

## Scoreboard

Opponent	Place
Coaches Classic	10th
Milford Invitational	3rd
Sycamore Gold Baton	2nd
Anderson Invitational	2nd
Mason Invitational	3rd
GMC Meet	2nd
Regional Meet	

Going the extra mile...

# Running towards success

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**T**HROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE track team never paused in their quest for success. Each day the team practiced

after school and started conditioning way before their first meet. Many of the girls, in order to keep in shape, participated in Winter Track, until the preseason conditioning began. The girls on the team worked well together and grew together throughout the season. The team changed for the better because a number of girls who competed in spring soccer came out for the track team, prompting improvement in certain events. The team did well during the season, worked hard to decrease their times and improved their skills.

"The girls have a very good sense of togetherness that they show at every meet," said **Coach Hank Ray**. As a team they did various things to get to know each other and become better friends while preparing to

compete, such as making T-shirts. The team bonded well and encouraged their teammates at each meet. As members of the track team throughout their high school careers, they grew incredibly as runners.

"I remember when **Rachel Newsted, 12**, was a sophomore and how timid she was as a runner and watching her now as a senior dominating in her events is evidence of individual growth," said Ray.

The girls were runners up in the GMC, with **Megan Sweeney, 12**, being a GMC champion for clearing 5'4" to win. In addition, **Julie Hull, 11**, was named champion in the 800, breaking her own school record to qualify for the state meet by running a 1:14.6. The team, made up of **Chelsey Baughard, 11**, Newsted, **Meredith Love, 9**, and Hull, qualified the 4 x 400 relay team to the state meet.



**AMY SANDERS, 11**, ON A high speed chase to the finish line. Sanders worked hard during the season to improve her skills and build up her endurance.



"It's so exciting to win GMCs. It is the goal of every season-it is such an honor to place first among such good athletes."

> **Megan Sweeney, 12**  
(GMC Champion)



"The chemistry on the track team was great. All the girls from each grade worked really well together, and we had such a range of talent in all classes. For example, our four by four relay team broke a school record and each runner was from a different grade."

> **Julie Hull, 10**  
(GMC Champion)

**DORESE LANGSTON, 10**, competes in the shot put event. Langston always threw her hardest to try to improve her distance. Working everyday on mastering the shot and discus was hard, but paid off at the end of the season.