

# All-Area

## Farmington's Adams repeat choice for honor team



Kate Adams: placed fifth in state cross country meet.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### 1996 ALL-AREA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

##### FIRST TEAM

Kelly Travis  
Marjorie Brooks  
Ashley Fillion  
Kelly McNeillance  
Kate Adams  
Kim McNeillance  
Jodi Werman  
Livia Stevenson  
Nicole Bolton  
Becky Wolfom

Livia Stevenson  
Westland John Glenn  
Livia Stevenson  
Livia Stevenson  
Farmington  
Livia Stevenson  
Lutheran Westland  
Livia Stevenson  
Plymouth Salem  
Plymouth Canton

##### SECOND TEAM

Danielle Harris  
Leslie Knapp  
Christy Zales  
Hirste Odgers  
Betsy Gignac  
Jackie Segue  
Renee Kaskawitz  
Ellen Stehmer  
Beth Knight  
Evelyn Rabahl

Livia Stevenson  
Livia Stevenson  
Livia Stevenson  
Plymouth Salem  
Farmington Mercy  
Livia Stevenson  
Plymouth Salem  
Plymouth Canton  
Plymouth Salem

##### HONORABLE MENTION

Farmington: Theresa Derwinski, Aimee Cameron, Ellen Adams, Ladywood, Jackie Urbanczyk, Jessica Hayden, Anne Figurski, Sunni Piotrowski, Melissa Dackert, Salem: Erin Long, Rachael Morantz, Mari Osborn, Lutheran Westland: Nicole Smith, Hoke Hughes, Deb Unger, Jessica Montgomery, Stevenson: Jessica Cyburt, Julie Sachau, Franklin: Jenny Furlong, North Farmington: Becky Haglik, Monica Czerwinski, Erik Anderson, Ava Lala, Canton: Angkara Roy, Lori Schmidt, Churchill: Jeannette Martus, Stephanie Sawers, Livia Coolidge, Katie Singer, Redford Union: Diana Refitt, Harrison: Amy Schaner, Alton Best, Paula Chops.

had stood since 1973.

Brooks took first in seven dual meets, was third in the Western Lakes meet (19:24) and second in her regional (19:29). Has a 4.6 grade point average and has been accepted at West Point and the Naval Academy.

Ashley Fillion, sophomore, Churchill: Won all her dual meets and was seventh individually at the state meet with a clocking of 19:12.

Fillion was third at her regional in 19:34. Set school record of 18:36 to win Jefferson (Monroe) Invitational.

"Ashley is a tough competitor who is blessed with a tremendous amount of talent," her coach, Sue Tatigian, said. "She is the type of athlete that coaches dream of coaching due to her great attitude and her work ethic. She has a great future in running. She has and will continue to make history at Churchill High School."

Fillion also owns a 4.3 GPA. Kelly McNeillance, junior, Stevenson: McNeillance was 17th in the state meet with a time of 19:10, second to Travis in the Western Lakes meet (19:08) and fourth in the state regionals (19:38).

Also an All-State choice, McNeillance recorded her personal best of 19:06 while winning the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

"Kelly had the best year of her career this year," Holmberg said. "She set personal best records in nearly every race she ran. She is a great leader who works as hard as anyone on a very dedicated team."

Kim McNeillance, sophomore, Stevenson: Recorded her personal best in the state finals, 19:16, to earn 20th place in the team race and gain top-20 status for second year in a row.

She was the fifth-best time in Spartans' girls cross country history. McNeillance was fourth in the Western Lakes (19:36) and eighth in the regionals (19:56).

"In her two years of running, Kim had her best race of the season at the state final meet," Holmberg said. "She could always be counted on to give her best when the team needed her the most."

Kate Adams, junior, Farmington: Adams was fifth in the individual portion of the state meet with a 19:08 clocking, the best girls cross country time ever by a Falcons' runner.

She was first in three meets.

Adams ran a 19:27 to win at Haslett, took 10th in the Western Lakes just two ticks over 20 minutes and was seventh in the regional at 19:48. Made the All-State team.

"She's a tough all-around athlete who is just as good in the classroom (academic All-State in 1995) as she is out on the field," said her coach, Liz Zynda.

Jodi Werman, senior, Lutheran Westland: Another clutch performer who ran her best (19:03) in the state meet, finishing fourth overall and third in the team race.

Werman took the Metro Conference meet with a 20:38 and lowered that to 20:02 to win her regional. Improved two places every year in the state race. She also owns home course (Hines Park) record of 19:19.

"Jodi improved every year she ran," said her coach, Dave Brown, "and finished her senior season with her best race ever. She accomplished her season goals of breaking 19:20 and placing in the top five in the state. It's been fun watching her compete."

Werman has a 3.721 grade point average. Andrea Parker, freshman, Stevenson: Also chose the state finals to record her best time of the season, a 19:31.

Parker was sixth in the Western Lakes (19:45) and 10th in the regionals (19:59).

"Andrea had an outstanding season by any standards," Holmberg said, "but especially for a ninth grader. She improved every week of the season and was a very important part of Stevenson's success."

Micela Bolton, senior, Salem: Bolton owns the second-fastest time in Salem history, a 19:26 that earned her 28th place in the team portion of the state meet.

She finished 13th in Western Lakes (20:06) and also in at the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional (20:13).

Bolton is an academic All-State choice who "is the complete package both on and off the course," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She is a true leader who gets good grades and works on speed and endurance harder than anyone. She is a goal-oriented and determined runner who led this team to the state finals for the first time in 10 years."

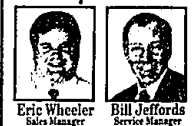
Becky Wolfom, senior, Canton: Durable runner never missed a race in four years.

Wolfom ran a 19:55, good enough for 27th in the individual segment of the state meet. She was also fifth in the Western Lakes meet in 19:38, personal best and second-best time by a Canton runner at Cass Benton.

"Becky has had an incredible career," Canton coach George Prydzowski said. "She has run more races and holds more course records than any other Lady Chief cross country athlete. Becky's hallmark has been her durability and consistency. She has been a role model for our younger runners."

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## Raptor Racing teams advance in cross country competitions

The five Raptor Racing teams coached by Plymouth Salem's Geoff Baker and Dave Gerlach all advanced to the second round of the United States Track and Field Cross Country Championships.

Three of the teams -- young women (ages 17-18), youth girls (13-14) and young men (17-18) -- were first while the intermediate boys (15-16) placed second and the intermediate girls third.

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The Youth Girls, who ran

4,000 meters, got a second place finish from Andrea Parker of Livonia Stevenson (16:48). Diana Refitt of Redford Union (17:05) was third, with Leslie Knapp of Stevenson (17:18) fourth.

Other youth girls team members included Shae Potocki of Salem (18:16, 12th), and Betsy Luckscheiter, Farmington (20:11, 22nd).

The young men won with 15 points. Jason Jolozynski of Central Michigan University (Shepherd High) crossed the finish line first with a clocking of 16:14. His collegiate teammate, Jared Biniecki (Salem) was eight second back to take second.

Jason Aspinall of Walke Lake Western won fourth and Jared Roth of Farmington Harrison (16:28) finished fifth.

John Brouter of Shepherd (16:32, 7th); Joe Wojtowicz of John Glenn (18:22, 29th) and Ben Scott of Farmington (18:26, 30th) rounded out the team.

The third-place intermediate girls best finish was fifth, by Kim McNeillance of Stevenson (19:59). Ellen Adams of Farmington was 23rd (21:20).

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