

Ford, Balog pace All-Area track squad

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RUNNING EVENTS

Terri Ford, Farmington Mercy, 100 dash: Just a junior, Ford was the Marlins' most valuable runner, scoring a majority of their points in big meets. She finished first at Overland and anchored two winning relay teams. Ford was first at the regional and first in the Catholic League. In the state meet she gained fourth.

The speedster clocked area bests in the 100 (11.9) and 200 (25.6). She also leaped 5-2 to set a school record in the high jump.

As well as winning the open sprint races, Terri also anchored our sprint relay teams," said Mercy coach Bob Kirkland. "On most occasions she would receive the baton with a deficit, but quickly turn it into a lead."

Angela Dugas, Livonia Ladywood, 200: Four-year varsity performer, Dugas recorded the area's second best time in the 200 dash (25.1).

She placed second in the Catholic League and was a state (Class II) qualifier in the long jump and 1,600 relay.

"Angela is the kind of runner you just love to sit back and watch run," said Ladywood coach Bob Zimmerman. "She has great straightaway speed and is able to run anything from the 100 up to the 400."

Dugas is considering EMU, according to Zimmerman.

Karen Opp, Westland John Glenn, 400: Area coaches said this junior their highest complement, vowing her Overland Track-Union of the Year.

"Karen has great flexibility, running anything from the 100 to the two mile," said the Glenn coach. "She's a very hard worker."

Opp was undefeated during the regular season in the 400. She posted an area best time of 58.2 and won titles at East Detroit, Monroe, the regional and Northeast Suburban League meet.

She was also a member of Glenn's point 3,200 relay squad, which finished second in Class A.

Joan Arndt, Livonia Ladywood, 800: Just a sophomore, Arndt recorded one of the area's most impressive times, clocking 2:15.4 in the 800-meter run.

She capped a fine season by finishing fourth at the state meet, and anchored the Blazers to a second place finish in the 1,600 relay and third-place finish in the 3,200 relay at the Class II final.

"Joan is the best at chasing down a lead runner, or closing out a relay race," said the Ladywood coach. "She is strong enough to run back-to-back races like the 400 and 800 and still win both handsily, and then come back to anchor the 1,600 relay."

Denise Durrer, Plymouth Salem, 1,600: A transfer from Hedford Union, Durrer moved to Salem and enjoyed a banner season.

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She posted the area's best time in the 1,600 run with a time of 5:18.7.

Durrer won the Overland meet's open mile and added titles in the 800 and 1,600 at the Western Lakes Conference meet. She also won 800 at the regional and placed third in the 1,600.

"Denise is an outstanding competitor with a tremendous conditioning base," said Salem coach. "She loves the challenge of a big meet and is extremely coachable."

"Denise was the difference of Salem being an average track and field team to being one of the best in the area."

Karen Kantor, Livonia Churchill, 3,200: A freshman, Kantor recorded the area's best time in the 3,200 run (11:44.90) with a third-place finish at the regional meet.

In the Western Lakes Conference meet, Kantor finished first in the 3,200 and second in the 1,600. She has been clocked at 5:24.1 in the 800 and 12:35.5 in the 1,600.

"Karen has more ability as a freshman distance runner than any I have had the pleasure of coaching," said Churchill coach Audrey Kather.

HURDLES

Tracey Balog, Farmington Mercy,

100 highs: A senior, Balog led the area in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 1:51.2.

She finished first in the Catholic League meet, took third at Operation-Friendship (Catholic League/Detroit Public Schools) meet and finished fourth at the regional. Balog holds school records in the 100 high and 300 lows.

She also is the track team's top scholar/athlete, sporting a 3.92 GPA.

"Tracey was always very willing to help coach the younger hurdles," Kirkland said. "That's not surprising since her father Chuck is the former coach at Southfield. It seems to run in the family."

Jamie Holcomb, Farmington Harrison, 300 lows: Holcomb's time of 48.9 in the 300 low hurdles was an area best by nearly one second.

The junior was league and regional runner-up, as well as fourth in the Oakland County meet.

"I believe Jamie has yet to reach her full potential," said Harrison coach Mark Holcomb. "If she continues to work hard, she may surprise a lot of people next year."

"She's very likeable and a personable young lady with a strong desire to improve. She's a team person."

RELAY EVENTS

Farmington Hills Mercy, 400: The team of Tonya Harbin, Michelle Smith, Tracey Balog and Terri Ford led the area with a time of 3:10.

They finished first at the Overland and Stafford Hays meet, along with seconds at the Catholic League and Operation-Friendship meets.

The school record, however, still eludes them.

Farmington Hills Mercy, 800: Making up this winning quartet are Tanya Paison, Harbin, Balog and Ford.

Their time of 1:48.3 placed the area and repeated titles at the Catholic League meet, Stafford Hays and Overland Hays. This quartet finished second in the regional and went undefeated in dual meets.

Livonia Ladywood, 1,600: This team — Sue Willey, Angela Dugas, Monica Gail and Joan Arndt — finished second in the state Class II meet with a time of 4:05.3, best in the area as well.

They recorded first-place finishes at the CMU Hays, IU/Overland Hays, Catholic League, Chelsea Hays and regional.

"It was great comfort to a coach, to know that the last event is one of the team's strongest," said Ladywood's Bob Zimmerman. "It took a state record performance to beat us at the state final. Whenever a meet was on the line, this relay came through."

Westland John Glenn, 3,200: Karen Opp, Michelle Sanchez, Pam Eldridge and Laura Graziulis broke the state record in the 3,200 relay with time of 9:55.1, but finished second time behind Dearborn Edsel Ford.

"They had a great week of training and they all worked very hard," said Glenn coach Ken Rughtin. "They all were at a disadvantage because they had to run different events all year."

This standout quartet, made up of three seniors and one junior (Opp), won several titles this season.

SECOND TEAM

Shot put: Nancy Brichford, Redford Union.

Discus: Karen Marcinkal, Plymouth Salem.

High jump: Cheryl Johnson, Bishop Borgess.

Long jump: Kathy Long, Livonia Bentley.

100 dash: Londreanne Washington, Bishop Borgess.

200: Kim Bennett, Plymouth Canton.
400: Lisa Rice, Bishop Borgess.
800: Laura Graziulis, Westland John Glenn.
1,600: Colleen Murphy, Redford St. Agatha.
3,200: Ellen McCarthy, Farmington Hills Mercy.

100 hurdles: Lisa Dominato, Livonia Franklin.
300 hurdles: Missey Ward, Garden City.
400 relay: Bishop Borgess — Veronica Vaughn, Dena Kolmjec, Carol Williams and Londreanne Washington.

800 relay: Bishop Borgess — Lisa Rice, Veronica Vaughn, Dena Kolmjec and Londreanne Washington.
1,600 relay: Westland John Glenn — Michelle Sanchez, Laura Graziulis, Theresa Hinkow and Karen Opp.
3,200 relay: Livonia Ladywood — Sue Willey, Kathy Denhard, Janine Kloe and Joan Arndt.

THIRD TEAM

Shot put: Hollie Ivey, Plymouth Canton.
Discus: Kelley Smith, Livonia Churchill.
High jump: Angie Miller, Plymouth Canton.

Long jump: Dana Maguram, Livonia Franklin.
100 dash: Donna Wozniak, Livonia Franklin.

200: Gretchen Loyd, Livonia Churchill.
400: Julie Garczynski, North Farmington.
800: Heidi Dupret, Plymouth Salem.
1,600: Marie Jarosz, Plymouth Canton.
3,200: Pam Eldridge, Westland John Glenn.
100 hurdles: Kristen Hostynski, Plymouth Salem.
300 hurdles: Lori Casaroli, Farmington.
400 relay: Livonia Churchill — Kate Stewart, Jennifer Corney, Gretchen Loyd and Colleen Conrad.
800 relay: Garden City — Debbie Babb, Debbie McCloskey, Nikki Stubbs and Missey Ward.
1,600 relay: Plymouth Salem — Cheryl Durrer, Mary Beth West, Kristen Hostynski and Denise Durrer.
3,200 relay: Plymouth Canton — Angie Miller, Marie Jarosz, Rachel Mann and Karen Boluch.

Walter's holds off Garden City

By Robert McElhaney
special writer

Chuck Morgan collected three hits and drove in two runs, and Leo Langan contributed a pair of doubles, leading Walter's Appliances to a 6-4 win over Garden City in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (LCBL) game Wednesday at Ford Field in Livonia.

Walter's wasted little time getting on the board, scoring three runs in the first inning. They added runs in the second, fifth and seventh innings, then survived a late Garden City rally.

"We got on top early and set the tempo," said Walter's manager Mike Keller. "We played a good, solid game."

Steve Frelliek led off the first inning for Walter's with a triple to right center field, followed by John Stoltzstad's triple which rolled to the left field fence, easily scoring Frelliek.

Then Morgan scored Stoltzstad with a single to right field. Morgan advanced to second when Langan was safe at first on an error, then reached third on a wild pitch by GC's Mike Krauss, and scored Walter's third run on Scott Hillie's groundout.

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WALTER'S scored a run in the second inning when Frelliek walked, moved to second after Stoltzstad's reached base on an error, and scored on Morgan's single up the middle.

In the fifth inning, Langan scored when he hit a ground-rule double, stole third and raced home when Dave Longridge was safe on an error. Langan scored again in the seventh after smacking a double down the left field line, moving to third on Hillie's grounder, and crossing the plate on Drew Baird's ground out.

Trailing 6-1 into its half of the seventh, Garden City made a comeback attempt, scoring three runs.

Tom Kelly and Frank Vento each hit infield singles to get the rally going. A walk to Bob Milligan loaded the bases, bringing in reliever Dave Roberts for Walter's starter Chris Semik. Chris Maloney greeted Roberts with a two-run single, scoring Kelly and Vento. But Roberts got Mike Patton on a pop

out to short and Joe Winnickl on a ground out to second, as Milligan scored.

Joe Weidenbach then struck out to end the game.

GARDEN CITY COACH Jeff Rutter, whose team stranded 10 runners, said the inability to bring them home coupled with Walter's three-run outburst in the first inning decided the game.

"We left too many runners on base," Rutter said. "When you're trailing by three runs in the first inning, you tend to get down."

Semik, who worked six innings, allowed seven hits to pick up the victory. Krauss, who yielded six hits and five runs in four innings, took the loss for Garden City (2-3).



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