

Troy's Morse takes 2nd

Troy High School closed its boys' track season by scoring four points at Saturday's state track finals hosted by Flint Northwestern High School.

The Colts' Bradd Morse was an all-stater as he finished second overall in the discus with a toss of 172 feet, 11½ inches. Morse was defeated by Plymouth Salem's Bob Pittaway who threw close to 180 feet.

"It was (Morse's) best of the season, and it set a new junior record and a school record," said Troy coach John Bancroft, whose team finished with a perfect 8-0 dual-meet record in winning the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) championship.

"It was a real good season for us. And, we're losing only four seniors so we have the nucleus of our team coming back," Bancroft said.

Doug Pfau, Bob McAdow, Jack Johansson and Larry Wells ran both the mile and 880 relays. Their mile relay time was 3:29.2. The team dropped the baton in the 880 relay.

Troy has attained an outstanding 44-1 dual-meet record over the past four years. "We've been league champions — one year we tied with Avondale — for four years in a row now," said Bancroft.

Troy was second by one point to Brother

Rice in the recent Ambrose Relays. Troy won the Athens Invitational and was second at the Lake Orion Relays.

Avondale 4th

Avondale High School tied for fourth at the state Class B girls' track finals at Sturgis last weekend.

Flint Beecher won with 50 points, Livonia Ladywood was second (36), Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse third (33) and Avondale and Oak Park were next (22).

"Last year we only scored one point, but this year we were right in the thick of things," said Avondale coach Rick Snede. "The kids just had a great day at state."

Snede said the girls' track performance was the best any Avondale girls' team had ever finished at the state meet.

Snede also said it was the best any Avondale athletic team had ever done at a state meet except for the boys' cross country team that won a state championship in the mid-'70s.

"Our goal was to finish among the top three in all the relays, and the girls just had an excellent time considering they were all running in the slow heats," said Snede.