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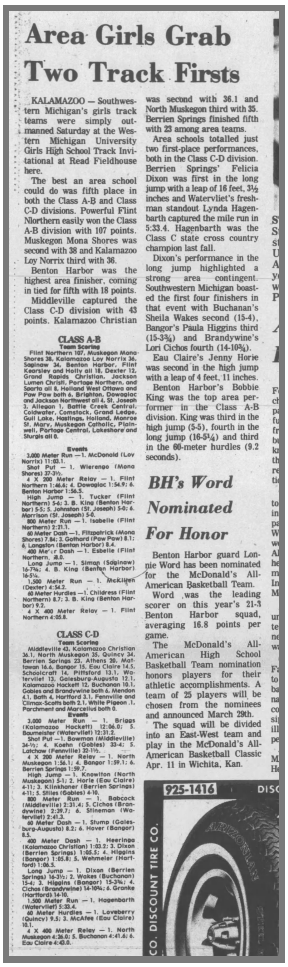

Area Girls Grab Two Track Firsts

KALAMAZOO — Southwestern Michigan's girls track teams were simply outmanned Saturday at the Western Michigan University Girls High School Track Invitational at Read Fieldhouse here.

The best an area school could do was fifth place in both the Class A-B and Class C-D divisions. Powerful Flint Northern easily won the Class A-B division with 107 points. Muskegon Mona Shores was second with 38 and Kalamazoo Loy Norrix third with 36.

Benton Harbor was the highest area finisher, coming in tied for fifth with 18 points.

Middleville captured the Class C-D division with 43 points. Kalamazoo Christian was second with 36.1 and North Muskegon third with 35. Berrien Springs finished fifth with 23 among area teams.

Area schools totalled just two first-place performances, both in the Class C-D division. Berrien Springs' Felicia Dixon was first in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 3½ inches and Watervliet's freshman standout Lynda Hagenbarth captured the mile run in 5:33.4. Hagenbarth was the Class C state cross country champion last fall.

Dixon's performance in the long jump highlighted a strong area contingent. Southwestern Michigan boasted the first four finishers in that event with Buchanan's Sheila Wakes second (15-4), Bangor's Paula Higgins third (15-3¾) and Brandywine's Lori Cichos fourth (14-10¾).

Eau Claire's Jenny Horie was second in the high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 11 inches.

Benton Harbor's Bobbie King was the top area performer in the Class A-B division. King was third in the high jump (5-5), fourth in the long jump (16-9¼) and third in the 60-meter hurdles (9.2 seconds).

BH's Word Nominated For Honor

Benton Harbor guard Lonnie Word has been nominated for the McDonald's All-American Basketball Team.

Word was the leading scorer on this year's 21-3 Benton Harbor squad, averaging 16.8 points per game.

The McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team nomination honors players for their athletic accomplishments. A team of 25 players will be chosen from the nominees and announced March 29th.

The squad will be divided into an East-West team and play in the McDonald's All-American Basketball Classic Apr. 11 in Wichita, Kan.

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