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The 2001-2002 Journal All-County Boys Indoor Track Individuals. Front row (left to right): Maksudal Ali (Gaithersburg), Nate Angulta (Gaithersburg), Edwin Campbell (Paint Branch), Fanuel Chageza (Walter Johnson), Jared Wasser (Wootton). Back row: Journal Boys Performer of the Year Bryan Steele (Gaithersburg), Byron Gibson (Gaithersburg), Vaclav Malek (Walter Johnson), Matt Hard (Churchill), Mutombo Matamba (Gaithersburg).

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2001-2002 JOURNAL ALL-COUNTY

Fred Joyce
Fran Parry
Gaithersburg

The Trojan duo continued to prove that perhaps two heads are better than one. The Gaithersburg coaching pair directed the Trojans' boys team to a second straight Montgomery County title and then led them to a 4A/3A West Region title one year after a runner-up finish in the meet. Joyce and Parry then saw Gaithersburg flirt with another indoor title, finishing third at the Maryland 4A/3A state meet. Joyce was named 2001 *Journal* Coach of the Year.

Performer of the Year

Bryan Steele
Gaithersburg
Senior

Aptly dubbed Gaithersburg's "Man of Steele" this season, the Trojans' senior did just about everything for the Montgomery County and 4A/3A West Region champion Gaithersburg boys indoor team. Known for his stellar work ethic and leadership, Steele was a county and region title winner in both the 300- and 500-meter dashes at the Montgomery County and 4A/3A West Region meets. He later took home a Maryland 4A/3A state title in the 500. Steele added the moniker of All-American to his impressive resume, finishing third in the 400 (49.1 seconds) at the National Scholastic Indoor Track Championships at the New York Armory.

First Team

55 Dash
Mutombo Matamba
Gaithersburg
Sophomore

The speedy sophomore was the county's most consistent runner in the 55-meter dash this season. Matamba followed up his Montgomery County championship (6.5 seconds) by placing fourth in the 4A/3A West Region meet (6.5) and fifth at states (6.59). He was the only county place-winner in that event at states.

Gaithersburg's Joyce, Parry

300 Dash
Edwin Campbell
Paint Branch
Junior

Campbell had an outstanding season in the 300 and 500 this season and was eclipsed only by Steele. The Panthers' junior took second in the 300 (36.3) and 500 (1:07.6) at 3A/2A West regionals, and second in the 300 (35.5) and 500 (1:08.19) at the 3A/2A State meet.

500 Dash
Bryan Steele
Gaithersburg
Senior

When done with the 300 — where he won county (35.1) and region (36.4) titles with a third place finish at states (35.64) — the Gaithersburg senior dominated the 500. Steele clinched his version of the triple crown by sweeping Montgomery County (1:05.8), 4A/3A West Region (1:08.4) and 4A/3A state champion.

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2001-2002 Journal All-County Indoor Track relays. Front row (left to right): Gaithersburg's 4x200 (Mutombo Matamba, Bryan Steele, Byron Gibson, Damon Hill). Back row: Walter Johnson 4x800 (Faniel Chageza, Peter Novick, Andres Serafini, Brandon Houtt), Paint Branch 4x400 (Edwin Campbell, Azariah Conerly, Chad Miller, Afolabi Aromile).

Performer of the Year

Bryan Steele, Sr. Gaithersburg

Co-Coaches of the Year

Fred Joyce, Fran Parry Gaithersburg

First Team

55 Dash — Matombo Matamba, Gaithersburg
300 Dash — Edwin Campbell, Jr. Paint Branch
500 Dash — Bryan Steele, Sr. Gaithersburg
800 Run — Matt Hard, Sr. Churchill
55 Hurdles — Byron Gibson, Sr. Gaithersburg
1,600 Run — Faniel Chageza, Sr. Walter Johnson
3,200 Run — Maksudal Ali, Sr. Gaithersburg
4x200 Relay — Gaithersburg
4x400 Relay — Paint Branch
4x800 Relay — Walter Johnson
High Jump — Vaclav Malek, Sr. Walter Johnson
Pole Vault — Nate Anguita, Jr. Gaithersburg
Shot Put — Jared Wasser, Jr. Wootton

Second Team

55 Dash — John Cooper, Sr. Watkins Mill
300 Dash — Chad Miller, Jr. Paint Branch
500 Dash — Herik Webb, Sr. Damascus
800 Run — Peter Novick, Jr. Walter Johnson
1,600 Run — Awit Yohannes, Jr. Magruder
3,200 Run — Eric Pauley, Sr. Gaithersburg
55 Hurdles — Darren Fewell, Sr. Sherwood
4x200 Relay — Paint Branch
4x400 Relay — Walter Johnson
4x800 Relay — Northwest
High Jump — Jerome Miller, So. Springbrook
Pole Vault — Andrew Lukacs, Jr. Walter Johnson
Shot Put — Zach Rothstein, Jr. Wootton

Honorable Mention

55 Dash — Elrid Cason, Sr. Damascus
55 Dash — Damon Hill, Sr. Gaithersburg
300 Dash — Chad Miller, Jr. Paint Branch
500 Dash — Brandon Huott, Sr. Walter Johnson
800 Run — Andrew Chamberlin, Sr. Richard Montgomery
55 Hurdles — Charles Zaucha, Sr. Gaithersburg
55 Hurdles — DeWayne Whitaker, Jr. Northwest
1,600 Run — Kelly Grisier, Jr. Northwest
1,600 Run — Chris Earle, Sr. Poolesville
3,200 Run — Tom Rathbone, Jr. Northwest
4x200 Relay — Damascus
4x400 Relay — Blake
4x800 Relay — Magruder
High Jump — Damon Hill, Sr. Gaithersburg
Pole Vault — Robert Sauer, So. Quince Orchard
Shot Put — Alex Masick, Sr. Damascus

2001-2002 Journal All-County Boys Indoor Track and Field

BOYS from B1

ships (1:05.06).

800 Run

Matt Hard

Churchill

Senior

Hard earned top honors in the 800 this season with county (2:03.7) and region (2:02.8) championships. The Bulldogs' senior went on to place third in the 4A/3A state meet (1:59.47) — tops among county performers.

1,600 Run

Fanuel Chageza

Walter Johnson

Senior

Walter Johnson's long-distance standout excelled indoors, winning county (4:31.1) 4A/3A West Region (4:33.5) championships. Chageza nearly pulled off a sweep of the three big events with a second-place finish at states (4:29.43).

3,200 Run

Maksudal Ali

Gaithersburg

Senior

Ali was the county's best in the 3,200, winning Montgomery County (9:46.7) and 4A/3A West Region (10:01.1) titles this winter. The Gaithersburg senior went on to place fifth in the 4A/3A state meet

(10:12.27) — tops among county runners.

4x200 Relay

Gaithersburg

Matamba, Steele, Gibson and Damon Hill edged Paint Branch for the county (1:31.5) crown and then went on to claim a 4A/3A West Region title (1:34.4). The Gaithersburg foursome ran its best time in a fourth-place finish at states (1:31.37).

4x400 Relay

Paint Branch

Edwin Campbell, Azariah Conerly, Chad Miller and Afolabi Aromire were undefeated in the big three championships. The Panther foursome swept county, 3A/2A West Region and 3A/2A state titles this season, winning in 3:33.4, 3:34.0, and 3:34.0, respectively.

4x800 Relay

Walter Johnson

Chageza, Peter Novick, Andres Serafini and Brandon Huott won a Montgomery County championship (8:15.4) and placed third in the 4A/3A West Region meet (8:28.2).

55 Hurdles

Byron Gibson

Gaithersburg

Senior

Gibson hurdled the competition as Montgomery Invitational and Montgomery County (7.6) champion. The Trojans' senior took second at the 4A/3A West Region (7.5) meet and fifth at states (7.75).

High Jump

Vaclav Malek

Walter Johnson

Senior

After what the 4A/3A state high jump champ dubbed a disappointing 6-2 third-place performance at counties, Malek rebounded with a career-best 6-8 championship jump at regionals and championship-winning 6-6 leap at states. Malek earned All-America honors with a third-place finish in the pentathlon at the Nike Indoor Classic at Landover.

Pole Vault

Nate Anguita

Gaithersburg

Junior

No one went higher than Anguita at Montgomery County and 4A/3A West Region meets. The Trojan junior cleared 13-0 and 12-0, respectively, to bring home golds at both finals. Anguita went on to place third at states with a clearance of 12-06.

Shot Put

Jared Wasser

Wootton

Junior

Wasser was simply the most dominant shot-putter this season. The Patriot catapulted throws of 54-2.25 and 52-6.75 to win Montgomery County and 4A/3A West Region championships. Wasser went on to finish third at states with a launch of 53-5.5.