

# Talented prep girls track individuals back

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**T**HE 1986 GIRLS TRACK season has already arrived, but it may take awhile before another series of records will be broken.

Trying to sort out the area's top teams will be difficult. But sorting out the area's top individuals will not.

Westland John Glenn's one-woman show will be presented again by senior Karen Opp, voted Observer Trackwoman of the Year in 1985.

Opp anchored the Glenn 3,200-meter relay squad that finished second last season in the State Class A meet.

With only 14 teammates, Opp will have to carry the load again for first-year coach Kathy Mommyer.

Farmington Hills Mercy's Terri Ford, the area's top sprinter last season, also returns, along with Livonia Ladywood junior Joan Arndt, an outstanding middle distance runner.

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## BISHOP BORGESS

Sprinter Lorraine Washington and All-Area high jumper Samia Shivers were Redford's top performers last season. Coach John McGreevey led the team.

McGreevey junior Cheryl Johnson has 374 and 1174 in the discus and shot put, respectively.

Freshman Michelle Gayney leads a United States group that also includes junior Kelly Dooly and sophomore Michelle Gross.

High jumper/burlier Andrea Jackson also appears to be strong.

"Our goals are to win our league, the regional and Overland," McGreevey said. "It depends on how our young kids develop."

## WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Karen Opp, who clocked a 59.6 last season in the 400-meter run, is in peak shape to run four events again. According to first-year coach Kathy Mommyer, "Karen ran a 2:25.0 (800 meters) split at the Huron Relays, but she's capable of 2:12," Mommyer says.

The Glenn problem is numbers. Only 14 girls are on the team.

"The girls we have will be OK," Mommyer said. "We have four or five in the field events, but I'm not sure what they can do."

"We lost quite a few kids to jobs. We're a small team and I knew when I took over that we'd be small, but not this small."

Some of Glenn's supporting cast includes distance runners Ginger Rowland and Pauline Eldridge, shot put/discus thrower Stacy Graham and sprinter Tanya Patterson.

Graham is expected to fill the void in the throwing events left by two-time All-Area pick Anna Pariah.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**

"From what I understand, the difference between last year's and this year's team is that we have quite a bit of speed this year," said first-year coach Joe Grasley.

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Borgess

## REDFORD UNION

Jim Miller is optimistic about the Panthers' chances in the NLL.

"We have some depth for a change," said the first-year coach. "It looks real good for us."

"We're stronger in the distance events and weaker in the field events. It's going to be quite a competitive league. Nobody is going to run away with it. Edsel Ford is strong on paper and Deaton is strong too."

The 30-member team All-Area shot putter Nancy Erickson is the only notable loss to graduation.

Key returnees for RU include Janis Blinn and Andrea Hunter, distance runner; Heather Armstrong and Michele Zarnberg, middle distance; Jody Taylor and Ann Jacobson, hurdles; Teresa Kacior and Amy Gustafson, discus; Barb Bruns, field; Meredith Beg, Jennifer Overgard, Joann Klinger and Karen Sitarik, sprinters.

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**

Bob Zimmerman cringes at just the uttering of the phrase.

Nonetheless, the all-too-familiar rebuilding year has docked in the Ladywood camp. And there's an outpouring of new faces as 20 of the 30-member team are first-year tracksters.

Only middle-distance runners Joan Arndt, an All-Area pick; Corlone McNamara and Janice Klok, along with sprinters Shelia Monica and Karen Gail return with any experience.

"I hate to classify this as a rebuilding year," said Zimmerman, in his third year as Blazer coach. "We're just kind of sorting things out."

With 20 newcomers, that's plenty of sorting. Ann Maria Thomas has emerged as a promising distance runner but the rest remains to be seen.

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## LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Excuse coach Steve Delloway if he felt a bit out of place at the beginning of the season when 72 girls came out for the team.

Delloway only knew 12 of them. The rest of those supposed to return didn't. So chalk up a rebuilding year for the Patriots, who are also in a new league (West-Lake).

Lisa Dominato (hurdler), Dana Maguran (hurdler), Patil Brandon (discus/shot put), Jill Miller (middle distance runner), Kelle Harris (distance runner), and Erica Andrews (distance runner) return with experience.

The rest are new, which leaves Delloway in a quandary when it comes to predicting his team's outlook for the season.

"It's really hard to tell," said Delloway, in his sixth season as Franklin's coach. "We have a lot of new people and we're in a new league."

"One day I say to myself, 'we're going to be pretty good this year.' The next day, I say to my God, 'we're going to be in trouble.'"

Of the slew of newcomers, Michelle Boudessac (hurdler), Terra Abraham (sprinter), Tina Koon (sprinter), Andrea Quiggins (sprinter), Jenny Kryger (distance runner) and Joyce Compton (distance runner) look the most promising, according to Delloway.

## REDFORD THURSTON

Those people in the Tri-River League better expect some rumbling from the new kid on the block.

Thurston, which jumped from the Northwest Suburban League to the Tri-River, isn't about to be neck amongst new company. Coach Bob Lake plans to be right in the thick of things.

"We'll be right up there with Southgate Anderson and (frank) Cherry Hill. Thurston will be there with them."

For that mission, Lake is counting on a strong contingent of returning tracksters. The pack is led by Stacy Gamblin, who's a hurdler, high jumper and anchor on the Eagles relay teams.

Carol Mouchet (sprinter), Angie Haines (sprinter), Lisa Daniels (distance runner), Kris Swalick (middle distance runner), and Kathy Tuccillo (middle distance runner) also return this season.

Thurston also has a bevy of promising newcomers, including Kristin Tulson (distance runner), Jennifer Cunningham (sprinter), Kim Bangarter (sprinter and discus/shot put) and Nancy Stein-

## berger (middle distance runner).

## LIVONIA STEVENSON

Paul Holmberg knows he has the pieces. It's just a matter of putting them into the correct place.

Deal meets shouldn't be much of a problem as the Spartans were 5-2-1 in that department last season. Yet, there's still holes to be filled.

Replacements must be found for All-Area long jumper Amy Rozman, a sprinter who ran in all of the relay events, Sherry Reese (sprinter), and Chris Solomon, who tossed the discus and was a high jumper. Graduation took them all away.

But the turnover is matched with some new faces, like Amy Kaszarkil (middle distance runner), Sherry Reese (sprinter), Jeanne Maggall (sprinter), Lorraine Meloch (sprinter) and Pat Hagley (distance runner).

Kathy Long, a sprinter, is a transfer from Livonia Bentley.

"We've got pretty good numbers," said Holmberg, who has 55 girls on his team. "If we find the right people to fill in for who left due to graduation or transferred, we'll be all right."

On top of that, there's a good number of people back from last season.

The team's top three hurdlers, Karen Miller, Kim Smith and Susan Geis, are all back. Michele Ecommon (distance runner), Shelia Monica (middle distance runner), Shawn Snyder (shot put) and Laura Beane (sprinter) also return.

## LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Livonia Churchill won't fly out of the gate, but the Chargers will catch up and beat teams two miles down the road.

The distance events should be the Chargers' forte this season. Carol Sully and Karen Kantor, both all-area cross country runners, are back along with Stacy Wolfe in the distance events. Kantor's best time last season in the 3,200 run was 11:44.96.

"Distance is our strongest area because they are consistent," said Churchill coach Carol Muliken. "They're run together for awhile and they're more a family-type group."

Gretchen Loyd (sprinter) and Colleen McPhoe (hurdler) also return.

With the returnees, there's some new faces. Jennifer Danner (sprinter/hurdler) and Colleen Kelly (sprinter) looked to be the most promising of the group.

Muliken admitted field events will be Churchill's weak spot this season. However, she doesn't believe it should keep them out of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

## Borgess outduels Chargers

Redford Bishop Borgess held off Livonia Churchill to win a season-opening non-league girls track meet, 70-58.

Cheryl Johnson paced the victorious Spartans with firsts in the high jump (5-0) and long jump (14-10).

Other Borgess individual winners included Andrea Jackson, 100-meter hurdles, 17.8; Alene Wideman, 400 dash, 1:37; Lashay McGowan, 400 run, 1:07.5; Tracy Woods, discus, 83 feet, 2 inches.

Wideman, McGowan, Felicia Brown and Pat Hines won the 800 relay in 1:00.56. Borgess also captured the 1,600 relay as Michelle Gross, Charice Edwards, McGowan and Buntun were timed in 4:30.0.

Sophomore Karen Kantor led Churchill with firsts in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs with times of 5:58.4 and 12:54.3, respectively. She also teamed up with Stacy Wolfe, Karen Gendjar and Carol Sully to win the 3,200 relay in 11:56.8.

Other Churchill individual winners included Kim Ursun, shot put, 26.5; Colleen McPhoe, 300 hurdles, 52.8; Gretchen Loyd, 200 dash, 28.1; and Sully, 800, 2:38.9.

Loyd anchored Churchill's winning

400 relay effort (55.0), which also included Jennifer Corney, Cheryl Grandahl and Anne Looise.

**WAYNE**, led by Diane Buckhalter, edged Garden City Tuesday in a non-league dual at home, 69-62.

The Wayne senior figured in four first-place finishes — long jump, 14.84; 100-meter dash, 13.0; 200 dash (27.7) and the 400 relay (52.8), joining teammates Cherrie Redd, Ralini Boller and Monique Kozorok.

Kathy Jacobs also had a big day, winning the 1,600 and 3,200 runs with times of 5:52.0 and 13:40.4. She also teamed up with Jackie Brus-

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## Speedy Tatum gets Zebras moving

Wayne Memorial is off to an impressive start in boy track.

The Zebras took fifth place out of a field of 53 in Saturday's Spartan Relays at Michigan State University.

On Tuesday, Wayne drilled Garden City in a dual meet, 100-35.

The 880-yard relay team of Alvin Allen, Wayne Roberts, Eddie Jordan and Darla Tatum finished second at the Spartan Relays with a time of 1:34.6.

Tatum, Allen, Roberts and Bret Thirning garnered fourth in the sprint medley with a time of 2:37.2.

Individual fourus were recorded by Ron Tolson in the two mile run (9:52.0) and Allen in the long jump (20 feet, 5 inches).

In the mile relay, Tatum, Allen, Roberts and Byron Nolen took sev-

enth in 3:34.5. The distance medley team of Tolson, Jordan, Thirning and Darla Hill grabbed sixth in 10:58.4.

**IN THE DUAL MEET**, Tatum stole the show by winning the 100-meter dash (11.7) and 200 dash (23.6) and 400 run (55.9).

Thirning took the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 4:52.0 and 11:03.0, respectively.

Other Wayne individual firsts were taken by Allen, high jump, 5.6; George Lumpkin, discus, 127-11; Steve Valtell, long jump, 18-4; Ron Stokowski, pole vault, 11-6; Jordan, 300 hurdles, 42.2; and Tolson, 800 run, 2:13.2.

Roberts anchored Wayne to first in the 800 relay (1:35.8), while Nolen anchored both winning efforts

in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

Garden City's lone firsts were recorded by Pat Giese in the shot put (48-10.4) and Andie Wheeler in the 110 hurdles (17.04).

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE** was beaten soundly in its boys track opener Tuesday at home, 69-48, by Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Despite the loss, Clarenceville junior Frank Gonzales captured three events. He won the long jump (17-10.5), 100-meter dash (11.7) and 200 dash (25.0).

The Trojans' Mike Brown, John Edmonds, Mike Johnson and Scott Trumby combined to win the 400 relay in 5:0.6. Edmonds, Jim Fielding, Jason Myers and Matt Martin won the 1,600 relay in 9:00.2.

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