

1969 Regional meet...



DAVE RHODES



DAN LINDER

Represent Ross In Regional Track Meet

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Area Teams Represented In Both Class AA, A Meet

Dave Rhodes and Dan Linder will represent Fremont Ross Saturday as at least 30 entries from area schools travel to Regional track meets at Mansfield and Bowling Green. The Class AA schools, including Ross, will vie in the regional at Mansfield Malabar. Class A schools are in competition for state tournament berths at Bowling Green's Whittaker field.

Rhodes rules as one of the favorites in the shot put with a winning toss of 55-3/4 in the Sandusky District. Thursday in dual meet competition the 6-2, 255-pound senior upped his Ross school record to 55-10. For the better part of the season Rhodes struggled to break a Ross record of 54-0.

Once this was broken his distances have steadily increased and he has not been below 55 feet in competition.

Linder has proved consistency as a 13-foot vaulter, hitting that mark five consecutive meets as of the district. In the district Linder matched the best height of two other vaulters, but finished third on number of misses.

Entries from area schools in the Regional tournaments are:

CLASS AA—Ross, 2; Clyde, 4; Port Clinton, 4; Lakota, 3, and Oak Harbor, 1.

CLASS A—Attica, 3; Woodmore, 6; Hopewell-Loudon, 3; Danbury, 4, and Old Fort, 1.

In some cases the schools will be represented by less boys than the number of entries, since one person could have qualified in more than one event. Also, the presence of a relay qualifier, such as two by Port Clinton and Danbury, one by Clyde, would involve more than one boy in an entry.

Feeding into the Mansfield Class AA regional will be district winners from Sandusky, Bowling Green, Mansfield, Toledo, Elyria and Rhodes. The Class A regional includes district qualifiers from Tiffin, Montpelier, Mansfield and Findlay.

In the Class A competition the class appears to come from Mansfield and Findlay districts. Mansfield recorded six top times and Findlay seven in the district result comparisons.

Tiffin and Montpelier each had one and these were in weight events. Rex Durdell of Woodmore with a toss of 155-5 1/2 appears to be the class of the discus coming from Tiffin district. In the shot his 50-1 1/4 is second only to Montpelier's Dave Dreher with a 53-3.

Rhodes' 55-10 is a shade behind the best shot put of the districts, a 57-4 at Elyria by Westlake's Parker Reynolds.

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Rhodes Qualifies In Shot

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Woodmore's Fegley, Durdel, Koepke Gain State Track

Is it possible for a first-year school to win a state championship? Woodmore high school has three boys going to Columbus next Saturday who hope they can supply an affirmative answer to that question. The Wildcats, a first-year consolidation of old Woodville and Elmore high schools, qualified only three boys for the state tournament, but these three will participate in five events.

The magical trio accounted for three first places and two seconds in the regional tournament Saturday at Bowling Green University. Dave Fegley was the class of the hurdles, winning both timber-topping events and accomplishing a

personal goal in the process. Rex Durdel was second in the shot put despite his best toss of the season, and first in the discus, although throwing approximately eight feet less than his best of the season.

Adding a second place in the pole vault was Galen Koepke. That personal goal for Fegley was a 19-second flat time in the 120-yard high hurdles. He wanted to better the :15.1 by his coach, James Smithey, when he was a high school runner. Fegley had a :21.3 clocking in the 180-yard low hurdles. Durdel's winning discus was 147.7 and with a shot put of 51-6 1/2 was second to the 53-1 1/2 by Mont-

pelier's Dave Dreher. Koepke's 11-2 vault was second behind the 11-6 by Lincolnview's Greg Davis.

The only other area entry to win a trip to Class A state was the Lakeside Danbury 880-yard relay team of Joe Boss, Mike Turinsky, Dave Wahlers and Mike Tracy. This quartet was fourth in the event with a 1:35.5.

In Class AA regional competition at Mansfield Malabar Fremont Ross' Dave Rhodes was the only area competitor to earn a ticket to Columbus. Rhodes put the shot 54-4 1/2 to finish third in the regional. Ahead of Rhodes were Parker Reynolds, Westlake, 55-11 1/2, and Greg Huth, Parma, 54-4 1/2.

In the regionals the top four performers in each event qualified for the state meet.

Other area competitors were victims of the fact times better than their best of the season were needed to win. Top performers faced with this dilemma included Rex Brockschmidt, two-miler, and John Gladieux, 880-yard and mile, from Lakota, Brian Burroughs, Clyde, and Randy Strausbaugh, Oak Harbor, both quartermilers. Ross's Dan Linder could not top 13 feet, the height needed for fourth place behind Jeff Linta's 14-6, winning height in the pole vault. Linta is of Mansfield Malabar.