

**Notes: Marathon's Linda Gassner
1986 WIAA State Meet**

Sources: WIAA State Girls Track & Field Champions [1971-2018) and the June 8, 1986 [Madison] Wisconsin State Journal sports page [page 28] results of 1986 WIAA State Meet.

Linda Gassner helped Marathon win the State Class C Championship by winning the 100m [12.2] and 200m [25.70] dash events and anchoring the Marathon 4x100m [50.52] to a Gold Medal.

WIAA 1986 State Meet 100m dash: Each 1986 100m runner in the top 6 places had a time to nearest tenth.

1. Linda Gassner, Marathon, 12.2
2. Cyrena Martin, Boyceville, 12.6
3. Wendy Milbauer, Marion, 13.0

In addition places 4,5, and 6 all had times listed of 13.0. This indicates a timing issue.

The 1986 1600m winner Tricia Breu from Auburndale had a time listed of 5:15.4. All other times in the Class C 1600 were in tenths. Other events in class A,B, and C had times in hundredths. This indicates a timing issue in the 100m and 1600m events for Class C at the 1986 WIAA State Meet.

However in the Class B 100m race Patty Boehlen from Slinger won in 12.82 while in the Class A race Ester Jones from Milwaukee Bay View won in 12.36 indicating the timing issue was solved. Also in the Class C boys 100m event at the 1986 WIAA State Meet Whitehall's Troy Pride recorded a 11.41 to win that event. Again showing that the timing was 'normal.'

Linda Gassner in 1986 with her time of 12.2 broke the 100m record of 12.41 set by Mary Jane Beschta from Lena in 1980. Whitehall's Chelsey Simon set the existing Division 3 record in the 100m in the prelims of the 2009 WIAA State Meet with a 12.20 [FAT] performance.

The 85th Annual Yearbook [2007-2008] gives 12.2 as the record for the D3 100m dash event. Usually tenths mean that HHT was used. In 1986 records and performances recorded in other events are in 1/100ths indicating FAT timing.

The 86th Annual Yearbook [2008-2009] shows both Gassner and Simon listed as co-record holders in the 100m dash. But, Gassner's time is listed as 12.2 while Simon's time is given as 12.20.

The 87th Annual WIAA Yearbook [2009-2010] only lists Whitehall's Chelsey Simon as the Division 3 record holder in the 100m dash.

Hand Times [WIAA procedure]

a) Times must be recorded in tenths of a second. b) The recording of times in hundredths of a second may be used to eliminate ties to determine the next fastest times in filling lanes from preliminaries to finals. c) Tournament managers should secure sufficient meet personnel so timers and finish judges are different individuals. d) Hand times from regionals will be converted by adding .24 for sectional seeding purposes

Thus Linda Gassner's HHT of 12.2 converts to 12.44 explaining the 87th Annual WIAA Yearbook D3 100m record and the WIAA listing of State Records at

https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Results/Track/State_Records/grecords.pdf

Wisconsin Track Online WIAA Records page:
https://www.wisconsintrackonline.com/features14/wiaa14/wiaa_records.html

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100m D3 Dash Record 12.2 1986

Photos from the Marathon yearbook archives