

1992 Regional Meet...

Track & Field

High School

Regional qualifiers

DIVISION I

At Bucyrus

Thursday and Saturday

(District qualifying timedistance)

Ross boys

Tony Franks: Shot put (50-4¼) and discus (146-7)

Preston Eberly: 400 (51.4)

Jeff Pasch: 800 (1:58.4)

4x400 relay: Mark Sheidler, Eberly, Pasch and Tyrone Price (3:39.6)

Tyrone Price: Long jump (20-7¾)

Ross girls

Lisa Elder: Long jump (16-10¾)

Port Clinton boys

Scott Postma: High jump (6-6)

Dan Anderson: Shot put (46-6)

Elder long jumps to state

News-Messenger reports

BUCYRUS — Fremont Ross freshman Lisa Elder qualified for the State Track and Field Meet Thursday with a second-place finish in the long jump in the Division I regional meet at Bucyrus High School.

Elder, who jumped 16 feet, 7½ inches, is the first Ross girl to advance to the state meet in Columbus since hurdler Shannon Carter in 1988.

Nikki Stewart of Mansfield Senior finished first in the regional with a jump of 16-8¾. Stewart's winning distance came on her final jump.

Elder's leap was ¾ inches less than her effort at the district meet last week.

"That's not surprising for regionals," Ross coach John Elder said. "She was consistent. Every jump was over 16 feet, so she

was in the top four the whole way."

The Little Giants' 4x400-meter boys relay of Mark Sheidler, Preston Eberly, Jeff Pasch and Tyrone Price qualified for Saturday's regional finals with a season-best time of 3:26.

"They are going to have to run the same time or better to get to state," Elder said. "I didn't think they could knock off as much time as they did."

The squad's previous time was a 3:29 at the Great Lakes League Meet.

"To knock three seconds off in a sprint relay is tough," Elder said. "We get to this time of year talking about your best performance, and they deserve a lot of credit."

Eberly, however, failed to qualify for the finals of the 400 dash after clocking in at 52.4 seconds in Thursday's semifinals.

Tony Franks failed to advance to the state meet in the shot put. Franks' best heave was 46 feet, while the four state qualifiers each had a heave of 55 feet.

Franks will vie for a state berth in the discus Saturday.

"That's the event he is really gunning for," Elder said. "We were hoping he could sneak in (in the shot put), but we knew it was going to be tough."

Franks advanced to state in the discus last year.

Melvin Rusch pole vaulted 12-0 but didn't move on.

Port Clinton junior Scott Postma qualified for his second straight state meet by placing second in the high jump.

Postma jumped 6-6 but had to settle for second behind Brunswick junior Brian Ody, who also jumped 6-6 but had fewer misses.

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Huntley, Pasch win boys regional titles

News-Messenger reports

BOWLING GREEN — Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic sophomore Kevin Huntley took first place in the 110-meter hurdles and was runner-up in the 300 hurdles Saturday at the Division III Regional Track and Field Meet at Bowling Green High School.

Huntley won the 110 hurdles in 14.6 seconds and was second in the 300 in 39.2. Senior Todd Smart of Plymouth, the defending state champion in the 300 hurdles, won the event in 39.19.

In the Division I meet at Bucyrus High School, sophomore Jeff Pasch of Fremont Ross took first in the 800 run (1:56.7) and teamed with Mark Sheidler, Pre-

ston Eberly and Tyrone Price to finish fourth in the 4x400 relay (3:25.3).

The top four placers in each event advanced to the state meet June 5-6 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

Smart gave Huntley his first loss of the season in the 300 hurdles. In turn, Huntley handed Smart his first defeat in the 110 hurdles, according to St. Joe coach Eddie Colon.

"Kevin has a good chance to place high this weekend (in Columbus)," Colon said. "He ran very well. He's been waiting all season to race Todd Smart, and looking at their times, you can't get any closer than that."

"Kevin's ready for the big

show this weekend."

St. Joe's 4x400 relay team of Tyler Halbisen, John Schneider, Huntley and J.J. Drabik took first place in 3:28.55 to help the Crimson Streaks finish third in the Division III team standings.

"Our 4x400 relay is probably in the top three or four in the state in our division," Colon said. "I like our chances, no doubt about it."

Bluffton took first in the boys' events with 69 points, followed by Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic (32) and St. Joe (31).

"I wasn't expecting us to place that high at regionals," Colon said. "I was worried about taking as many kids to state as we could, and the team (standings)

would take care of itself."

Pasch, who was injured most of last season, won the 800 going away, according to Ross coach John Elder.

"I didn't expect him to win so convincingly," Elder said. "He won by five meters. He wasn't surprised to make it because it was one of his goals. He's a goal-oriented person."

Elder said the Little Giants' 4x400 relay team sneaked into the state meet.

"Cleveland John Marshall, which was the favorite, dropped the baton on the third leg," Elder said. "It allowed us to sneak into fourth place."

"What was nice is because of running the 800 — Jeff's legs

weren't really fresh — he didn't run great split like normal. The rest of the guys ran 49 (second) splits and picked up the slack."

"We were basically eighth after the second leg and Preston and Tyrone moved us up to fourth."

Ross's Tony Franks failed to qualify in the discus, and Price jumped 19-4 in the long jump but was unable to advance to Columbus.

John Marshall won the boys' meet with 40 points, while Toledo Whitmer had 36 and Mansfield Senior 30.

Ross tied for 15th place with Galion, each with 14 points.

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