

1977 District Meet...

State meet berths on the line in Saturday districts

A number of area boys track team members will be vying for berths at the state meet in Columbus in district meet competition Saturday.

The Class AAA and AA district meets will be held at Bowling Green State University. Field event and running event preliminaries will begin at 10 a.m., with the finals scheduled for approximately 12:30 p.m.

The Class A district meet will be at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Field events begin at 10 a.m. and the running event preliminaries will be at 10:30. The semi-finals will begin 20 minutes after the prelims and the finals an hour and a half after the semis, or about 1:30 p.m.

The top two finishers in each event in Class AAA will advance to the state meet with three advancing in AA and five in A.

The Ross mile relay team of Randy Hammer, Jeff Brown, Terry Bates and Dan DeLeon will be vying for a state spot. The team set a school record in placing third at the sectional meet last Saturday.

Ross individuals competing at the Class AAA district meet include Rick Kusmer in the discus, Brown in the long jump and low hurdles, Mitch Clayton in the high and low hurdles and DeLeon in the high hurdles. The other area participants in Class AAA will be Duke Haynes

of Bellevue in the 440 dash.

Clyde's Jerry Hansen, who finished first in both the mile and two mile at the sectional meet, will head the list of area Class AA performers at the district. Paul Colavincenzo in the long jump will also represent Clyde.

Dave Kontak in the mile, Steve Hernandez and Ed Moenter in the two mile, Tim Bowen in the shot put and discuss and the mile relay team.

Tim Miller in the pole vault, Jerry Priddy in the 440 and Rick Clifton in the discus will compete in the Class A district from Old Fort. Gibsonburg will send its mile relay team, Terry Kille in the high hurdles and Jim Ramos in the 220.

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Other Class AA area district meet participants include Bob Hemminger of Lakota in the 440 dash, Jerry Neff in the high and low hurdles, Mike Benner in the low hurdles, Skip Marshall in the pole vault and the 880 relay team from Oak Harbor; Bill Hoelzer of Margaretta in the mile; Butch Williams in the shot put and discus, Ed Stone in the mile and Doug Avery in the 440 from Genoa; and Chris Carpenter in the long jump, Brian Meek in the 440, Ken Morrisette in the 100, Joe Zach in the two mile and the mile relay team from Port Clinton.

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Four in state boys meet

Four Fremont area boys qualified for the 70th Ohio State High School Boys Track and Field Meet in Columbus next weekend after district meets Saturday.

None of the four, however, were from Ross.

Jerry Priddy of Old Fort was the only area state qualifier to win in the districts. The Stockader senior captured the 440-yard dash in the Class A district meet at Ohio Northern University. Priddy cranked out a 51.3 to make it to the state show at Ohio Stadium.

The only other "A" qualifier to make it was Jay Molter of Woodmore. Molter was fifth in the 880. The top five finishers in the small school division made it to the state meet.

Clyde had the other two

qualifiers in the area. Jerry Hansen was second in his specialty, the mile, in the Class AA meet at Bowling Green State University. He was timed in 4:23.2 to finish second behind Harvey Wilson of Cardinal Strich. Wilson set a new district record with a 4:21.9.

Paul Colavincenzo finished third in the long jump and became the second Flier in the state meet.

Ross was shutout in its effort to get a state qualifier in "AAA." The nearest that the Little Giants came was a pair of thirds in the hurdles events.

Mitch Clayton was third in the highs after being awarded second immediately after the race. The position was switched

after a taped replay of the finish showed that Del-Ray Feagin of Mansfield Senior had nosed out the Ross senior.

Clayton was timed in 14.7 while Dan DeLeon finished fourth in the race with a 14.8.

Jeff Brown was third in the low hurdles with a 20.5 and Clayton took fourth in that race with a 20.7. Rick Kusmer was fourth in discus with a 150-0 heave.

Ross's mile relay team of Randy Hammer, Terry Bates, Brown, and DeLeon finished fourth with a 3:23.5.

Only the top two AA finishers and the top three AA finishers advanced to the state meet.

In team scoring, Ross finished 7th with 28 points while Clyde was 15th with 14 points.

District girls meets Saturday

A number of area members of girls track teams will be vying for a berth in the state meet during district track meets Saturday.

A combined Class AAA and AA district meet will be held at Bowling Green State University and the Class A meet will be at Ohio Northern University in Ada.

Field events and preliminaries at the AAA and AA meet at Bowling Green will begin at 10 a.m. and the finals should begin at about 12:30 p.m.

At Ohio Northern, the field events will begin at 10, prelims at 10:30 and the finals at about 1 p.m.

The top two finishers in each event will advance to the state meet in class AAA. Three will advance in Class AA and five in Class A.

Three individuals and the 880 medley relay team from Ross will be competing in Class AAA. Stephanie Brown in the long jump, Debbie Clark in the mile and Lisa Meek in the 880 will represent the Little Giants.

Other area girls competing in Class AAA include Ruth Ravas in the high jump Vickie Carnicom in the shot put and Stephanie Gittinger in the 440 from Port Clinton, and the 880 medley relay team from Bellevue.

Clyde will head the list of area par-

ticipants in Class AA. The Fliers are defending district champs and placed third in the state last year. They qualified individuals and relay teams in all but two events for the district.

The 880 medley, 440 and mile relay teams from Clyde will be competing. Individuals include Kathy Aman in the long jump, hurdles and 100-yard dash; Kelli Aman in the long jump and high jump, Kandy Lippert in the shot put and 440, Barb Stucky in the discus, Sheila Greene in the 100, Ellen Wood in the 880 and Kris Kuehne and Christy Cenkus in the 220.

Other area participants at the Class AA meet include: Chris Jeffers of Lakota in the shot put and discus; Jodi Lohr in the high jump, Laurie Foss in the discus and Kendra Schumaker in the 100, 220 and 440 from Woodmore; Jane Schlipf in the long jump, Theresa Blausey in the mile and the 440 relay team from Oak Harbor; Becky Eisenhauer of Margaretta and Barb Lentz of Genoa in the shot put.

Old Fort will send three individuals and the 880 medley relay team to the Class A district meet. Karen Cleveland will compete in the 220 and 440 for the Stockaders, and Lupe Ortiz will run in the 440 and Bev Lynch in the mile.

The Ross girls set two school records and placed in three events in the Class AAA meet, but failed to qualify anyone for the state meet. The top two placers in each event advanced to the state in AAA and three in AA.



New Ross record

Lisa Meek broke her own school record Saturday in the 880-yard run. She placed fourth at the Class AA district meet with a time of 2:25.9 as she is shown completing the first quarter mile of the race. The previous school mark of 2:26.6 was set by her in 1975. She had the highest finish of a Ross girl in Saturday's district meet at Bowling Green. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Stewart)