

1972 State Meet...

In State Track Meet

Wegman Bests Prelim Field

COLUMBUS — Only two area athletes were required to qualify here Friday in the 1972 State High School Track and Field Championships.

Kim Wegman of Woodmore passed the test while Ross' Rob Lytle was nixed at the finish line of the 100-yard dash in his bid for state recognition.

But, no matter what happened to Wegman this afternoon in the final of the Class AA 120-yard high hurdles, the area was still guaranteed of at least one point. That came Friday afternoon when Margaretta's Gary Stark cleared 13-10 in the Class AA pole vault which was good enough for sixth place.

Wegman blitzed into the high hurdles final by winning his heat in a time of 14.8. The top two finishers in each of three heats advanced to the finals. Wegman's time was also the best among AA qualifiers.

"That time of Kim's can be bettered and we're sure he'll have to go faster to place first in the finals," Woodmore head coach Jim Smithey said. "But the good thing is we know Kim can do better. He ran a 14.6 in the district finals last week — I think it will take that or better to win Saturday."

If Wegman should win, he would become the second Northwest District runner to cop the AA high hurdles in as many years. The winner in 1971 was Rossford's Ron Weber, who also holds the state meet record, 14.5.

Lytle failed in his second bid at trying to make the 100 finals. He was also here last year and failed to make the final eight.

A decision at the finish line by the judges determined Lytle's fate. He and two others were clocked at 10.0 but the others barely edged the Little Giant at the finish line.

"It's very tough for Rob," Ross head coach Ron Brant said. "He hates to lose, but Rob has a real fine attitude and is already talking about coming back next year."

Stark became the first Margaretta athlete to score here since 1962. His 13-10 set a new Margaretta school record breaking the old standard of 13-8½ held since 1964 by Mel Miller.

"One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to score in the state," Margaretta head coach Bob Spence said. "We're very pleased with the way things went all season. This was the fourth school record we've broken — we tied two others."

Another Polar Bear vaulter, Rich Miller, missed earning a team point by only one spot. He finished in seventh position.

The Northwest District Class AA winner Paul Treadway of Upper Sandusky, won the event with a leap of 14-2. He tried to pass the meet record of 14-5½ but failed in three attempts.

Finals were decided in only

four events yesterday. The bulk of the action takes place today at Ohio Stadium starting at 9 a.m. Ross still had two contestants to compete, Tom Liggins (shot put) and Jeff Opelt (pole vault).

Also awaiting their turn at trying to earn a first-place medal were Woodmore's John Harman (long jump), Lakota's Tom Hammer (discus), Margaretta's Tom Wright (880) and Genoa's Jeff Appel (shot put). — CARLSON

Regional Baseball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Regional Tournaments

Friday's Tournaments

Class AAA

At Euclid

Nordonia 4, Shaker Heights 3,

14 innings

Parma 2, Lorain 1, 10 innings

At North Canton

Wooster 4, Warren Western

Reserve 2

Toledo St. Francis 12, Bar-

berton 1

At Cincinnati

Cincinnati Moeller 2, Meadow-

dale 1

Dayton Champlain 3, Prince-

ton 1

Upper Arlington 8, Steuben-

ville 0

Findlay 8, Columbus Whets-

tone 0

Class AA

At Barberton

Solon 3, Warren LaBrae 0

Lorain Brookside 6, Warren

Champion 1

At Lima

Coldwater 3, Sandusky Per-

kins 1

Tipp City 5, Gibsonburg 1

At Newark

Steubenville Catholic 6, Meigs

1

Ironton 11, Bellaire 1

At Springfield

Columbus Wherle 8, Dayton

Bellbrook 6

Cincinnati Deer Park 10, Co-

lumbus DeSales 6

Class A

At Dover

Adena 5, Richmond Heights 3

Northwestern 11, Garaway 1

At Deshler

Continental 12, Fostoria St.

Wendlyn 5

South Central 3, Fayette 1

At Urbana

Anna 11, Covington 4

Cincinnati Country Day 6,

Parkway 4

Sacred Heart

Earns Trophy

TOLEDO — The Junior Girls Division of the Sacred Heart track team was awarded a trophy for compiling the second-highest number of points in the Toledo Diocesan CYO track Boys-Girls meet held here at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

Twenty-six schools participated with a total of 1,500 students competing.

Linda House, with a leap of 15-2 in the running long jump, and Larry Dickman, with a time of 11.03 seconds in the 100-yard dash, were first-place winners for Sacred Heart. Those two will advance to the State CYO Meet in June.

Foot Operation

Slated For Carr

By ERIC ANDERSON

Track And Field Meet

Area Competitors Blanked In Championship Category

COLUMBUS—Close, but not close enough.

Woodmore's Kim Wegman was the only competitor from the area who even came near winning an Ohio High School Track and Field Championship but the Wildcat senior was also thwarted in his bid Saturday.

Wegman, after leading for a major portion of the Class AA 120-yard high hurdles, hit the next-to-last barrier allowing Steve Price of Warrensville Heights to crack the tape first at the finish line for the first place award.

The Woodmore hurdler was the only area competitor to score among the final six during Saturday's action.

Fremont Ross' two entries—Tom Liggins and Jeff Opelt—couldn't score while Woodmore's John Harman, Margaretta's Tom Wright, Lakota's Tom Hammer and Genoa's Jeff Apel also failed to dent the top six category in their respective events.

Wegman led Price for all but the last 30 yards. He lost his advantage at the next to last barrier where his trail leg caught the barrier.

"Kim had the race won, no question about that," Woodmore head coach Jim Smithey said. "Everyone could see it from the stands. But once he realized he had the race won he went for the record (14.6 held since 1971 by Ron Weber of Rossford) and that's where he got into trouble.

"He told me later that he just tried too hard. I guess that's the best way to describe it. He definitely should have won and I'm sure if he wouldn't have hit that hurdle he would have had a winning time of either 14.3 or 14.4."

Harman, who was named Woodmore's Athlete of the Year Thursday, was frustrated in the long jump. His best official leap was 20-10 which was good for ninth place among the 16 contestants.

"John had a jump of what looked to be about 21-6 or 21-5 on his first try but fouled," Smithey said. "He never came close to that again.

"But we're certainly not disappointed in John's effort. He has had an outstanding year for us and coming home Saturday after everything was over he was already talking about coming back next year.

"John has a lot to live up to next season. With the right attitude I'm sure you'll see him in the state meet again."

Opelt, a sophomore pole vaulter, came the closest to scoring of all the contestants but Wegman. He finished seventh in the Class AAA pole vault with a leap of 13.0. The sixth place finisher Bill Oatley of Rocky River also went 13-0 but was declared the winner based on number of attempts.

"Jeff and the fellow that finished sixth both had the same number of misses (three) but the boy who was sixth had the lesser number of attempts," Little Giant head coach Ron Brant said.

"Naturally, we're disappointed Jeff didn't score but I still think it's quite an accomplishment for a sophomore to even

get to the state. We're very proud of him for his accomplishments and looking forward to having him back next year."

Liggins won't get another opportunity. His best effort in the shot put was 53-10 which didn't even qualify him for the finals.

"It would have been nice for Tom to score—it would have ended his Ross career on a perfect note," Brant said. "But Tom would have had to have the best put of his career.

"What disappoints me is that he didn't get the record. He has been such a tremendous athlete for us the last three years it seems a real shame he's going to be leaving without having his name on the record board at the high school."

Also failing to make the finals in their respective events were Hammer and Apel. Hammer, a junior, missed out in the discus where his best pitch was 139-10 while Apel couldn't crack the final eight among the Class AA shot put competitors.

"This was a very good learning session for Tom," Lakota head coach Myron Cline said. "We're sure he's going to be back next year. He improved his best throw by almost 10 feet this year and we're quite sure he's capable of throwing longer next spring."

Margaretta's Tom Wright finished among the top 10 finishers of the 880, but failed to add to Margaretta's team total which received a point when Gary Stark placed sixth in the Class AA pole vault during Friday's competition.

Rich Miller of Margaretta and Ross' Rob Lytle also competed Friday. Miller was seventh in the vault while Lytle failed to qualify in the Class AAA 100-yard dash.—CARLSON

Rainbow Lanes Bows Out Early

WEST LIBERTY — Fremont Rainbow Lanes dropped a pair of games in the Urbana Fast Pitch Softball Tournament during the weekend.

In the opening game of the double elimination tourney, the locals dropped a 4-2 decision to Zanesville. Rainbow was eliminated from tournament competition by Chillicothe, which took a 6-4 extra inning verdict.

Zanesville touched Ron Shawl for only three hits but the victors benefited from five Rainbow errors. Zanesville cracked a 2-2 deadlock in the fifth and added an insurance marker in the sixth.

The fifth inning run scored on a single, passed ball, sacrifice and error. A walk, two errors and sacrifice fly accounted for the sixth inning marker.

Zanesville tallied twice in the first to go ahead, 2-0, but