

**Sports Spotlight**

**Relays' threesome rising track stars**

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CHAPEL HILL — Introducing Danita Roseboro, Tammy Brown and Carmen Squire, three Winston-Salem track standouts you probably haven't heard a whole lot about.

But remember the names Roseboro, Brown and Squire. They'll be around for a while and are destined to accomplish a whole lot.

Roseboro, a rising sophomore at North Forsyth, was the fastest sprinter in the county during the spring until she hurt her foot. Brown, a rising sophomore at Glenn, finished sixth in the 400 meters at the state high school meet in Raleigh. She also competes in the triple jump. Squire, yet another rising soph, was good enough to be Parkland's track and field MVP as a freshman.

Instead of laying low this summer, these three runners are trying to get yet another step ahead of the field. Roseboro anchored the Twin City Relays' winning intermediate girls 4x100 relay in the Amateur Athletic Union Region III meet last weekend at UNC-Chapel Hill. She also took second in the 200. Meanwhile, Brown didn't have quite as good a time of it, failing to qualify in her main event for the nationals next month in St. Louis. Brown was slowed considerably by a severe muscle pull in her left calf. After the 400, she left the track with assistance. Earlier, she had guaranteed herself a trip to St. Louis with a second in the triple jump.

In all, 23 Relay athletes advanced to the nationals, which will be held at Washington University.

It is amazing that Roseboro, Brown and Squire have come so far so fast. Like all Forsyth County middle-school students, they were without an interscholastic athletic program. But each made excellent showings at the Twin City Relays' invitational meet at Wake Forest last year.

"When I saw them, I knew we had to have them both," Relay Assistant Coach Jerry Riley said. "I pulled Tammy to the side after I saw her stride. I knew Danita's sister Sharon and that was enough to convince me she could help us."

"All three have tremendous natural talent. I knew they were winning on that, but they could be even better if they learned the techniques."

Already, Roseboro and Brown have caught the eye of St. Augustine's Coach George Williams, who oversees one of the strongest NCAA Division II track and field programs. Williams has recruited Relay talent before, landing Ann Hall three years ago.

Roseboro and Brown have arrived to their prominent places in youth track by different routes. Roseboro began running when she was in kindergarten, winning a field day contest and then competing in a youth meet at Winston-Salem State. Brown, on the other hand, did run a year at Philo Middle School before the county discontinued interscholastic athletics. She didn't pick it up again until she competed in the WFU invitational meet for juniors last year.

Roseboro sees herself following in the footsteps of her sister, whose school record in the 100 she broke as a freshman.

"My father (Curt Roseboro) wanted me to try softball," said Danita, whose personal best in the 100 is 11.6. "But I wanted to run because of my sister. I wanted to do the same thing she did."

But Danita is already outdoing her sister, winning North's track MVP as a freshman. As good as Sharon was, she never won the school MVP.

Brown is not so picky; she just knows she wants to go to college. She's a no-nonsense person who frankly admits that every race exacts its price.

"I used to run the relays and



Danita Roseboro took second in the 200 meters and anchored the Twin City Relays' winning 4x100 relay at the AAU Region III meet (photo by James Parker).

the 100," the 5-foot-6, 116-pound Brown said. "Coach Riley asked me to run the 400. I wasn't sure because the 400's a sprint, too, and it's 300 meters more than the 100.

"My legs used to hurt some after the 100. Now everything hurts."

Meanwhile, Squire is developing into an outstanding all-around athlete. She took second in the long jump last weekend and ran the third leg of the winning 4x100 relay.

The Relay senior girls also turned in a strong showing in the Region III meet. Tara Mascuilli captured the high jump with a leap of 5-2 and ran the second leg of the winning 4x100 relay. Sandra Harrison qualified for the nationals in the 200, Melissa Harris in the long jump and Kelly Macy in the 3,000.

Seven senior boys advanced to the nationals, head by Steve Kelly in the javelin and 110 hurdles. Others qualifying were James Gordon (long jump), Allan Johnson (400 hurdles) and Kerry Samuel, Darrell Wright, Jasper Robinson and Junior Robinson in the 4x100 relay.

The Relays' twins, Kyle and Brant Armentrout, split in the distance events for the junior boys. Kyle took the 3,000, with Brant third. Brant won the 1,500, with Kyle second.

Jatarsa Hayes was third in the junior girls' long jump.

The junior qualifiers are eligible for the International Youth Meet of Champions Aug. 1-2 in Plainfield, N.J., or the AAU/USA Junior Olympics in Riverside, Calif., on the same

weekend. The Armentrout twins and Hayes are planning to attend the Plainfield meet.

Notes: More than 800 athletes competed in the regionals, according to Durham Striders publicity man Paul Baldwin .... The Region III meet received excellent coverage from the Triangle media, especially the *Durham Morning Herald* and *Raleigh News & Observer*. The Relays' Reese was interviewed by WTVD (Channel 11) in Durham ....

One of the top performers in the meet was Cynthia Britt of Panama City, Fla. Britt won the senior girls long jump with a 19-foot leap. Last year, she finished fourth in the long jump in the nationals and third in the 100 meters .... The best race of the meet was the senior boys' 800. Anthony Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn., nosed out Durham's Oshun Williams. Jones ran a 1:56.22 and Williams a 1:56.29 ....

Next year's regional will be held in South Carolina, according to Region III Director Jane Puckett. "We'll probably hold them at Clemson," she said. However, Clemson has poor bathroom facilities and Baptist College is being considered as an alternate ....

The Twin City Relays were visited by one of their former athletes Friday. Kennard Mardin was putting in a training session on UNC's football practice field, then walked over to the track. Martin, the former all-state runner back at Parkland, is in summer school.



**MICHAEL WARREN: From Sports to the Spotlight**

Michael Warren, star of a hit TV series and current Miller Lite personality talks about the days when he co-starred on UCLA's basketball team with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then known as Lew Alcindor). "When Kareem arrived on campus, we knew he was going to be great—he led us to two championships! Our 1968 team may have been the best college team of all time," says Warren.

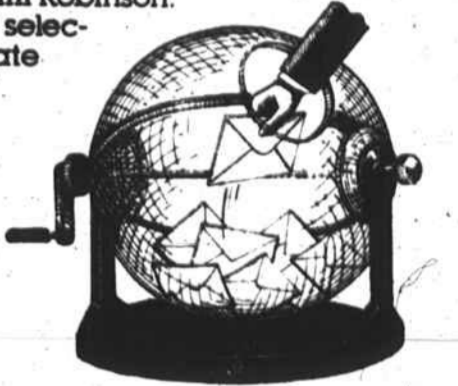


**The NBA Lottery Picks**

The Philadelphia 76ers were the big surprise in this year's NBA draft. They traded their first round pick to the Cleveland Cavaliers for forward Roy Hinson and "future" considerations. Cleveland then selected North Carolina center Brad Daugherty, who is projected as a power forward in the pros.

The wheeling and dealing continued as Philly traded away All-Star center Moses Malone and forward Terry Catledge to Washington for their center, Jeff Ruland and forward, Cliff Robinson.

Other star selections: Golden State drafted center/forward, Chris Washburn of North Carolina State; Indiana selected Auburn forward Chuck Person; the Knicks landed forward Kenny Walker from Kentucky, while the Nets took Syracuse guard, Dwayne "The Pearl" Washington.



**A Funny Thing Happened...**

During his freshman year at UCLA, before a game late in the season, the team got a "Knute Rockne" type pep talk. A team mate was so inspired he wanted to lead the team to the gym floor. "Well, he didn't know where the gym was and he took a wrong turn." Warren laughs. "We ended up on the side street facing a highway locked out of the gym! Our freshman team was probably the worst in the history of UCLA."

**Changing Scenes**

Because he was not quite six feet tall, Mike says he never dreamed of a future playing professional basketball. "I eventually changed majors and began to study theatrical arts." Warren admits that there is an "awful amount of luck involved in the acting business; timing is everything." Remarking on future plans, Michael states, "Now that I've established myself as an actor, I hope to find projects that I can direct or produce."

At present, Michael enjoys being a Lite Beer All-Star. "I drink Miller Lite and keep it stocked at my house," says Warren, "that way I never run out. It tastes great!"



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