

Race to glory

State champions pace '86 dream team

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All-Area girls track



Diane Buckhalter Wayne

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four years at Franklin, she lost only one high hurdles race to an area runner.

Missey Ward, Garden City, 300 hurdles: This senior, the only area runner to beat Dominato in the 300 lows, was at her best in the 300 lows. Her 47.6 paced the area. She won individual honors in the North-West Suburban League meet, at the Wayne Invitational and at the CMU Relays. She placed fifth in the regionals.

Diane Buckhalter, Wayne Memorial, 100 dash: This senior owns Zebra records in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes and in 400 and 800 relays. She won the Wolverine A 100 title and her 12.2 time ranks second in Observerland.

Terri Ford, Mercy, 200 dash: Her best time of 35.2 is both the area's fastest and a school record. At the state meet she was second in the 200 and third in the 100. She will attend the University of Detroit on a basketball scholarship.

Karen Opp, John Glenn, 400 dash: Her 59.5 ranks No. 2 in the 400 and her 2:15.1 is second-best in the 800. Opp has been one of the most, if not the most, dominant runners in Observerland the past four years. Opp placed third in the state in the 800 this year.

Joan Arndt, Ladywood, 800 run: Speaking of dominant performers... Ladywood coach Bob Zimmerman described Arndt's prowess the best. "After being around track all my life, Joan is the only runner who makes my jaw drop in wonder whenever she is on the track." She was a Class B state champ in the 800 this year and has been a state finalist the last three years. She was also a regional and a Catholic League champion and owns the meet record in the 800.

at the Spartan Relays. She is a junior.

Jenny Anderson, Farmington Harrison, 1,600 run: A junior, Anderson was a Class B regional champion in both the 1,600 and 3,200. She won the Western Lakes in the 1,600 and her 5:19.3 is easily the area's best. She owns four school records at Harrison.

Michele Economou, Livonia Stevenson, 3,200 run: If you drive down 6 Mile Road in the vicinity of Stevenson High School, chances are you'll see this senior out running. She runs virtually every day of the year. And her dedication paid off. Her 11:58.5 was second only to Anderson in this event, and she beat Anderson at the Western Lakes meet.

RELAYS

Mercy (Adanna Amanze, Adrienne Clark, Michelle Smith, Terri Ford), 400 meter: This quartet is a two-time Catholic League champion, two-time state qualifier and a two-time All-Area choice. Its 50.2 time was the area's fastest.

Garden City (Debbie Babb, Nikki Stubbs, Marcia McKenzie, Missey Ward), 800 meter: With a 1:47.7, this group led the area all season. It took first at Wayne, Observerland and the NSL. It was third in the regional and 12th in state.

Garden City (Debbie Babb, Anjanette Linkford, Nikki Stubbs, Marcia McKenzie), 1,600 meter: In a very competitive event in this area, this group earned the best time (4:32.4). It placed third at regionals and sixth at the state meet.

Livonia Stevenson (Sheila Taormina, Michele Economou, Amy Kasmarick, Suzanne Moore), 3,200 meter: This group placed first at both the Observerland and Western Lakes meets. It set conference and school records in the process. This



Michelle Smith Mercy



Adrienne Clark Mercy



Adanna Amanze Mercy



Sheila Taormina Stevenson



Amy Kasmarick Stevenson



Suzanne Moore Stevenson

team was third in the regionals and had the area's best time (9:45.5). Three of the four runners will be back next year.

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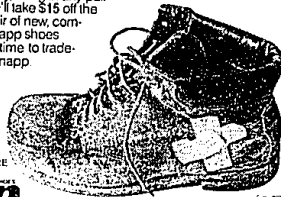
Coach of the Year: Paul Holmberg placed only one individual on this year's All-Area team and one relay. Yet, his Livonia Stevenson Spartans won the Western Lakes, won the Ob-

serverland and were ranked No. 1 all season. Strength in numbers was the key to the Spartans' success. And the only way to have a deep team is to get people out on the track and keep them there. Holmberg makes running track an enjoyable experience at Stevenson and his athletes responded in kind.

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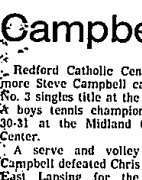
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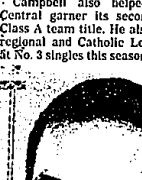
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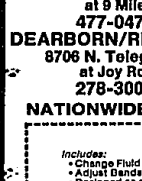
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tennis

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