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Improvement mark of girl track stars

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Success didn't spoil Rock Hudson and nor did it affect members of last year's Detroit News Girls' All-Metro track team.

Fourteen girls who received All-Metro honors last year came back with better or faster performances in their specialties to make The News' 1976 All-State team.

In keeping with the recent boom of girls' sports, The News has selected an All-State track team for the first time.

Named to the team in the running events were senior Josephine Hobbs of Detroit Central in the 100-yard dash, junior Cheryl Gilliam of state Class A champion Detroit Cass Tech in the 220, senior Johanna Matthyssen of Holt in the 440, sophomore Rochelle Collins of Detroit Immaculata in the 880, junior Kathy Wilson of Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the mile, junior Mary Ann Opalewski of Saginaw MacArthur in the two mile and senior Kim Hatchett of Pontiac Central in the 110 low hurdles.

All the girls, with the exception of Gilliam, won their running events in last Saturday's state championships. Gilliam finished second by two-tenths of a second to Hobbs in the 220.

Hobbs has set amazing performances in the state

meets that will be difficult to duplicate. She has won both the 100 and 220 in each of the last three state championship meets. Last Saturday she had records times of 11 0 and 24 7 in the 100 and 220. Before the state meet, Gilliam had beaten Hobbs five times in the 220, including victories in the Detroit Public School and Catholic League-PSL meets.

Matthyssen, who led Holt to the state Class B championship, had the state's fastest time in the 440 — a 56 1 clocking, a state record. Immaculata's Collins, who was second in the 440, won the state Class B 880 in a record 2:14.3. Last year Collins won both the 440 and 880 in the state meet.

Lahser's Wilson won the mile in the 1975 state meet in a Class A record 5:10.5 and came back Saturday to take her speciality in a new mark of 5:06.4. Her best time in the event is 5:04.2, and she has run the two mile in 11:17.3. MacArthur's Opalewski, who won the state Class B mile last year in a state record 5:04.2, switched to the two-mile in the state meet this year and raced to a state record of 11 minutes flat. Opalewski ran a 10:42 two mile in a state AAU meet last summer.

Hatchett of Pontiac Central is another who broke her own state record in Saturday's finals. She took the 110

hurdles in 14.5 seconds, two-tenths of a second better than her clocking last season.

The News' All-State team in the field events consists of shotputter Sharon Upshaw of Mt. Clemens, high jumper Beth Brunn of Utica, long jumper Cynthia Tett of Grand Rapids Union and discus thrower Abby Currier of Lake City.

Utica High doesn't have a girls' track team, but that didn't stop Beth. She just worked extra hard on her own. Beth had the state's top performances, regardless of class, in both the high jump and long jump in the state Class B meet Saturday. The sophomore star shattered two records, bettering her own mark in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 9 inches and taking the long jump at 18 feet, 5 1/4 inches. Upshaw, a News All-Metro selection in basketball this year, is just as prolific with a shot out.

Tett, a freshman at Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, won the long jump in the state Class A meet with a leap of 18-1 3/4. She holds the Grand Rapids record in the 100 (11 2) and 220 (25.5.) Lake City's Currier, a junior competing in the state Class D meet, had the state's top performance in the discus, regardless of class, with a toss of 121 feet, 1 inch. She also won the shot put in the state Class D meet with a heave of 39.9.

Sandra Smith, who was selected Coach-of-the-Year after Cass won its third straight state Class A title, has the All-State 880 relay team in Gilliam, Angela Johnson, Donna Smitherman and Sharon Sims. The foursome won both the 880 and 440 relays in the state meet in record times of 1:42.3 and 48.6.

Mt. Clemens, which was edged by Cass in both the state meet's 440 and 880 relays, has the All-state 440 relay of Monty Robinson, Crystal Thomas, Eileen Rickman and Roberta Brown.

Walled Lake Western has the All-State mile relay with Vanessa Parrish, Sue Reimer, Karen Ruschak and Ruth Hubbard. The foursome won the mile Saturday in a record 3:57.8. Hubbard also won the 440 in the state Class A meet and Reimer was second in the high jump.

Running events

- 100 — Josephine Hobbs, Detroit Central
- 220 — Cheryl Gilliam, Detroit Cass
- 440 — Johanna Matthyssen, Holt
- 880 — Rochelle Collins, Detroit Immaculata
- One-Mile — Kathy Wilson, Bloomfield Hills Lahser
- Two-Mile — Mary Ann Opalewski, Saginaw MacArthur
- 110 Low Hurdles — Kim Hatchett, Pontiac Central

Field events

- Shot Put — Sharon Upshaw, Mt. Clemens
- High Jump — Beth Brunn, Utica
- Long Jump — Cynthia Tett, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills
- Discus — Abby Currier, Lake City

Relay events

- 440 Relay — Mt. Clemens (Monty Robinson, Crystal Thomas, Eileen Rickman, Roberta Brown).
- 880 Relay — Detroit Cass Tech (Cheryl Gilliam, Angela Johnson, Donna Smitherman, Sharon Sims).
- Mile Relay — Walled Lake Western (Vanessa Parrish, Sue Reimer, Karen Ruschak, Ruth Hubbard).



BETH BRUNN



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ABBY CURRIER



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 Cass Tech coach



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Mt. Clemens' speedy 440-yard relay team



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