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Gores said, "He has become a student of his events and works hard at developing his skills. He proved to be a big most thrower, throwing his best when it counted most."

Paul Stradtner, discus, Garden City: Stradtner, a sophomore, was much improved this season. He is a two-time regional champion, and he took first in the Crestwood Invitational with a throw of 138.2. He was first in the league in the shot put and second in discus. His personal best (158.8) set a school record.

"Paul's very dedicated to both the shot and discus," coach Scott Murray said. "He continues to improve in both events. It is a pleasure to coach as he hangs on every word and then strives to accomplish the task given to him."

Ken Page, long jump, Canton: A versatile athlete, Page established himself as a force in the long jump.

He took third at the regional and second at the WAAA meet. His personal best was 21-2.5. He was a member of the first-place high jump and long jump teams at the Observerland Relays.

"Ken was the most versatile athlete on our team and was a team captain," coach Bob Richardson said. "He competed at times in the long jump, high jump, 100, 200, 400 relay, 800 relay and hurdles."

Brad Waldmann, high jump, Canton: Waldmann has a bright future ahead of him following an outstanding performance this season.

He took first at the WAAA and regional meets. He was part of the high jump relay team that took first at Observerland. His season best was 6-4.

"Brad showed a lot of discipline and focus as he also competed throughout the season in the discus and shot put and also did some hurdling," Richardson said. "He has a bright future."

Howard Whitefoot, pole vault, Churchill: Whitefoot, a senior, was not just a fine athlete but an effective leader for the Chargers. He was fifth in the state, set a school record with a vault of 14.8 and won the regional, conference, city and

Observerland meets.

"Aside from Howard's achievements on the track, his leadership is what really impressed me the most," coach Rick Austin said. "His motivational speech to his team after our loss to Attitude turned our season around. I loved his attitude and he brought maturity to the track."

Tom Grant, 550 hurdles, Redford CC: Grant's competitors in dual meets got used to seeing the back of his blue-and-white jersey. That's because Grant, a senior, was undefeated in the high hurdles in dual meets.

Grant was the Catholic League champion for the second straight year and took third at the regional. He also went undefeated in the long jump.

He was the Shamrocks' leading scorer and MVP for the second year in a row. Grant made the state meet in the hurdles and long jump.

"Tom was the one we counted on most in every meet," coach Tony Magni said. "He performed consistently at a state-caliber level from the indoor season to the state meet."

"He is an intense competitor who is humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Fortunately for us, he didn't have to be gracious very often."

Rob Greer, 300 hurdles, Lutheran Westland: Greer put a great deal of time and effort into perfecting his technique, and his efforts paid off with excellent results.

He was a state and regional champion. He set a Division 4 state record with a time of 39.2.

He took first at the WAAA and regional meets on our team this year," coach Mike Unger said. "He dedicated himself to being the best hurdler he could be. He's a very humble and unassuming young man."

Darryl Anglin, 100 dash, Redford Bishop Borgess: The fastest man in Observerland did it again this year.

Senior Darryl Anglin has dominated sprint events in the area the past few seasons, and 2002 was no different. The Eastern Michigan University-bound sprinter ran an arab best 10.8 in the

100 this season, and edged out a strong field in the event at the Observerland Relays. Borgess coach Rodney Geter said Anglin can be as good as he wants to be.

"He has really prepared himself for next year," Geter said. "He's a dominant runner and showed what he's made of."

Agim Shabaj, 200 dash, Harrison: Shabaj got used to going to the state meet, as he made five trips in his career.

He was a state champion in the 200 this season (time of 21.95 set a Division 2 state record. Shabaj also was a regional champion and conference runner-up.

"He is an awesome track athlete," coach John Reed said. "He owns three school records and led his team to back-to-back state titles. His leadership and presence will be missed."

Terrill Mayberry, 400 dash, Harrison: Mayberry, a senior, was tough to beat this season, as he recorded the fastest time in the state (48.8).

He was the state runner-up in 2001 and 2002. He set an Oakland County record of 21.3 in the 200. He was also a regional and conference champion in the 400.

"He is easily one of the very best runners in the state of Michigan, maybe the best," Reed said. "He is a very hard worker and a strong leader. We will surely miss him."

David Novara, 800 run, Stevenson: Stevenson will definitely miss this senior who has been the team MVP the last two seasons.

He ran a 1:56.6 this year at the state meet to take ninth. He made the state meet in 2001 and finished seventh. He was second at the regional (1:57.3).

"Dave has been an outstanding athlete for Stevenson the past four years and will be hard to replace," Gores said. "He was one of our captains, demonstrating strong leadership both on and off the track."

"Dave works hard and is a confident and determined runner. He competed in the state finals

three years and represented Stevenson throughout his career with pride and dignity."

Ryan Lowry, 1,600 run, Redford CC: CC has produced a number of fine distance runners over the years, and Lowry ranks with the best of them.

The senior took sixth at the state meet in 4:16.7. He also won the regional (4:28.6), Catholic League A-B Division (4:24.9) and Operation Friendship titles (4:27.6). He was undefeated in the 1,600 and 3,200 in dual meets.

"Ryan dedicated himself to having a successful track season," Magni said. "With his talent, dedication and determination, Ryan was able to attain his goals. A true leader not only from the sideline but also on the track, he will surely be missed."

3,200 run: Justin Hajduk, Plymouth Salem: At the state finals, Hajduk did what any athlete would want to do at a major meet — he trimmed his best time in the 3,200 by six seconds, finishing fourth.

And that, according to his coach, Geoff Baker, defines Hajduk best. "He has a natural running form," said Baker. "And he likes to race."

Hajduk proved that by winning both the 1,600 and the 3,200 at the WAAA Finals. He also won the 3,200 at the state regional meet, finishing second in the 1,600 to CC's Lowry. At state, he was 10th in the 1,600 (4:22.8) and fourth in the 3,200 (9:32.8).

"He's got more in him," predicted Baker. He'll get a chance to prove it; Hajduk just finished his junior year.

400 relay, Redford Bishop Borgess: In one of the last races of the 2002 season, Borgess coach Rodney Geter had some last-minute scrambling to do with his sprint relay team. The result was a state championship.

The 400 relay team of Donald Ferrell, DeJuan Kea, Edward Burney and Jason Smith was formed shortly before the state finals at Grand Rapids, but it responded with a first-place time of 44.55. According to Geter, the 400 relay team's best race came at the Observerland Relays with a dash

of 43.7 seconds.

"Donald ran a very good leg of that race," Geter said. "We had to scramble to put that team together, but they really stepped up to the challenge. All four are excellent athletes."

800 relay, Farmington Harrison: The foursome of Marcus Woods, Agim Shabaj, Terrill Mayberry and Charles Pickett was tough on opponents this season.

They won at Observerland, the regional and West Bloomfield and Now Relays. They were runners-up in the Oakland County meet.

"It was probably our best relay," Reed said. "They ran some outstanding times all season. It's one of the top two teams in the state according to time."

1,600 relay, Farmington Harrison: Shabaj, Fermon Tate, Woods and Mayberry set a Division 2 state record (9:32.1). Kevin Davis was on the relay team all season, but he was ill the day of the state meet and was replaced by Woods. The Hawks were state, regional and conference champions.

"Winning the event to capture the Hawks second straight Division 2 state championship was an awesome way to finish an excellent year," Reed said.

3,200 relay, Livonia Churchill: James Gale, Will Chooman, Ryan Gail and Logan Schuitz ran their best when it counted the most. All four set personal records at the state meet to take seventh in Division 1 and set a school record of 7:57. They also were regional and city champions, third at Observerland and second in the conference.

"They are very close friends on and off the track," Austin said. "They took great pride in their work ethic and paid attention to detail about every phase of the race. They represent the class of Charger track and field."

ALL-OBSERVER TRACK & FIELD

2002 ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Hady Rahman, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Nick Hendrix, senior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Darvin Young, senior, North Farmington.

Discus: 1. Paul Stradtner, sophomore, Garden City; 2. Marcus Gonyer, junior, Redford Thurston; 3. Andrew Ribar, senior, Livonia Churchill.

Long jump: 1. Ken Page, senior, Plymouth Canton; 2. Darnez Minfield, senior, Redford Thurston; 3. Matt Bremenow, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

High jump: 1. Brad Waldmann, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 2. Mike Lanlus, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 3. Brandon Chivenski, junior, Livonia Stevenson.

Pole vault: 1. Howard Whitefoot, senior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Eric Latschkin, senior, Farmington Westland; 3. Dan Perach, senior, North Farmington; and Remy Suleman, junior, Farmington Westland.

RUNNING EVENTS

150-meter hurdles: 1. Tom Grant, senior, Redford Catholic Central; 2. Dane Novara, senior, Plymouth Canton; 3. Jeremy Morse, senior, Livonia Churchill.

300 hurdles: 1. Rob Greer, senior, Lutheran Westland; 2. Kevin Davis, junior, Farmington Harrison; 3. Ron Friend, senior, Livonia Franklin.

100 dash: 1. Darryl Anglin, senior, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Tim Shaw, senior, Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Marcus Woods, junior, Farmington Harrison.

200 dash: 1. Agim Shabaj, senior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Dillard, sophomore, Wayne Memorial; 3. Randall Means, junior, Redford Catholic Central.

400 dash: 1. Terrill Mayberry, senior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Joe Lubinski, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Edward Burney, junior, Redford Bishop Borgess.

800 run: 1. Dave Novara, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Ryan Gail, senior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Eugene Furman, junior, North Farmington.

1,600 run: 1. Ryan Lowry, senior, Redford Catholic Central; 2. Will Chapman, senior, Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Chris Vranias, junior, Plymouth Canton.

3,200 run: 1. Justin Hajduk, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. David Lucas, sophomore, Redford Catholic Central; 3. Aaron Leaning, junior, Plymouth Canton.

RELAY TEAMS

400 relay: 1. Redford Bishop Borgess

800 relay: 1. Farmington Harrison (Marcus Woods, Agim Shabaj, Terrill Mayberry, Charles Pickett); 2. Redford Bishop Borgess (Rodney Geter, DeJuan Kea, Edward Burney, Jason Smith); 3. Lutheran Westland (Ben Moldenbauer, Justin Combs, Donny Murdoch, Andy Moldenbauer).

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington Harrison (Agim Shabaj, Fermon Tate, Kevin Davis, Terrill Mayberry); 2. Livonia Stevenson (Dan Howey, Brett Gishen, Joe Lubinski, Dave Novara); 3. Lutheran Westland (Justin Combs, Nick Doherty, Ben Moldenbauer, Rob Greer).

3,200 relay: 1. Livonia Churchill (Will Chapman, Ryan Gail, James Gale, Logan Schuitz); 2. Livonia Stevenson (Doug Hoveck, Dan Chaska, Keith Heams, Dave Novara); 3. Plymouth Salem (Chris Vranias, Steve Shult, Joe Crist, Justin Hajduk).

COACH OF THE YEAR

John Reed, Farmington Harrison High School.

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Clarenceville will also be hosting a high school volleyball league for girls in incoming grades 9-12 the week of June 24 through Aug. 4 (with an additional playoff week).

The cost is \$250 per team (eight players per team).

For more information on either the camps or the league, call (248) 872-8926.

SPORTS TO BEGIN

The Farmington YMCA will begin its summer youth sports programs the week of June 17. Sports include T-ball, soccer for ages 3-7, basketball clinics for ages 5-12 and gymnastics for all ages.

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