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MOLLY BRENNAN Waterford Mott

Schoolgirl discus star heads News' All-State lineup

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Abby Currier is the only Class D selection to The Detroit News' 1977 All-State girls high school track team, a blue-chip roster which covers 14 events.

Last weekend, Currier captured a state championship by tossing the discus 130 feet, 9 inches — the longest throw ever by a Michigan schoolgirl. Her performance shattered the state Class D record of 121-1 which Currier posted a year ago.

"It was an incredible feat of strength combined withreflex action, timing and poise," said Dominican High School track Coach Joe Smetanka, who compiled The News' weekly listing of outstanding performances CLIF TURNER



Boyd sped to a 10:56.7 two-mile mark. Currier, a 5-foot-11 senior, already has accepted a bas-Shirley Mason of Pontiac Central gained the other indiketball scholarship to attend the University of Michigan. vidual All-State track berth for the 110-yard low hurdles. Currier is from Lake City, which has a population of She finished second to Renee Turner of Flint Central by about 1,000, and is located 15 miles northeast of Cadillac. only one-tenth of a second, :14.5 to :14.6. Shirley, how-Sheila Warren of Lansing Waverly also successfully ever, topped The News' weekly listings with a :14.1 clockdefended her Class A discus title by improving her record from 108 feet to 123-6.

The Flint Central 880-yard relay team set a state Two Class B athletes were named to The News' Allrecord. Led by Turner, Flint's relay team was selected State squad: Rochelle Collins of Detroit Immaculata in for The News' All-State squad. Other members of the the 880-yard run and Terri Johnson of Muskegon Catholic Flint foursome are: Robin Flynn, Nancy Nard and Central in the high jump. Demetria Fulgham.



ROCHELLE COLLINS Immaculata

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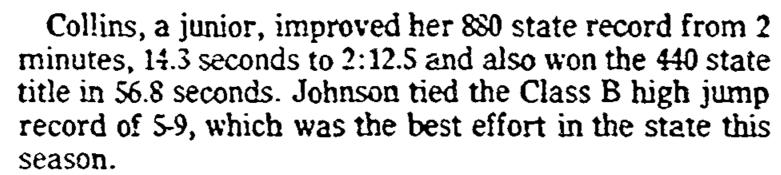
KATHY WILSON Bloomfield Lahser

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DELISA WALTON Mackenzie

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Two All-Staters — from a lineup composed entirely of state champions - represent the Detroit Public School League. They are sprinter Athlen Bowles of Detroit Ford and middle distance runner Delisa Walton of Detroit Mackenzie.

Bowles was picked for the 100-yard dash and Walton for the 440. The Ford star took the state Class A title with a clocking of 11.0 seconds, and the Mackenzie ace was timed in 57 seconds flat to win the 440 crown.

The other sprint choice was Molly Brennan of Waterford Mott. Brennan tied the state Class A record of 24.5 seconds in the 220.

Two of the state's finest long-distance runners were picked for The News' squad: Kathy Wilson of Bloomfield Lahser in the mile run and Miriam Boyd of Port Huron in the two mile. Both were Class A champions. Wilson broke the five-minute barrier with a mile record of 4:59.8, and

Turner's overall performance (she also finished fifth in the 220) led Flint Central to the state team title. Flint scored 33 points to Walled Lake Western's 30 on the Bloomfield Lahser track.

Turner's father. Clif, who has coached the Flint Central girls' track team the last three years, has been named coach of the year for 1977 by The News. Clif, 39, has coached Flint Central boys' varsity basketball for 10 years.

ated from Hillsdale College in 1963. He earned his masters degree from the University of Michigan and is an English teacher at Flint Central. Valerie Peterson had coached the Flint Central girls' teams for two years before Turner took over, leading Flint Central to a 7-3 dual record in the Saginaw Valley Conference this season. The other All-State relay selections were awarded to 880 - Rochelle Collins, Det. Immaculata Mt. Clemens for the 440 and to Walled Lake Western for

the mile relay. Mt. Clemens, coached by Chris Timberlake, set a 440 record of 48.2 seconds, only six-tenths of a second off the

girls' national high school mark. The Mt. Clemens foursome is composed of Crystal Long jump --- Cynthia Lett, GR Ott. Hills Thomas, Marcelle Rickman, Roberta Brown and Eileen High jump - Terri Johnson, Musk. Cent. Rickman.

Walled Lake Western broke its record of 3:57.8 set a Discus — Abby Currier, Lake City



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NEWS PHOTO-WILLIAM T. ANDERSON Walled Lake Western's mile relay champs: (from left) V. Parrish, K. Abel, S. Reimer, R. Hubbard

year ago in the mile relay with a time of 3:57.5. Coach Ottawa Hills and shot putter Josephine Mask of Lansing Sharon Young's foursome includes Vanessa Parrish, Sexton. Karen Able, Sue Reimer and Ruth Hubbard. Lett set a state Class A record of 19-1/2 that also topped The other two All-State selections for field events were The News' listing as the season's best effort. Mask won awarded to long jumper Cynthia Lett of Grand Rapids the state Class A shot put with a toss of 41-61/2.

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RUNNING EVENTS

100 — Athlen Bowles, Detroit Ford 220 — Molly Brennan, Waterford Mott 440 — Delisa Walton, Detroit Mackenzie Mile — Kathy Wilson, Bloom. Lahser Two miles — Miriam Boyd, Port Huron Low hurdles — Shirley Mason, Pont. Cent.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put — Josephine Mask, Lansing Sexton

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ears. Clif attended Benton Harbor High School and gradu-

RELAY EVENTS

440 — Mt. Clemens (Crystal Thomas, Marcelle Rickman, Roberta Brown, Eileen Rickman)

880 — Flint Central (Renee Turner, Robin Flynn, Nancy Nard, Demetria Fulgham)

Mile --- Walled Lake Western (Vanessa Parrish. Karen Able, Sue Reimer, Ruth Hubbard)

COACH OF THE YEAR

- Clif Turner of Flint Central

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