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MARTY AMELING of Ross trails Tanya Dallas of Sylvania in the Class AAA mile run Saturday at Bowling Green. The Ross senior won a spot in the state meet with a 5:33.7 clocking.

Marty Ameling, serious athlete

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Marty Ameling's voice rose in pitch and her face grew stern. Her words rolled off her lips in short, clipped phrases. She wasn't mad; she was just emphasizing a point.

That point she wanted to make clear is that women in athletics, especially on the high school level, are here to stay.

"They better think we are serious," the Ross senior said as she set her lips in a thin line. "It's no fad . . . girls are definitely serious about athletics."

Marty is one of the very serious female distance runners around this area.

"Back in the ninth grade, Mrs. Smith (Jolyn, the Ross girls track coach) told me I should go out for track. I wasn't very good in basketball and liked this sport when I tried it and I guess, I'm just natural for track," the slim young lady said.

From the 880, which she was unbeaten at in dual meets as a sophomore, Marty took up the mile as a junior at the urging of her coach and with an added assist from boy friend Mike Hunt. During her junior year, she was unbeaten at the mile in dual competition until the last meet of the season. This year she has not been beaten in dual meets. She was third in the pre-district, the qualifier for the district 10 days ago.

Her love for running since she has started has kept Marty going in competition and add to that the fact that she "likes to win" has made her one

of the better distaff distance runners in Northwestern Ohio.

"There is no pain to running," she insisted, "pain is all in your head."

Some of that "head pain" looked physical a half hour later Saturday afternoon in the district meet. Prior to the race she said in a matter-of-fact voice, "I think I can run faster."

She was referring to her Ross record of 5:50.0 which she ran just a month ago. She made her prediction and her thinking correct by running a 5:33.7 while finishing second in the race and in the process becoming Ross's first qualifier to the First Ohio High School Girls Track Meet in Columbus this weekend.

But the second place finish took its toll. Running in the 90 degree heat, Miss Ameling collapsed temporarily after crossing the finish line.

What lies in the future for a girl that loves to run and for a person who knows that women in athletics are here to stay? Another challenge, that's what.

Marty will be attending Penn State University this fall and her major will not be what most men associate with women. The soon-to-be Ross graduate will be enrolled in engineering and on the side, she will be trying her hand at track.

"That's one reason why I am going to Penn State," she said. They have one of the best women's athletic programs in the United States there."

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and 13 walks in his last 16 innings. With Albury in, pundits joked, the Tigers would surely build the 5-0 lead to at least 10-0.

Even after Minnesota rallied for four runs off beleaguered LaGrow in the sixth, the 5-4 lead seemed safe because Hiller — star southpaw with a 2.05 earned-run-average, 32 strikeouts in 26 innings and six saves — was coming in.

But Danny Thompson and Rod Carew broke Detroit's back and spirits by driving in a run each in the ninth innin, to drop Hiller's record to 1-2.

"You're either a hero or a dog," Hiller said of a reliever's role. "There's no in between . . . When you lose you let a lot of people down."



MARTY AMELING of Ross, far right, trails Class AAA mile run competitors Jenny Valleria of Dayton Stebbins and Megan Renico of Grove City on the second lap of the race. The Ross runner did not place in the event.