

# Canton girls set pace for harriers

Falcons have 2 runners on All-Area team

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

**ENJOYING THEIR** FIRST season ever, the Plymouth Canton girls cross country team dominates this year's All-Observer squad.

Area coaches voted three Canton girls onto the first team. Another Canton runner made the second team.

Canton's team led the area this fall, winning the Schoolcraft College Invitational team title and the Western Lakes Activities Association meet championship. The Chiefs qualified for the Class A state meet by finishing second in the tough Gibraltar Carlson behind state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Because of the team's success, the Observer sports staff selects Canton's George Przygodski as Coach of the Year.

Here is a brief look at the first team members:

**JINGER ROWLAND**, Westland Girls: The senior captain, Rowland finished 23th in the state Class A individual race. Other top finishes for Rowland include the WLLA meet (fourth place), Dearborn Invitational (seventh), Schoolcraft Invitational (ninth), RU Invitational (10th) and regional (14th).

"Ginger showed leadership and dedication," said Glen coach Richard Gordon. "She received our team's MVP Award."

**LORI PENLAND**, Plymouth Canton: A sophomore, Penland was Canton's Team MVP. She was 52nd overall in the Class A team race.

"Penland added a second at the WLLA meet, fourth at Schoolcraft, sixth at RU and was 20th at the regional."

"Lori is a talented, durable competitor," said Przygodski. "She's at her best when competing on hilly courses. Her strategy is to go out fast, set the pace and then fight to maintain her lead."

**CINDY SPESSARD**, Plymouth Canton: A junior, Spessard recorded her best time of 20:15 (for 5,000 meters) at the Gibraltar Carlson regional meet, good enough for 16th place. She was 47th in the state team race with a time of 20:35. In the WLLA meet Penland was ninth.

"Cindy missed five meets early in the season due to a stress fracture in her foot, but she rebounded to become our No. 1 runner," said the Canton coach.



Bonnie Stecker  
Farmington



Amy Trunk  
Farmington



Ginger Rowland  
John Glenn



Lori Penland  
Canton



Cindy Spessard  
Canton



Lynda Schendel  
Canton



Karen Kuphal  
Stevenson



Michelle Gayney  
Borgess



Jenny Sample  
Salem



Jennifer Gerlach  
Luth. Westland

## all-area girls cross country

"She is quite an individual who is extremely competitive."

**LYNDA SCHENDEL**, Plymouth Canton: Also a junior, Schendel's best finish came at the WLLA meet, where she took sixth overall. Schendel also finished eighth at both Schoolcraft and RU.

"She was 26th at the Carlson regional and first in the state team race at Grosbeck Golf Course in Lansing."

"Lynda had a very successful season in her first year of cross country," said Przygodski. "Like the other Canton runners she runs her best on hilly courses."

**MICHELLE GAYNEY**, Redford Bishop Borgess: Gayney was a two-time All-Area performer. This season she was the Schoolcraft Invitational, Catholic League and Operation-Friendship meet champion. Gayney took third at the Spartan Invitational and fourth at the Royal Oak Kimball regional.

Her only dual meet defeats were to teammate Michelle Gross. Her best time was 19:53 at the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

"Every year Michelle's performance improves in direct proportion to her confidence," said Borgess coach John McGreevy of the student with a 3.3 grade point average. "She's the most dedicated runner I have ever coached."

**KAREN KUPHAL**, Livonia Stevenson:

The junior was Stevenson's top runner all season.

She finished first in the Livonia City Meet, third in the Wayne Invitational, fourth at the Spartan Invitational, seventh in the WLLA and 10th at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational. She was under 21 minutes in five different meets.

"Karen has been our most consistent performer for two years now," said Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg. "Next year she should have outstanding success."

**JENNY SAMPLE**, Plymouth Salem: Injuries slowed Sample down during the second half of the season, but early in the year she finished second behind Gayney at Schoolcraft.

Sample was the top runner in the RU Invitational and posted a best time of 20:35 in a dual meet against Glen. She has the third best time in Salem history.

"Jenny would have probably been a qualifier for the state individual race had she not been hurt," said Salem coach John Gravin.

**AMY TRUNK**, Farmington: A sophomore, Trunk finished first at the Royal Oak Kimball regional with a time of 20:35. She was 20th at the state team race.

Oak Kimball regional with a season-best time of 19:50. At the state meet she was 53rd.

Other top finishes included 10th in the WLLA (20:59) and 17th at the Oakland County meet (20:34). "Amy is a dedicated, hard-working runner," said Farmington coach John Barrett.

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**JENNIFER GERLACH**, Lutheran Westland: The youngest member of this year's All-Area squad, Gerlach, a freshman, finished an impressive second in the Class D state finals in Wyoming.

She posted her best times at the Whitmore Lake and Center Line Invitational, finishing first and second, respectively, with times of 19:45 and 19:52.

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## Ex-prep stars at Albion

Former Farmington Hills Harrison basketball star Ken George was named to the Albion Invitational Tip-off all-tournament team after Albion College defeated Hillsdale 95-65 in the championship game Saturday, Nov. 21.

George, a 1986 graduate of Harrison and a sophomore at Albion, scored 22 points as the Division III Britons knocked off their neighboring Division II opponent.

George, a 6-foot point guard, also had five assists and no turnovers in the finale. The Britons faced a 17-point deficit against Hillsdale, but George sparked Albion's comeback, scoring seven points in a row to get the rally started.

He had 31 points in the tournament, scoring nine in the first game in which Albion posted a 48-point victory over Guelph (Ontario) University and he played only half the time. He was 9-of-10 from the free-throw line during the tournament, too.

The Observer Athlete of the Year in '86 started the last 10 games of the 1986-87 season as a freshman, and the Britons went 9-1 during that span. George was the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's leader in three-point field goal shooting last year, making 34 of 60 shots. He was 3-of-5 from that distance against Hillsdale.

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Thursday, December 24, 1987 CLOSED ALL DAY  
Friday, December 25, 1987 CLOSED ALL DAY  
Thursday, December 31, 1987 CLOSED ALL DAY  
Friday, January 1, 1988 CLOSED ALL DAY

For taxpayer's convenience there is a depositary located in the City Hall lobby for after hours payments. Payments left after 5:00 p.m. are recorded as received on the next business day.

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PATSY K. CANTRELL,  
Treasurer

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 1987

Mayor Marks opened the regular public hearing of the Farmington Hills City Council on November 23, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Fox, Marks, Sever, Soronen and Vagstad. Others present: City Manager Council, City Clerk Formicola, Assistant City Manager Call, Director of Public Services Bissell, and City Attorney Bibeau.

Minutes of November 9, 1987 were approved, as amended.

Mayor Marks proclaimed December 1-7, 1987 as Apathic Anemia Awareness Week in the City of Farmington Hills.

Mayor Marks proclaimed November 21, 1987 as Francis J. Kenny Day in the City of Farmington Hills.

Council approved enactment of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 17-8-87, SE 1/4 of Section 34, 20741-43 Inkster Road, west side of Inkster, north of Eight Mile, Grand River Crest Subdivision, to rezone from RA-4 to B-3 and P-1.

Council approved enactment of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 18-8-87, W 1/4 of Section 33, east of Drake Road, south of Nine Mile Road, to rezone from RA-4 to RP-2.

Council approved enactment of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 21-8-87, SW 1/4 of Section 13, 34918 W. Eight Mile Road, between Halstead and Gull Roads, to rezone from RA-4 to RP-2.

Council approved enactment of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 23-8-87, SE 1/4 of Section 19, 24285 Halstead Road, between Grand River and Eleven Mile Road, to rezone from L-1 to OS-1.

Council approved enactment of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 25-8-87, SW 1/4 of Section 19, west side of I-275, between Grand River and Ten Mile Road, to rezone from RA-1 to B-3.

Council accepted report on Meadowbrook Heights paving petitions and directed City Manager to proceed with this project.

Council adopted written proposal, as amended, for increasing participation on Boards and Commissions and filling vacancies of same.

Council approved request of Kyle North, Inc. for the granting of a new Resort Class C licensed business to be located near the corner of Hagerty Road and Eight Mile Road.

Council approved request of Peter Burton, Burton Development Corporation, for a two-year extension of Liquor License from March 12, 1988 to March 12, 1990.

Council accepted report on status of 1496 and Orchard Lake Road Improvements and notification of public hearing.

Council failed to adopt Resolution supporting the creation of a Local Service Area with neighboring communities to administer the Job Training Partnership Act.

Council agreed to have City Manager give direct consideration to designating certain major roads as Natural Beauty Roads.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order No. SL-105-1987 to reduce speed limit on Fourteen Mile Road from fifty to forty-five miles per hour.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order No. SL-106-1987 and SL-109-1987 to establish a speed limit of thirty-five miles an hour on Gull Road between Lytle and Nine Mile Road and along Lytle Road between Drake and Gull Road.

Council agreed to schedule meetings for the remainder of 1987, as follows:

November 20, 1987 7:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting  
December 7, 1987 7:30 p.m. Joint meeting with Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council  
December 14, 1987 7:30 p.m. Joint City Council and School Board Meeting  
December 21, 1987 7:30 p.m. Regular Public Hearing Meeting

Council approved the purchase and installation of a three car exhaust system in the Police Maintenance Garage in the amount of \$3,448.00.

Council adopted Resolution in support of the work of the Farmington Area Goodfellows.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

BEN MARKS, Mayor  
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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