

## Sports

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## Class of '89

## Clarenceville star wins top honor

By Steve Kowalski  
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Sometimes, versatility can earn a person respect.

In this case, it helped Livonia Clarenceville's Roberta Wiggle become the 1989 Observerland Track-woman of the Year.

Wiggle isn't a member of the All-Observer first-team, but her overall excellence in several events this spring made her stand out among peers.

At the Metro Conference meet held last month, Wiggle was second in the long jump, leaping 15 feet, 4 1/4 inches; she won the 800-meter run in 2:27.0; and led off the 1,600 relay team that placed first in 4:16.9. She is a three-time qualifier for the Class B meet in the 800 run and her best leap of 15-7 this spring qualified her for the state in the long jump. Wiggle's time of 15.9 in the 100-meter hurdles was the third best in Observerland.

In short, she does it all.

"She has been running very well, she has a lot of heart and works hard," Clarenceville coach Dick Davo said.

The Coach of the Year is Bruce Brown, who guided Farmington High to its first-ever Class A regional title. The Falcons also won the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Following is a capsule look at every member of the 1989 All-Observer Girls Track Team.

## FIELD EVENTS

Charese Sanders, Mercy, shot put: A repeat performer on the All-Observer first team, Sanders was a regional champion with a toss of 35-feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Sanders, the daughter of former Detroit Lions great Charlie Sanders, had a personal best throw of 36-7, Observerland's best this year.

The Catholic League champion also won the Operation-Friendship title

## all-area girls track

1989 ALL-AREA  
GIRLS TRACK TEAM

## FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Charese Sanders, Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Alena McElree, Redford Bishop Borgess; 3. Kelle Watkins, Redford Union.

Discus: 1. Jessica Martin, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Maya Lewis, Wayne Memorial; 3. Jeannette Turner, Farmington Hills Mercy.

Long jump: 1. Tracey Livermore, Plymouth Salem; 2. Dallas Amburgey, Westland John Glenn; 3. Lisa Handrik, North Farmington.

High jump: 1. Rebecca Wiley, Livonia Ladywood; 2. Julie Lawton, Farmington; 3. Heather Spencer, Plymouth Canton.

## RUNNING EVENTS

100-meter hurdles: 1. Stelli Gaul, Farmington; 2. Jennifer Harris, Plymouth Salem; 3. Amy VanBuren, Plymouth Canton.

300 hurdles: 1. Lisa Christensen, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Jane Peters, Farmington Hills Harrison; 3. Sherry Gayer, Livonia Franklin.

100: 1. Jennifer Reed, Farmington; 2. Quinny Cooper, Wayne Memorial; 3. Julie Ewing, North Farmington.

200: 1. Philana Hooper, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Nikki Wygon, Plymouth Salem; 3. Corrie Mager, Farmington.

400: 1. Alyssa Beland, Livonia Churchill; 2. Akua Hammons, Wayne Memorial; 3. Kelly Anspach, Livonia Clarenceville.

800: 1. Lynette McGowan, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Stephanie Locke, Lutheran West-

land; 3. Roberta Wiggle, Livonia Clarenceville.

1,600: 1. Jennifer Kiel, Farmington; 2. Kathleen Grogg, Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Amy Smith, Plymouth Canton.

3,200: 1. Michele Gagey, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Lisa River, North Farmington; 3. Carrie Walton, Farmington Hills Mercy.

## RELAY EVENTS

400: Farmington (Jennifer Reed, Stelli Gaul, Nicole Tocco and Angie Forge); 2. Plymouth Salem (Kim Poucha, Nikki Wygon, Tracey Livermore and Andrea Kinney); 3. Farmington Hills Mercy (Adanna Amanute, Yvonne Bostick, Hystina Glass and Kim Cook).

800: 1. Farmington (Reed, Gaul, Tocco and Forge); 2. Wayne Memorial (Quinn Cooper, Brandi Camarco, Antonette Haon and Akua Hammons); 3. Farmington Hills Harrison (Audra Cockehead, Carrie Henrich, Hystina Glass and Jane Peters).

1,600: 1. Farmington Hills Harrison (Maria Chalagianis, Ivon Hakim, Audra Cockehead and Jane Peters); 2. Livonia Churchill (Jennifer Harris, Amy Minter, Charlotte Gayer and Alyssa Beland); 3. Plymouth Canton (Krisly Dugger, Jennifer Harris, Kim Gudeh and Amy VanBuren).

3,200: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Suzanne Moore, Jennifer Knapp, Jennifer Plander and Tracy Clark); 2. Farmington Hills Mercy (Kathleen Grogg, Heather Sullivan, Carrie Walton and Lauren Hood); 3. Plymouth Canton (Amy Smith, Lori Poland, Kristine Garlow and Erica Carson).

the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. Only once this spring did Martin fail to win a dual-meet discus event.

Martin was third in the Class A regional and coach Paul Holmberg expects even better results next year from Martin.

"Jessica is very dedicated to the throwing events and with continued work she should be one of the best in the state next year," Holmberg said.

Tracey Livermore, Salem, long jump: A WLAA champion, Livermore was a major reason the Rocks finished the dual-meet season at 6-2. Livermore

had Observerland's best long jump, leaping 15-11.

Livermore also anchored the 1,600-meter relay team and was a member of the area's second-best 400 relay group that clocked 51.7. The versatile sophomore clocked 11.88 in the 100 dash, good enough for seventh in Observerland.

"She's a great competitor, an all-around athlete," coach said. "Tracey was an important part of our team, and made great contribution to our 6-2 record and third place finish in the conference meet."

Rebecca Wiley, Ladywood, high jump: Wiley, a sophomore, defended her Catholic League high jump title successfully, and she finished second at the regional (5-2). Her personal best of 5-6 edged Farmington's Julie Lawton for Observerland's best jump.

Wiley has won every dual-meet high jump event in two years of competition for Ladywood. She also ran a leg of the 1,600 relay and competed in the hurdle events.

"Rebecca is extremely versatile and highly motivated," coach Leslie Snyder said. "She's quite an asset to Ladywood this year and we know she will be for the upcoming two years."

## RUNNING EVENTS

Stelli Gaul, Farmington, 100-meter hurdles: Gaul's time of 15.5 was first among Observerland performers and it established a new Farmington school record. The sophomore showed significant improvement since the first day of practice, finishing first at the WLAA meet and second at the regional.

"Stelli's improvement has been stunning," coach Bruce Brown said. "She dropped a dual second in one week. It has been exciting watching her confidence grow."

Lisa Christensen, Stevenson, 300 hurdles: The WLAA meet champion placed second at the regional and ninth at the Class A meet. Christensen's time of 4:15 tied Farmington Hills Harrison's Jane Peters for Observerland's best showing of the year.

"Lisa was our leading scorer and most

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JIM JAGDELD/retail photographer

Steve Timmons, member of the gold-medal winning 1988 U.S. Olympic volleyball team, visited the Observer office recently to discuss his

career and the USA-USSR rematch at The Palace on Monday night.

Volleyball ambassador  
hypes USSR rematch

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY an Olympic gold medalist comes walking into your office.

Make that a two-time Olympic gold medalist.

Steve Timmons certainly turned a few heads when he came strolling in recently. Many recognized the 6-foot-5 redhead and his trademark, the flat-top haircut. Few, however, could recall his name.

Timmons and Karch Kiraly, members of the USA team, put the sport of volleyball on the map with their awesome display of power during the 1984 and 1988 Games.

They were the home run hitters, the sultans of spike. They were Mahorn and Laimbeer, the Bad Boys of volleyball.

But even though they've gained national notoriety (Timmons once appeared on TV's David Letterman Show), the sport is still searching for nationwide identity.

Brad  
Emons

And that's the reason why Timmons stopped by the Observer. He was here promoting the CBS Stars and Spikes Series, part of a five-city stop, set for Monday, June 19 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. That's when the U.S. National Team will take on the silver medalists, the Soviets, in a 7:30 p.m. start.

The 30-year-old Timmons, a native of Newport Beach, Calif., and graduate from Southern Cal, certainly has cashed in on his Olympic Gold.

A FEW of the 1988 U.S. team

members have migrated to the Italian professional leagues to seek fame and fortune, making as much as \$150,000 per year, but Timmons has stayed put, choosing to make it lucratively — the American way.

"The money is very good over in Italy, but not quite good enough to get me over there," he said.

Among the ventures he's currently marketing: real estate, RedSand volleyball and beachwear, underwear, a Steve Timmons-autographed optic-yellow volleyball, which has already grossed nearly \$2 million in sales for Wilson.

And it doesn't hurt that his future father-in-law is Dr. Jerry Bus, the multi-millionaire businessman who happens to count the Los Angeles Lakers as part of his vast empire.

But despite all his interests, Timmons manages to keep the competi-

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