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# Carver's Thomas, Wills Picks on LSWA All-State Track

## Lee's Al Coffee Named Most Valuable

Spencer Thomas and Lloyd Wills, a pair of cinder athletes who sparkled for Carver High School in the Louisiana Inter-scholastic and Literary Organization track program this season, were named to the 1968 All-State track and field team.

Thomas, the nation's leading triple jumper with a leap of 48 feet, six and one-half inches, is a junior and will threaten both state and national records next year. He was one of 12 athletes at

LIALO schools which made the sportswriters' 1968 All-State team and this is the first time LIALO athletes have been honored by the LSWA in any sport.

For the second year in a row Al Coffee of Lee High of Baton Rouge was named most valuable performer and for the second year in a row a Shreveport miler, John McKinnon of Fair Park, was picked as outstanding track man.

Coach of the year honors went to cinder mentor Doy Dunham of Class AA Lake Charles High School.

In addition to his national mark in the triple jump,

Thomas also had the best long jump mark, a distance of 23 feet, 10 inches, and was second to Rodney Milburn of Clark of Opelousas in the high hurdles with a 14.0 clocking, just one tenth of a second behind the Opelousas lad.

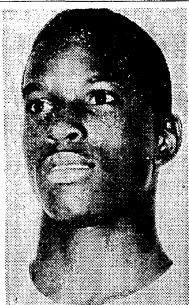
Wills, the Carver speed merchant, had the best time in the state in the 440-yard dash, 49.1, to outdistance Gary Bell of Lake Charles (49.6), and Don Norwood of Rummel (49.7).

Coffee was chosen for his performances in the century and 220 yard dashes. He had a 9.5 in the 100 and a 20.7 in the 220. Joining the Baton Rouge flash in the sprints are LaGrange's Bobby Baker and Joe Sincere of John Martyn with 9.7 clockings, while in the 220 Coffee was followed by two New Orleans runners, Joe Winkler (21-2) from St. Aloysius, and Reginal Lewis (21-5) from St. Augustine.

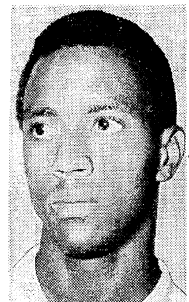
Larry Rigdon of Nicholls High had the third best time in the 880, with a 1:56.3 clocking, and Sammy Reeves of Fortier High also was a third place pick in the mile run with a 4:22.7. Mark Spangenberg of Jesuit finished third in the 180-yard low hurdles with a 19.3 recording.

Three cinder stars from District 6-AAA, Curtis Martin and Chuck Taylor of South Lafourche and Herman Brinkman of South Terrebonne were chosen first place winners in their specialty on the all-state team. Martin's high jump mark of 6-6½, Taylor's pole vault mark of 14-1½, and Brinkman's discuss toss of 166-4 put them in the No. 1 spot in those events.

McKinley of Baton Rouge topped all teams in the 440 and 880-yard relays with the foursome of Leslie Nickerson, William Vincent, Wycliff Robertson and Donald Buffington, and LaGrange's quartet of Mike Parker, Don Martin, Richard Derby and Bobby Baker was tops in the mile relay.



SPENCER THOMAS  
Carver's premier jumper



LLOYD WILLS  
Carver sprinter



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## MUJERES TO BEGIN TODAY

### Hartson's Tiara Draws Favorite's Role

By JOEY MORGAN  
Defending titlist Maurice Hartson and his Tiara will be looking for another victory when the gruelling 560-mile Isla Mujeres Yacht Race gets under way Saturday at the Broadwater Beach Marina in Biloxi, Miss.

Hartson, a perennial handicap champion in Gulf Coast competition, will launch his quest for another coveted championship when the starting gun is fired at 11 a. m.

Crew members for Hartson's

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