

State girls take aim at discus mark

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If this season's competition is any indication, the girls' new Class A discus record probably won't remain in the books very long.

Last weekend Sheila Warren of Lansing Waverly won the state title with a toss of 108 feet. Since it was the first time the event was held in a Michigan High School Athletic Association championship meet, the distance was recognized as the initial record.

But in today's final weekly listing of The Detroit News, all of the season's top 13 performances exceeded the record distance, recognition of which is only given in a state MHSAA meet.

At the same time, it is evident that the pressure is much greater in a state final than a regular season dual or invitational meet.

Carolyn Keesor of Traverse City accounted for the season's peak discus distance of 123 feet, one inch. She was trailed in the listing by two Class D school athletes — Abby Currier of Lake City at 121-1 and Gena Marquardt of Freesoil at 119-4½.

In the state Class A final at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Miss Keesor wound up in sixth position with a distance of 101-7.

The final long jump listing also revealed that 10 of the top 13 performances for the season throughout the state exceeded the former state Class A record of 17 feet 8.

Linnell Jones of Flint Northwestern posted the season's peak of 18-10, while Beth Brunn of Utica set the new Class B record of 18-5¾. Ellen Dempsey of Howell had the season's third best performance of 18-2 and Cynthia Tett of Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills took the state Class A title with a new record of 18-1¾.

Following are the final listing for the girls' 14 events, including the state competitions in the four classes:

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