

ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK

Hot Wheeler paces '92 all-area track team

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STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem's girls track team showed consistency throughout an unrelenting dual-meet season, but coach Mark Gregor still found a turning point.

It came during Salem's 70-58 win last month over Plymouth Canton in the annual Mangum Invitational. "If I could pinpoint a turning point it was when we swept the 200 meter dash, against Canton; the girls really came together and believed in themselves," said Gregor, the Observer's 1992 Coach of the Year. "From then on they believed they could win the conference (Western Lakes) and do well at regional."

The Rocks, who won the WLAA with a 5-0 dual meet record, were 7-0 overall and took second at the Class A Belleville regional. Salem qualified 10 athletes for the state meet in nine events, and the 104 points scored at regional were the most ever by a Salem team.

Gregor just finished his fifth year at Salem and he was assisted in '92 by Tom Garrett and Jay Blylock. The youthful Rocks were led by junior Tonya Wheeler, the 400-meter dash champion in Class A.

"This was the best season I ever had as a track and field coach, the most cooperative group I've ever been associated with," Gregor said. "The Rocks placed two individuals and two relays on this year's Observer first team, Farmington Hills Mercy; the Catholic League champion, and Canton each placed two individuals and one relay on the first team, North Farmington and traditionally strong Livonia Stevenson feature two first-team individuals."

FIELD EVENTS

Becky Washnock, shot put, Farmington: The senior was an Oakland County champion and leaves with the school's all-time best loss in the shot put at 36 feet, 2 inches. Washnock also took second places at the Class A regional and West Bloomfield Invitational and third place in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Becky is a dedicated athlete who has shown great improvement each year," coach Bruce Brown said. "Her hard work and determination have really paid off for her. She is great to work with."

Teressa Sarno, discus, Stevenson: The most accomplished athlete at Stevenson, Sarno is headed to the University of Virginia on a volleyball scholarship. She finished second in the discus and third in the shot put in Class A and was a regional champion in both. Sarno holds the school record for best toss in each event (135-2 in discus, 38-5 in shot put) and won each dual meet in which she competed. She also was a WLAA champion.

Teressa is a gifted athlete who willingly worked as hard as necessary to achieve her goals," coach Paul Holmstrom said. "She was named Stevenson's most outstanding all-around athlete, and rightfully so."

Catherine Bacile, long jump, Stevenson: Bacile, who had a personal best long jump of 10' 6" (the highest in the area), was Stevenson's leading point getter. The sophomore qualified for the second time for the Class A meet in the long jump and 200-meter dash, finishing third at the regional in each event.

Catherine is on her way toward setting an all-time scoring record for Stevenson girls' track. "In addition to long jump, she was one of the area's best in the 200 and ran on two relays."

Stephanie Gray, high jump, Canton: The junior has qualified for the Class A meet in the high jump three years in a row, undefeated in six dual meets. Gray won the WLAA meet for a second time in a row and she finished third in the regional. Her best jump is 5-2. She cleared 5-0 or higher 13 times this season and made five 5-2 seventh times. She also has thrown the discus 91-2 and the shot put 34-10.

Stephanie is a very dedicated and talented athlete," coach George Prydzak said. "Consistency is Stephanie's trademark."

RUNNING EVENTS

Theresa Glacherio, 100-meter hurdles, Salem: She is the school record holder in the 300 meter hurdles (48.6) and the running site won the 100 hurdles in both the WLAA and regional meets. Glacherio is a two-time WLAA champion as well as a two-time state qualifier in the 300 hurdles.

Theresa finished a great track career at Salem by helping to lead a young team to the Lakes Division and WLAA champi-

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FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Becky Washnock, Farmington; 2. Kim Morrow, Wayne Memorial; 3. Dana Simon, Livonia Franklin. Discus: 1. Teressa Sarno, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Seana Basline, Plymouth Canton; 3. Rachel Cook, Livonia Stevenson.

Long jump: 1. Cathy Bacile, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Dana Simon, Plymouth Canton; 3. Lynette Conner, Westland John Green.

High jump: 1. Stephanie Gray, Plymouth Canton; 2. Melissa Hopson, Plymouth Canton; 3. Andrea Sawyer, Farmington Hills.

RUNNING EVENTS

100-meter hurdles: 1. Theresa Glacherio, Plymouth Salem; 2. Sarah Maury, Plymouth Salem; 3. Kanna Kilpelainen, Plymouth Canton.

200 hurdles: 1. Wendy Maechee, Redford Union; 2. Theresa Burroughs, Wayne Memorial; 3. Lori Trussler, Westland John Green.

100 dash: 1. Ndu Okwumabua, Plymouth Canton; 2. Leigh Novicki, Plymouth Canton; 3. Vanessa Bennett, Plymouth Canton.

200 dash: 1. Nicole Pryor, Farmington Mercy; 2. Sarah Hamilton, Plymouth Canton; 3. Linda Felton, Redford Union.

400 dash: 1. Tonya Wheeler, Plymouth Salem; 2. Michele Sakshi, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Becky Atanacka, Livonia Stevenson.

800 run: 1. Dawn DiPonlo, Farmington Mercy; 2. Jerry Guthrie, Livonia Franklin; 3. Stacey Whitton, Plymouth Canton.

1,600 run: 1. Jenny Weh, North Farmington; 2. Lana Boroditsch, Plymouth Canton; 3. A.J. Korman, Livonia Stevenson.

3,200 run: 1. Emily Shively, North Farmington; 2. Amy Freund, Farmington Mercy; 3. Shamika Pasko, Farmington Mercy.

RELAY EVENTS

400-100: Plymouth Canton (Becky Bacile, Ndu Okwumabua); 2. Plymouth Salem (Sarah Hamilton, Dana Driscoll, Monica Parker, Vanessa Bennett); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Kim Nelson, Cathy Bacile, Amy Pasko, Debbie Wallin).

800-200: Plymouth Canton (Dana Driscoll, Monica Parker, Tonya Wheeler); 2. Farmington Mercy (Dawn DiPonlo, Eileen O'Connell, Kelly Cook, Amy Freund); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Michele Sakshi, Kim Nelson, Cathy Bacile, Becky Atanacka).

1,600-100: 1. Plymouth Salem (Sarah Hamilton, Courtney Sheldon, Linda Felton, Tonya Wheeler); 2. Farmington Mercy (Dawn DiPonlo, Eileen O'Connell, Kelly Cook, Amy Freund); 3. Livonia Stevenson (Michele Sakshi, Kim Nelson, Cathy Bacile, Becky Atanacka).

3,200-100: 1. Farmington Mercy (Dawn DiPonlo, Amy Freund, Eileen O'Connell, Kelly Cook, Amy Freund); 2. Plymouth Canton (Dana Driscoll, Monica Parker, Vanessa Bennett, Cathy Bacile); 3. North Farmington (Jenny Weh, Emily Shively, Lana Boroditsch, Renda Kertman).

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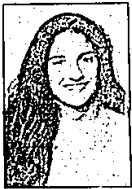
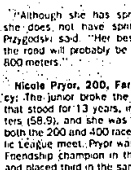
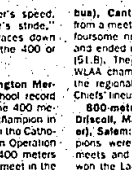
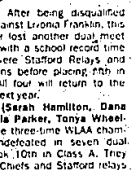
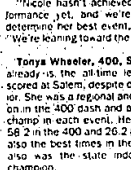
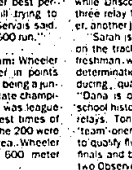
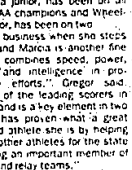
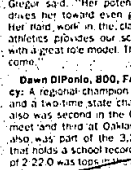
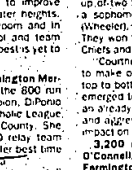
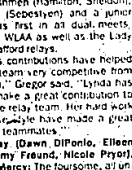
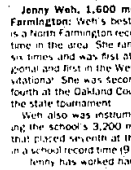
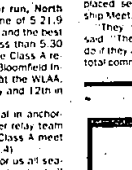
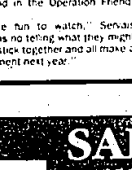
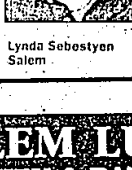
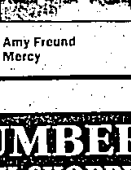
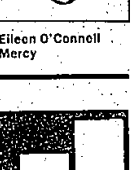
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