

Fleet feet!

Avondale crowds all-area team

By Dennis O'Connor
staff writer

When you talk about strong girls' track relays in the area, there's only one school that comes to mind — Avondale.

The Yellowjackets, coached by Rick Snede, had an outstanding year in all three relay events. In fact, they dominated so much that all three relays were named to the 1981 first-team Observer & Eccentric girls' track team.

And this was an unprecedented accomplishment, because the three-member coaches panel attempted to spread the relay honors to different schools in the area.

But there was no denying Avondale.

THE YELLOWJACKETS' 440-yard relay team won the Class B state title with a time of 49.7 — the best in the area. The foursome of Jean Tingley, the Buckhauler sisters, Paula and Kay, and Kathy Kaehler combined for effort. They also won the regional crown, the North Oakland Activities Conference (NOAC) league title and placed third at the Oakland County meet.

Tingley, the Buckhaulers and Sandi Rohe combined to take first-team honors in the 880-yard relay. This foursome ran 1:43.8 to place second at the state meet and finished nearly three seconds faster than any other foursome in the O & E area.

The 888-relay team also won the NOAC crown, placed second at regionals and third at county.

It was Rohe, Tere Stouffer, Linda Hagerman and Jodi Harker who combined for a seventh-place finish in mile relay at the state meet. Seventh place doesn't sound as impressive as the first two relay results, but this combination's fastest time was 4:06.9 — more than four seconds faster than any other O&E mile relay team.

The mile relay placed third in the county, third at regionals and first in the NOAC meet.

Even more amazing, Tingley, Rohe and Kaehler are the only graduating seniors from these relays. The rest will be back next year. Hagerman is a junior, Paula Buckhauler is a sophomore, and Kay Buckhauler, Harker and Stouffer all are freshmen.

Mark Timmins, the University of Michigan's assistant women's track coach, West Bloomfield's Lee Averill and Avondale's Snede were members of the selection committee for this all-area girls' track team.

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Tere Stouffer
Avondale



Kathy Kaehler
Avondale



Jodi Harker
Avondale



Linda Hagerman
Avondale



Sandi Rohe
Avondale



Shawn Shepard
Avondale



Paula Buckhauler
Avondale



Kay Buckhauler
Avondale



Jean Tingley
Avondale



Erika Bauer
Rochester



Almee Landry
Rochester



Lisa Franseon
Rochester



Holly Heisterkamp
Troy Athens



Molly Acton
Troy Athens

All-Area girls' track team

SHOT PUT — 1. Erika Bauer, Rochester; 2. Nancy Allen, Birmingham Groves.

DISCUS — 1. Shawn Shepard, Avondale; 2. Nicci Low, West Bloomfield.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Eileen Steward, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 2. Fran Kienle, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

LONG JUMP — 1. Holly Heisterkamp, Troy Athens; 2. LaMonica Dorsey, Troy Athens.

110-YARD HURDLES — Kristi Jackson, Southfield High; 2. Sandi Rohe, Avondale.

220-YARD HURDLES — 1. Karla Shepler, West Bloomfield; 2. Ann Vereen, Detroit Country Day.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Molly Acton, Troy Athens; 2. Dianne Klein, Rochester Adams.

220-YARD DASH — 1. Cathie Bridges, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy; 2. Jean Tingley, Avondale.

440-YARD DASH — 1. Sue Nash, Troy; 2. Linda Hagerman, Avondale.

880-YARD DASH — 1. Chris Looser, Farmington High; 2. Lisa Reimund, Troy Athens.

MILE RUN — 1. Almee Landry, Rochester; 2. Mini Baker, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Lisa Franseon, Rochester; 2. Anna Bauer, Birmingham Seaholm.

440-YARD RELAY — 1. Avondale (Jean Tingley, Paula Buckhauler, Kay Buckhauler, Kathy Kaehler); 2. Troy Athens.

880-YARD RELAY — 1. Avondale (Jean Tingley, Paula Buckhauler, Kay Buckhauler, Sandi Rohe); 2. Detroit Country Day.

MILE RELAY — 1. Avondale (Sandi Rohe, Tere Stouffer, Linda Hagerman, Jodi Harker); 2. Southfield High.

COACH OF THE YEAR — Bob Kirkland, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy.

HONORABLE MENTION

Shot Put — Renee Eckholt, Troy Athens; Kathy Carlin, Farmington Mercy; Discus — Beth Sherman, Farmington; Kaye Book, Farmington Mercy; High Jump — Tracy Wozell, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Sharon Shifra, North Farmington; Kristina Davis, Detroit Country Day; 110-yard hurdles — Noreen 220-yard hurdles — Lisa Schmidt, Birmingham Marian; 100-yard dash — Lisa McCall, Southfield High; Linda Mason, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 220-yard dash — Kim Mandell, North Farmington; 440-yard dash — Noreen 880-yard dash — Carl Loodal, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Mile Run — Kelly Gager, West Bloomfield; Two-Mile Run — Jill Young, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Joanne Simowitz, Birmingham Seaholm.



Karla Shepler
West Bloomfield



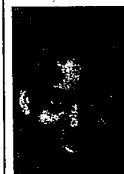
Eileen Steward
Lahser



Chris Looser
Farmington



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Troy



Cathie Bridges
Lady of Mercy



Bob Kirkland
Coach of the Year
Lady of Mercy



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Farmington Hills' Paula Inman, 17, rides One for the Road in a practice session at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

Big bucks!

Inmans purchase \$100,000 mare

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

In the dusty midst of the \$10 million worth of horseflesh currently on display at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club for the 1981 horse shows is a \$100,000 mare named Centrefold.

Owned by the Paul Inman family of Farmington Hills, the celebrated horse won a national championship in its class last year and already is boarding honors at the BOH.

Centrefold's rider at the shows, 1980 Horsewoman of the Year Katie Monahan, almost guarantees the horse's success.

The 26-year-old Bloomfield Hills native, and

former owner of Centrefold, is a member of the United States Equestrian team. Her countless accomplishments include a second-place finish in the 1979 World Cup in Göteborg, Sweden.

In town from her Virginia horsefarm where she rides and trains horses professionally, Monahan, a Bloomfield Hills Lahser graduate, is saving her student, 17-year-old Paula Inman, a few trips.

"DURING THE school year I traveled to Katie's for lessons about every other weekend," said Inman, the 1981 Farmington Our Lady of Mercy graduate who began riding five years ago.

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