

Penny Neer – North Adams 1978



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In 1978, Neer won the Class D shot and discus for tiny North Adams High. She came to Michigan on a basketball scholarship and played softball in addition to throwing for the Wolverines. She won three Big 10 discus titles, and was the first Michigan track woman to make All-America status. She won the 1982 AIAW title. In 1985 she threw her career best 201-4. She made the 1992 Olympic team, finishing 24th in qualifying in Barcelona. Track & Field News ranked her among the U.S. top 10 for 11 years straight from 1982-92.