANK/staff photographer  
Derrick Perry was Troy's tower of strength this season.

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Pete Brown, Robert Hess, Chris Kramer, John McCleary, Terrence Robinson, Glen Williams. For the past two years, those names have dominated the spring sports pages of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

That's why, for the second straight year, those six athletes are members of the annual O&E All-Area Boys' Track Team. And, in another repeat performance, the Rochester and Southfield relay teams were the class of the O&E coverage area.

The senior-oriented team recently was selected by a panel of coaches, including John Bancroft of Troy, Mike Popson of Brother Rice and Dave Calhoun of Farmington.

Derrick Perry of Troy, Craig Compton of Birmingham Groves, and Farmington's Brown, Rochester's Hess and Troy Athens's Kramer are the first-team field-event members.

Pat Lareau of Troy, Hank Woodmore of Auburn Heights Avondale, Jeff Zurgable of Rochester, Mark Kring of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Joe Davey of Birmingham Brother Rice, Southfield's Williams and Robinson and Rice's McCleary are the first-team track-event members.

Rochester was voted as having the best 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams, while Southfield's 400-meter quartet was picked as the best.

The coach of the year is Southfield's Tom Echeman.

Following is a brief glimpse at each first-team member:

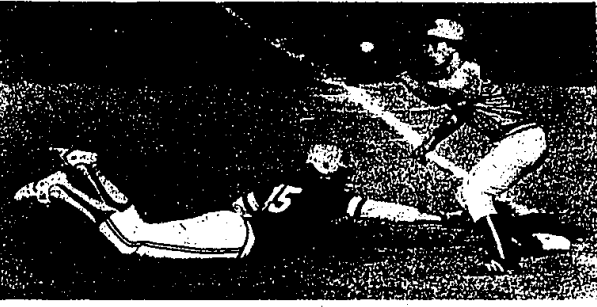
## FIELD EVENTS

Derrick Perry (senior): four years on Troy's varsity; Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) discus and shot put champion; regional champion in shot put (57 feet, 1 inch); fifth overall at state meet; holds school shot put record of 57-1 1/2; third overall at Manistee Relays in discus with a toss of 166-3; will attend Eastern Michigan University this fall.

Pete Brown (senior): regional champion for Farmington High School with throw of 56-4 1/2 in shot put; fourth at state meet with a toss of 56-8 in shot put; county shot put champion with a toss of 57-9 1/2; two-time regional champion; fifth at 1982 state meet.

Craig Compton (senior): two-year member of Groves' varsity team; third at regional meet in high jump and sixth in the long jump; tied for seventh at state meet with a 6-6 in high jump; holds Groves' school-record of 6-6 in high jump; will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

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GARY CASKEY/staff photographer  
West Bloomfield's Dave Austin slides safely back to first base during Saturday's state championship game.

# State baseball champs enjoying the limelight

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Special commendations . . . banners draping the school grounds . . . luncheon favors . . . trophies . . . lifelong memories.

West Bloomfield's baseball team is experiencing all those rare rewards these days. The Lakers, newly crowned state class A high school baseball champions, even have a day named in their honor. Today, June 23, is officially designated as West Bloomfield High School Michigan Class A Baseball Championship Day by the Board of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield.

"It's just a fantastic feeling . . . a feeling of total elation," said West Bloomfield coach Larry Reichle, whose team won the state title Saturday at Eastern Michigan University with a surprisingly easy 19-3 triumph over Midland Dow.

"We just had a fantastically exciting season and these are memories we can keep the rest of our lives. You work all year at being the best. And it's a great feeling to be the best."

"I have all the trophies . . . you talk about a grand slam. We won the league (Greater Oakland Activities League), district, regional and state titles."

"THE WHOLE thing is just fantastic," he said. "And, the new (West Bloomfield Schools) superintendent (Seymour Gretchko) and assistant superintendent (James Doyle) are really behind the baseball team."

Ironically, the Lakers had an easier time at the state finals in Ypsilanti than they did during their regional qualifying games the previous weekend in Royal Oak.

West Bloomfield stormed past Dow and defeated Plymouth Salem, 4-1, in the semifinals on Friday. Jay Bobel was the winning pitcher against Salem and Todd Krumm was the winner in the state championship game.

The Lakers also received excellent pitching in the regional games. In retrospect, that's where they really needed it.

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## all-area boys' track

### 1983 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC ALL-AREA BOYS' TRACK FIRST TEAM

Discus: Derrick Perry, Troy; Shot put: Pete Brown, Farmington; High jump: Craig Compton, Birmingham Groves; Long jump: Robert Hess, Rochester; Pole vault: Chris Kramer, Troy Athens; High hurdles: Pat Lareau, Troy; Low hurdles: Glen Williams, Southfield; 100-meter dash: Terrence Robinson, Southfield; 200-meter dash: Hank Woodmore, Auburn Heights Avondale; 400-meter run: Jeff Zurgable, Rochester; 800-meter run: John McCleary, Birmingham Brother Rice; 1,600-meter run: Mark Kring, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; 3,200-meter run: Joe Davey, Birmingham Brother Rice; 400-meter relay: Southfield (Terrence Robinson, Melvin Peoples, Torin Dorn, Greg Towns); 800-meter relay: Rochester (Jeff Zurgable, Robert Hess, Chad Haller, Terry Whitl); 1,600-meter relay: Rochester (Jeff Zurgable, Chad Haller, Scott Valter, Terry Whitl).

### SECOND TEAM

Discus: Al Meacham, Troy; Shot put: Jim Davis, Southfield; High jump: Paul Loving, Birmingham Brother Rice; Long jump: Jerome Greer, Southfield; Pole vault: Steve Hitchcock, Birmingham Groves; High hurdles: John Jacobs, Cranbrook; Low hurdles: George Smith, Southfield; 100-meter dash: Chuck Phillips, Southfield-Lathrup; 200-meter dash: Terry Whitl, Rochester; 400-meter run: Darrin Deane, Troy; 800-meter run: Mark Kring, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; 1,600-meter run: Eric Wittenberg, Birmingham Groves; 3,200-meter run: Bob Thompson, Rochester; 400-meter relay: Rochester; 800-meter relay: Southfield; 1,600-meter relay: Southfield.

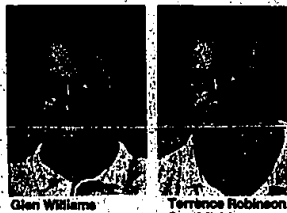
### HONORABLE MENTIONS

Discus: Brad Andet, Rochester; Mike Borocki, Brother Rice; Kurt Mills, Southfield; Shot put: Efram Jackson, Detroit Country Day; High jump: Mike Hutton, Troy; Rob Alya, Groves; Ed Austin, Rochester; Larry Davidson, Troy Athens; Glen Drexler, Groves; Chris Key, Southfield; Long jump: Darnon Jones, Country Day; Mike Bopp, Troy; Chris Key, Southfield; Pole vault: Bill Schanden, Troy Athens; Joe Molnar, Troy Athens; High hurdles: Eric Hildey, Farmington; Garrett Dorn, Southfield; Rob Griffin, North Farmington; Low hurdles: Joe Molnar, Troy Athens; Glen Drexler, Groves; Dave Krasnowski, Avondale; Bob Leaffler, North Farmington; 100-meter dash: Torin Dorn, Southfield; Dave Calkins, Rochester; Charlie Lora, Avondale; Greg Towns, Southfield; 200-meter dash: Elijah Jones, Cranbrook; Wes Workman, Cranbrook; Dan Medford, North Farmington; 400-meter run: Reggie Anderson, Southfield; Robert Strickley, Cranbrook; 800-meter run: Chad Haller, Rochester; Bryan Wirtz, Bloomfield Hills Avondale; Ken Nash, Troy; John Mahesh, Southfield; 1,600-meter run: Chris Valdez, North Farmington; Mike Masters, Auburn Heights Avondale; 3,200-meter run: Pat Lareau, Troy; Mike Smith, Avondale; Dave Schmidt, Avondale; 400-meter relay: Troy, Brother Rice, Avondale; 800-meter relay: Avondale, Cranbrook, North Farmington; 1,600-meter relay: Brother Rice, North Farmington.



Robert Hess  
Rochester

Chris Kramer  
Athens



Glen Williams  
Southfield

Terrence Robinson  
Southfield



Hank Woodmore  
Avondale

John McCleary  
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