

2 schools dominate All-Area track team



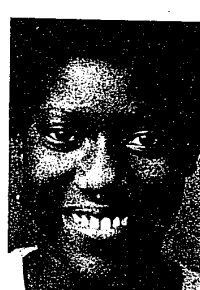
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JILL WASHBURN
Rochester

By TOM BAER

West Bloomfield and Rochester High were known for their strong girls' track teams this past season. And their success showed in the Observer & Eccentric's 1979 All-Area team.

Picked recently by several area coaches, the O&E's All-Area Girls' Track team was dominated by West Bloomfield and Rochester. When it came to first-team selections, the two schools landed girls in 11 of the 15 events.

West Bloomfield, which finished fifth in the recent Class A state meet at Brighton High, took first-team honors in six events. Rochester, which capped a 7-0 dual-meet season with a 10th-place finish in the state meet, filled five events.

Rochester's success was due in part to its distance runners, especially senior Jill Washburn, an easy choice for top honors in three events.

Washburn, who hasn't decided on a college, was picked in the half mile, the mile and the two mile. Her best half mile was a 2:21.3 to earn a sixth place in the state meet. She placed fourth at state in the mile with a time of 5:31.4. Her only outing in the two mile came in a dual meet and resulted in a superb time of 10:48.2.

Rochester's depth in the distance

events is evident in the second and third team selections. Rochester's Karen Curtis and teammate Lisa Fransen were named to the second and third teams, respectively, in the mile and two mile. In the 800, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's Michele Collins was second, and West Bloomfield's Barb Allen was third.

ROCHESTER'S MILE relay gained first-team honors with a time of 4:02.7. The team consists of sophomores Michelle Dombroski and Ericka Bauer, junior Gretchen Baker and senior Angel Ribant. Mercy's mile relay was second, and West Bloomfield's crew was third.

Rochester's Baker was the first-team choice in the quarter mile. She turned in a 56.5 to finish third in the state meet. Julie Basford of Mercy was the second-team pick, and Southfield High's Theresa Kopach was third.

While Rochester topped the distance events, the mile relay and the quarter West Bloomfield dominated the rest of the sprints and relays and finished first in both hurdles events.

West Bloomfield had two individual standouts in freshman Vivian McKenzie and junior Monique Ozimkowski.

McKenzie captured top honors in the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash. Her time of :11.2 was good for fourth

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place in the state meet. Her best 100 this season was run in :11.9. In the 220, she finished fifth at state with a time of :25.7, four-tenths of a second slower than her best.

Ozimkowski was second in the 100 followed by Birmingham Marian's Ann

Hadley. In the 220, Bloomfield Hills Andover's Kori Gifford landed second, and Mercy's Sherry West was third.

OZIMKOWSKI, WHO is making her third post-season appearance on the All-Area track team, was voted best in

O&E All-Area girls' track team

LONG JUMP — 1. Kori Gifford (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 18-4 1/2; 2. Jean Tingley (Avondale), 16-10; 3. Liz Kretchner (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 16-6 1/2.

SHOT PUT — 1. Mary Baker (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 37-4 1/2; 2. Debbie Ross (Troy), 37-2 1/2; 3. Lisa Shaski (Birmingham Groves), 36-1.

DISCUS — 1. Beth Bosse (Farmington Our Lady of Mercy), 115-4; 2. Lisa Shaski (Birmingham Groves), 113-4; 3. Marci Fielding (Troy), 110-4.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Eileen Steward (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 5-6; 2. Laura King (Rochester Adams), 5-4; 3. Mary Geiselman (Rochester), 5-4.

800-YARD RELAY — 1. West Bloomfield (Monique Ozimkowski, Lisa Gagnon, Kathy Berghoff, Vivian McKenzie), 1:44.1; 2. Farmington Our Lady of Mercy (Sherry West, Cathy Bridges, Kathie Whalen, Jeannette Duplessis), 1:44.6; 3. Rochester High (Michelle Dombroski, Chris Phillips, Angel Ribant, Gretchen Baker), 1:49.4.

400-YARD RELAY — 1. West Bloomfield (Monique Ozimkowski, Lisa Gagnon, Lisa Fitzekam, Vivian McKenzie), 49.4; 2. Farmington Our Lady of Mercy (Sherry West, Cathy Bridges, Kathie Whalen, Jeannette Duplessis), 50.3; 3. Detroit Country Day School (Kandis Davis, Jeaneane Skrofat, Laverne Evans, Michelle Ragland), 51.9.

MILE RELAY — 1. Rochester (Michelle Dombroski, Ericka Bauer, Angel Ribant, Gretchen Baker), 4:02.7; 2. Farmington Our Lady of Mercy (Julie Basford, Carol Basford, Chris Dosmann, Cathy Bridges), 4:06.3; 3. West Bloomfield (Jane Perry, Kathy Berghoff, Barb Allen, Vivian McKenzie), 4:09.9.

MILE RUN — 1. Jill Washburn (Rochester), 5:01.4; 2. Karen Curtis (Rochester), 5:09.0; 3. Lisa Fransen (Rochester), 5:11.3.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Jill Washburn (Rochester), 10:58.8; 2. Karen Curtis (Rochester), 5:09.0; 3. Lisa Fransen (Rochester), 5:11.3.

800-YARD RUN — 1. Jill Washburn (Rochester), 2:21.3; 2. Michele Collins (Farmington Our Lady of Mercy), 2:22.3; 3. Barb Allen (West Bloomfield), 2:25.2.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Vivian McKenzie (West Bloomfield), :11.0; 2. Monique Ozimkowski (West Bloomfield), :11.3; 3. Ann Hadley (Birmingham Marian), :11.4.

220-YARD DASH — 1. Vivian McKenzie (West Bloomfield), :25.3; 2. Kori Gifford (Bloomfield Hills Andover), :25.3; 3. Sherry West (Farmington Our Lady of Mercy), :25.8.

440-YARD DASH — 1. Gretchen Baker (Rochester), :56.5; 2. Julie Basford (Farmington Our Lady of Mercy), :59.4; 3. Theresa Kopach (Southfield), :50.4.

220-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. (tie) Monique Ozimkowski (West Bloomfield) and Gretchen Baker (Rochester), :28.7; 3. Eileen Steward (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), :32.0.

110-YARD HURDLES — 1. Monique Ozimkowski (West Bloomfield), :14.5; 2. Gretchen Baker (Rochester), :14.9; 3. Terri Duckett (Farmington Harrison), :16.3.

Honorable mention

LONG JUMP — Kandi Davis (Country Day), Lisa Sims (Country Day), Miss Mitchell (Farmington), Kathy Karavach (Troy), Toni Watkins (Southfield), Kelly Kelly (Adams), Jo Jo Graham (Southfield), Sara Albert (Lahser).

SHOT PUT — Sheri Stenfield (Southfield), Ericka Bauer (Rochester), Madra Grant (Andover), Jeannette Duplessis (West Bloomfield), Nancy Hughes (North Farmington), Lois Vachon (Andover), Kelly Kren (Troy).

DISCUS — Mary Baker (Lahser), Penny McCann (Southfield), Mary Anderson (Sherry), Sheri Stenfield (Southfield), Gill Latta (Avondale), Sherry Adams (West Bloomfield).

HIGH JUMP — Terri Duckett (Harrison), Kim Romsdahl (Southfield), Lisa Vachon (Bloomfield Hills Andover), Lisa Sims (Country Day), Jo Ann Adair (Bloomfield Hills Lahser).

800-YARD RELAY — Birmingham Groves, Rochester Adams, Country Day, Avondale, Troy.

400-YARD RELAY — Southfield, Birmingham Groves, Rochester Adams, Avondale.

MILE RELAY — Southfield, Rochester Adams, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Country Day, Bloomfield Hills Andover.

MILE RUN — Anne Lundy (Rochester), Cindy Pate (West Bloomfield), Sue Stabile (Southfield), Anna Baur (Birmingham Sebastian), Janet Dobek (Birmingham Groves), Janet Harris (Andover), Corrie Sullivan (Farmington Mercy).

160-YARD RUN — Kim Romsdahl (Southfield Lahser), Karen Rusk (Southfield), Vicki Salomon (Farmington Mercy), Beth Allen (West Bloomfield), Anne Lundy (Rochester).

100-YARD DASH — Kori Gifford (Bloomfield Hills Andover), Michelle Ragland (Country Day), Sherry West (Farmington Mercy), Laverne Evans (Country Day), Mille Holtz (Southfield), Jean Tingley (Avondale).

440-YARD DASH — Sandi Rose (Avondale), Michelle Dombroski (Rochester), Lisa Ertman (Southfield), Gretchen Baker (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Kathy Bridges (Farmington Mercy).

220-YARD HURDLES — Sandi Rose (Avondale), Kathy Anne (Farmington Mercy), Lisa Salter (3), Gill Humphrey (Birmingham Groves), Lisa Schelle (Country Day), Pam Shack (Birmingham Groves).

110-YARD HURDLES — Eileen Steward (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Lisa Salter (Avondale), Elaine Bremer (West Bloomfield), Julie Angel (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), Sandi Rose (Avondale).

the 110-yard hurdles with a time of :14.5, recorded in the regional. In the 220-yard hurdles, Ozimkowski and Rochester's Baker tied for the first team. Baker's best effort was :28.7. Ozimkowski's was a :28.8.

Eileen Steward of Bloomfield Hills Lahser was third in the 220 hurdles. Baker was second in the 110 hurdles and Farmington Harrison's Terri Duckett was third.

McKenzie and Ozimkowski were part of West Bloomfield's 800- and 400-yard relays, which both were picked for the first team.

The 440 team, which included juniors Lisa Fitzekam and Lisa Gagnon, turned in a :49.4 this season. Mercy and Detroit Country Day School followed West Bloomfield on the All-Area team.

The 800 crew (Ozimkowski, Gagnon, sophomore Kathy Berghoff and McKenzie) was tops with a time of 1:44.1. Mercy landed second and Rochester finished third.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser was the only other school to have more than one athlete selected for the first team. Senior Mary Baker topped the shot put with a throw of 37-feet-4 1/2. Teammate Eileen Steward, a sophomore, went 5-feet-6 to take the honors in the high jump.

Debbie Ross of Troy High and Lisa Shaski of Birmingham Groves followed Baker in the shot put. Rochester Adams's Laura King and Rochester's Mary Geiselman followed Steward in the high jump.

ANDOVER'S GIFFORD, a junior, was an easy choice for the long jump with her 18-4 1/2 for third place in the



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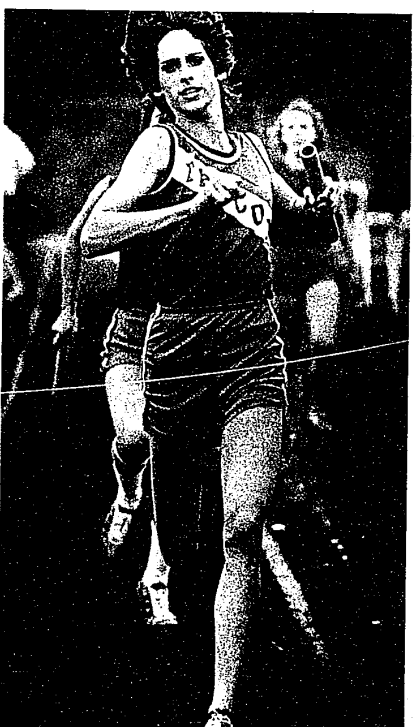
state meet. Jean Tingley of Andover was second, and Liz Kretchner of Lahser was third.

Beth Bosse, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy, was picked in the discus. Her best throw of 115-4 was recorded in the Catholic League-Public School League meet. Groves' Shasky was second, and Troy High's Marci Fielding was third.

Couch of the Year honors went to West Bloomfield's Lee Averill. West Bloomfield had to settle for second place behind Rochester in the Greater Oakland Activities League, but the Lakers came back to finish fifth in the state finals.



Speedster Vivian McKenzie of West Bloomfield just finished her freshman year, but she was tops in the area in the 100- and 220-yard dashes and was also a member of two first-team relays. (Staff photo)



The area's best in the 440-yard dash, Gretchen Baker of Rochester, also tied for the fastest time in the area in the 220-yard hurdles. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)



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Rochester



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KATHY BERGHOFF
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KORI GIFFORD
Andover



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