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Becky Deetz of Ridgewood long jumped 17 feet, 5 inches for one of her three victories in the Bergen County girls' championships.



BECKY DEETZ

Deetz leaps 5-6¹/₂

DES MOINES — Becky Deetz of Ridgewood finished sixth yesterday in the girls' high jump competition at the Drake Relays. Deetz leaped 5-6¹/₂ to finish behind a star-studded lineup which included Canadian stars Julie White and Louise Walker.

The Canadians finished one-two, with White winning at 6³/₄, a meet record, and Walker finishing at 5-11¹/₂. Louise Ritter was third at 5-10¹/₄,

NJSIAA girls' track expands to 16 meets

By GRANT EDWARDS

The NJSIAA outdoor girls' track and field championships comes of age this year with a full set of 16 sectional meets to be held starting at 9 a.m. tomorrow at four sites around the state.

Olympic hopefuls Becky Deetz of Ridgewood, in the high jump, and Hilary Noden of Hopewell Valley, in the two mile, will be among the more than 2,000 girls participating in the meets at Wayne Hills (North Jersey 1), Cranford (North Jersey 2), Red Bank (Central Jersey) and Toms River South (South Jersey).

The format for the girls' meet this year is the same as that followed for the past decade by the boys, with two exceptions. The top five girls in each event tomorrow advance to the four group championships May 22 at Jackson Township. The top five there will qualify for the May 29 all-group meet, also at Jackson Township.

One exception is that there are no separate Parochial divisions in the girls' division, following the pattern set in other sports. Also, there will be no team title awarded on the all-group level.

The quality of girls' track and field has kept pace with the quantity since the state meet began with a single division in the early '70s. Becky and Hilary are just two of the girls who have already made their mark in national competition. Cathy Crawford of Perth Amboy and Hazel Lucas of Montclair both qualified for sprint finals at Madison

Square Garden this past winter.

Other outstanding entries spread around the various meets are Nancy Scott of Manalapan in the sprint, Ann McKillop of Toms River South in the 440 and long jump, freshman Linda Richardson of Lincoln, Penny Fales of Hackensack and Sherri O'Connor of Red Bank Catholic in the 880, Sue Frenz of Red Bank Catholic in the mile, Nina Zollo of Wayne Hills and Carol Conlon of Nutley in the two mile, Julie Smithers of Lakewood in the hurdles, long jump and high jump, Sharon Redvict of Monmouth in the shot put, Helen Connell of Jackson Town-

ship in the discus and Donna Forte of Mt. Olive in the javelin.

Miss Noden, who has dominated the mile picture in the state for three years, is moving up to the two mile because "that's where the competition is." She won the Mercer County title in her first major outing at the distance last week and hopes to be the first New Jersey girl to go under 11 minutes for the distance.

Miss Deetz, who has qualified the Olympic trials in Eugene, Ore., in June, has been over 5-6½ in two recent meets, a couple of inches below her indoor best of 5-9.

Deetz triples in County meet

By Jenny Kellner

Correspondent

HACKENSACK — For someone whose specialty is the high jump, Ridgewood's Becky Deetz did an awful lot of running yesterday.

Deetz spent yesterday afternoon dashing back and forth between the four events in which she was entered at the Bergen County Girls Track and Field Championships. But neither the running nor the chill weather seemed to have any effect as she set three meet, including two County, records and anchored Ridgewood's mile relay team to third place as Ridgewood captured its third consecutive County team championship yesterday at Hackensack High School.

Deetz accounted for more than

half of Ridgewood's 32 points, with her County-record efforts of 17-5 in the long jump and 35-2½ in the triple jump, and her 5-5 high jump, as well as running a 61.1 split in the mile relay. "It's obvious that without her we never would have pulled it off," said Ridgewood coach Jock Brown. "The other teams have really improved since last year."

Ridgewood scored 62½ points to win easily last year, but needed Deetz's high-jump victory over Mary Donovan yesterday to stave off Paramus Catholic, which finished in second place only seven points back. Rutherford, with 22, and Teaneck, Fort Lee and Hackensack with 20 each followed.

"You can't help but hope for someone with her [Deetz's] ability to win,

but it was good to know that the other teams were in the running," said Rutherford coach John Parise. "I felt even we could have won it if our sprinter, Cindy Mayo, had been in better form."

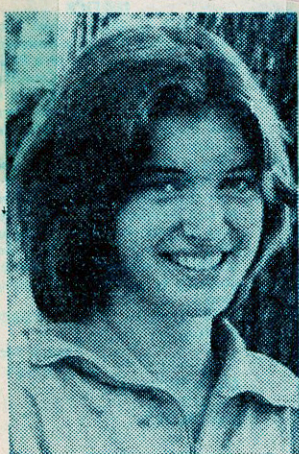
But it was Teaneck, in its first year of varsity competition, which surprised a lot of people by dominating the sprint events. Erin Mallory nipped Cliffside Park's Anne Divito at the wire to win the 100 in 11.5, and Teaneck's 440 relay team of Pat King, Sharon Trumpet, Mallory and Janice Henry shaved seven-tenths seconds off the meet record to win in 52.3.

In all, 10 meet records were broken. A 5:27.5 mile run by Paramus Catholic's Michelle Guido was 22.8 seconds faster than the former rec-

ord, which was held by teammate Meg Sexton. Sexton smashed her own record of 12:25.6 in the two-mile run, finishing in 11:57.4.

In the 110 low hurdles, Hackensack's Taryn Carter caught Henry at the far turn and won in 15.7, a tenth of a second faster than the old record. Doreen Kris of Ramsey beat record holder Aleta Fisher of Pascack Valley in the 440 in 59.2. Fisher's 60.3 matched the old record. Cliffside Park set a record in the mile relay with a 4:11.8 clocking.

Deetz, however, drew most of the attention, breaking the County record for the long jump by 7¼ inches, and finishing almost two feet ahead of the runner-up in the triple jump, a new event.



BECKY DEETZ

JACKSON — Becky Deetz won the high jump with a 5-7 leap in the State Meet of Champions yesterday. Deetz who set a state record in winning the event last year at 5-9, will skip her senior year at Ridgewood High School and enter Iowa State University in September.

Deetz keeps jump crown

JACKSON TOWNSHIP — Becky Deetz will be competing in the U.S. Olympic trials next month. But for a few minutes yesterday, she was more concerned with scholastic competition.

"I knew I had beaten everybody and I could beat any of them head-to-head," the Ridgewood junior said, "but it was a little scary for a while. I was kind of nervous because I haven't had that much competition, and I haven't done much leg lifting in the last two weeks."

Deetz' fears were unfounded, however. She cleared 5 feet, 7 inches to set a meet record and win her second consec-

utive New Jersey Girls Meet of Champions title.

Deetz did not have a miss in clearing 5-6. But Martha Megill of Asbury Park also cleared 5-6. Deetz made 5-7 on her second jump and Megill failed to clear the height. Deetz then failed on three tries at 5-8, still below the State record of 5-9 she set last spring.

No other Bergen County athlete placed in the meet which was highlighted by a National scholastic record 10:41 two mile by Hillary Noden of Hopewell Valley.



Ridgewood's Becky Deetz limbers up.

Staff photo by Dan Oliver

Deetz cops State crown

By Paul Schwartz

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JACKSON — Becky Deetz won the high jump yesterday at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Girl's State Group Championships, naturally. But the Ridgewood junior, who repeated as Group 4 champion with a leap of five feet, 5 inches, faces extra pressure every time she jumps.

"A lot of people expect me to break records every time I jump," says Deetz, who holds the State high jump record at 5-9. "It bothers me, but people who know track understand."

Deetz's victory yesterday, the only Bergen win, came over a less than outstanding field in her division. Lakewood stars Julie Smithers and Karen Theibault, and Asbury's Martha Megill competed in Group 3 yesterday.

"I miss the competition," she says, "but it's only the third time I've high-jumped all year and I'm looking forward to the all-groups meet next week. When I get nervous, I jump better, and the competition will be better next week."

While Deetz was the only winner, other Bergenites turned in good performances. Saddle Brook's Jean Chodnicki waged a mile-long duel with Point Pleasant Boro's Terry Demarest before finishing second in a strong 5:25.8.

Two Paramus Catholic distance runners turned in fine performances in

their specialties. Michelle Guido of Paramus Catholic ran a 5:16.1 mile in Group 3, the second fastest of the day, but unfortunately Red Bank Catholic's Sue Frentz ran a 5:14.6 in the same race to finish first.

Megan Sexton finished fourth in the two-mile in 11:4).5 behind freshman sensation Lucy Sheldrich of Union Hill, who won in 11:22.6.

Doreen Kris of Ramsey and Cynthia Mayo of Rutherford placed in a pair of events each. Kris finished fourth in the Group 3 440 (58.9) behind Aleta Fischer of Pascack Valley, who was third in 58.8, and was second in the 220 with a 26.1. Mayo was fourth in the Group 2 100 (11.8) and second in the 220 (26.5).

Woodbury took the Group 1 team title 46-36½ over Highland Park, while Hackettstown took the Group 2 title 25 1/3-22 over Shore, with Hawthorne fourth, and Rutherford tied for seventh.

In Group 3, Lakewood outscored Red Bank Catholic, 24-17, and Toms River North and South shared the Group 4 title with 21 points. Eastside finished sixth with 16 points and Ridgewood was eighth. 175 schools participated in the marathon meet, which lasted nearly 10 hours.