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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD DREAM TEAM 1994

TRACK RESULTS, Michigan's High School Track & field Newsletter, is pleased to announce the selection of its second **Michigan High School Track & Field Dream Team**. Once again the team was selected using the State Finals as top priority, then going to other championship competitions, including the Midwest Meet of Champions, to help us get the best possible team. We looked at all the results we could find, so if you think we missed the someone make sure we get your results next year. Sorry, Isiah Thomas failed to make our Dream Team II.

BOY'S

- DISCUS** **DAVID BEEMAN/s** Chelsea There was some quality throwing in Michigan in '94 & David set a Class B record to win at 175' 3 to go with his two Class B Shot Put titles. CMU bound.
- SHOT PUT** **LIONEL BOSTON/s** Detroit Cooley Lionel threw 59' 4 at the Regional's, 59'+ at the Midwest Meet of Champions to edge Beeman for the Shot Put Dream Team spot.
- HIGH JUMP** **ELGIN BATES/s** Ann Arbor Pioneer Earns the top spot with his 6' 11 Class A win & solid attempts at the 7' 0.25 state record.
- LONG JUMP** **AARON OAKS/s** Vicksburg The three time state champion repeats as our Dream Team horizontal leaper with his Class B win & his 24'+ leap to place second at the Midwest Meet.
- POLE VAULT** **LEE BUSBY/s** Jackson Northwest Edges Casey Ward of Breckenridge for the spot with his 15' 0.5 Class B win and second at the Midwest meet. Wish the two of them would have had a chance to jump against each other.
- 100/200 METERS** **MICAH MORRIS/s** Bay City Central Micah, defended his A 100 title, repeats as our 100 man & wins the 200 meters to steal a little of Cass Tech's thunder.
- 400 METERS** **GAVEN HERRING/s** Pontiac Northern Last year a senior dominated group made the 400 Meter a top event. Gavin proved it could get better leading 4 runners under 48 with his 47.0. Gavin had a tremendous year running consistently under 49.0 & 22.0 in the lap & half-lapper.
- 800 METERS** **JOE O'CONNOR/s** Ogemaw Heights. Joe had to make the dream team. He was running fast all by himself up North & his 1:55.51 was the fastest 800 time until the Midwest meet, where he ran the 1600. Without community support, an open minded administration and great concentration and determination this would not have been possible as Ogemaw Heights closed their doors early due to school funding politics. The community supported the athletes through the state finals and the administration allowed them to complete the season. Hillsdale bound.
- 1600 METERS** **JIM REIF/s** Jim won his 2nd straight 1600 title, leading the whole way. Jim looked as if he had a lot left at state & kicked to win the Midwest Meet in 4:13+, proving he still had some in the tank. Memphis State bound.
- 3200 METERS** **TODD SNYDER/j** **DON MCLAUGHLIN/s** Ann Arbor Pioneer We hope the teammates do not mind sharing the spot. Todd won the re-match battle with the Fordson guys in a great 9:17.1 on a very hot day. Don placed third after the 4x800 & 1600 & then ran 9:11.1 at the Midwest Meet to prove he was worthy of our dream team.
- 110 HIGH** **ROB HERRICK/s** Corunna Rob wins the spot in a tough battle with U of D High's William Brooks. The pseudo-FAT at Class A had us stumped, but Rob's defeat of William at the Midwest Meet earned him the spot.
- 300 INTERMEDIATES** **BRANDON GUNN/s** Jackson Brandon set a Class A record of 37.5 in a great race. Brandon returned Class A to the top spot in the 300 Hurdles after the event struggled the past couple of years.
- 4x100 METERS** **HIGHLAND PARK** (Avilla Green/s, Andre Crosby/j, Terry Reed/s, Tony Brown/s) Cass ran their seed time, but Highland Park rose to the occasion & won the Dream Team spot.

- 4x200 METERS** **CASS TECH** (Fred Wilkerson/s, Clarence Williams/j, Jabari Johnson/s, Darryll Rankins/j) Micah stole a little of Cass Tech's thunder, but as Coach Wilcher's team displayed there was plenty of lightning with that thunder. A 1:25.0 Class A record at that.
- 4x400 METERS** **CASS TECH** (Fred Wilkerson/s, DeWayne Fuqua/s, Clarence Williams/j, Jabari Johnson/s) Coach Wilcher's quartet cruised to a 3:17.1 for the win & the dream team spot.
- 4X800 RELAY** **ANN ARBOR PIONEER** (Don McLaughlin/s, Keith Braxton/so, Ben Ingram/j, Steffan Hacker/s) Don Sleeman got his cross country champions running fast this year and they edge Monroe in the relay rematch with their 7:49.1.
- DREAM TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR** **THOMAS WILCHER** Cass Tech We warned you in '93 that Coach Wilcher would have a team to watch in the near future. And they won pretty handily. Coach Wilcher loses a lot of seniors, but we will see what he has for us next year.

GIRL'S

- DISCUS/SHOT PUT** **SHAHLA BOLBOLAN/s** Fremont The two time Class B Shot Put champ, swept the throws in a great year for throwers in Michigan. Shahla's 43' 3.25, a Class B record and 142' 10 were the top throws in Michigan. U of Chicago bound.
- HIGH JUMP** **STACEY THOMAS/so** Flint Southwestern Academy & **SUSIE LEE/so** Bangor
A couple of sophomores tied with a 5' 7 best at state so we will pick both & see them fight it out in the years to come.
- LONG JUMP** **CARLA PLOEG/s** Middleville-Thornapple-Kellogg Carla's 18' 2.25 was the best jump on state day, then went 19' 4 at the Midwest meet. She is a 4 time Class B long jump champion. CMU bound on a volleyball scholarship.
- 100 METERS** **EMILY HIGGINS/j** Cass Tech Emily blew out the Class A field with the fastest time at states of 11.8
- 200 METERS** **SIMBY BONNER/so** River Rouge Simby ran 25.32, the fastest on state day. Simby & sophomore teammate Kenyatta Grisby combined to power River Rouge to the Class B title as Rouge won the 4x100, 4x200, both hurdles as well as Simby's 200 win.
- 400 METERS** **JULIA FORD/f** Cass Tech Julia ran 55.3 at Operation Friendship & proved it was no fluke with a 55.1 Class A record at State. Our first frosh dream teamer, three times in all as she is part of two Cass relays. She obviously made the loss of Erica Shepherd minimal for Cass.
- 800/1600** **KELLY SMITH/s** Petoskey Kelly has won the last 3 Class B 800 & 1600 meter titles and closed out with a Class B record in the 1600 of 4:48.41 & ran 2:12.19. Repeated the record performance in 1st 1600 at the Midwest meet. Kelly will run for Colorado.
- 3200 METERS** **EILEEN FLECK/s** East Lansing Eileen dominated the 3200 in '94. She ran 10:42.5 at regionals & with some rest ran 10:35.13 to set a Midwest Meet of Champions record. Eileen will run for Michigan.
- 100/300 HURDLES** **NIKKI BOUYER/s** Lansing Sexton The MSU bound Bouyer repeated as our hurdler of choice with her top times of 14.3 & 44.0. Defended her A 100 title with a state record performance.
- 4X100 RELAY** **CASS TECH** (LaKesha Snoddy/j, Tiffany McNair/s, Emily Higgins/j, Chantelle Nagbe/so) Cass gets the only sprint relay team they were not Dream Team in '93.
- 4x200 RELAY** **CASS TECH** (Chantelle Nagbe/so, Julia Ford/f, Emily Higgens/j, Felecia Baker/s) Coach Bertha Smiley's sprint corps were as good as ever with their Class A record of 1:38.4. With three of the four returning, this may be the team to beat next year.
- 4x400 RELAY** **CASS TECH** (Obioma Alhamsi/s, Nicole Calloway/s, Julia Ford/f, Katie Chapman/f) Coach Smiley's troops swept the sprint relays and again were the only team to break 4 minutes. With two rookies on the team you are going to have to run 3:55 to earn this dream team spot.