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KALAMAZOO COLLEGE TRACK SEASON HIGHLIGHTED
BY OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

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A number of outstanding performers helped to make 1979 a strong season, if not a winning season, for the Kalamazoo College track squad. Coach Ed Baker's Hornets tied for fifth place in overall Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) competition and placed team members in top spots in both the league and the nation.

Junior Don Young (St. Clair Shores) placed seventh in national discus competition with a toss of 151 feet at the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field meet, held the weekend of May 24-26. As NCAA All-American status is given to the first six finishers in each event, Young missed being named an All-American by only one place. He was selected to the All-MIAA team after a strong league season in both shot put and discus. Young threw the shot an average of 47 feet for the season, while his distance in the discus averaged 150 feet. He placed second in the discus and fourth in the shot put at the MIAA all-league field day. Young was named most valuable player on the Kalamazoo team.

Kalamazoo dominated the pole vault competition at the field day, capturing first, third and fifth place. Senior Mark Dietrich (Saginaw) cleared the bar at the 13-feet, 6-inch mark to win the event. Juniors Randy Hicks (Mason) and Steve Nottoli (White Pigeon) placed third and fifth. Hicks vaulted to a height of 13 feet while Nottoli cleared 12 feet.

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Junior Joel Menges (Birmingham) added valuable points to the Hornet total at the MIAA field day with a close second-place finish in the six mile run. Menges was a scant two-hundredths of a second off the winning time with a 30:33 finish.

A pair of third place finishes were picked off by sophomore distance runner Dan Thomas (Kalamazoo). Thomas took the third place berths in both the mile and the three mile run. He was clocked in the mile at 4:20.4 and in the three mile at 14:46.8.

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