

1984 District meet...

Simmons first in 'AAA' prelims

MANSFIELD — Gene Simmons recorded a 10.9 seconds clocking in winning his heat in the 100-meter dash during the preliminary rounds of the Class AAA District Track and Field Meet at Mansfield Malabar High School's track here Thursday.

One relay team and an individual qualified for Saturday's finals.

The 400-meter relay squad of Trent Brown, Stacy Johnson, Simmons and Kevin Hively turned the third fastest time — 44.0 — heading into the finals.

Hively qualified number seven with a 51.7 for the 400-meter dash finals.

Simmons and Brown are both in the 100-meter semifinals.

Brown turned in an 11.1, the third quickest of the day behind Simmons' time.

Other semifinal qualifiers for Ross included freshman Steve Letzring in the 110-meter high hurdles, Willie Norwood, 7th in the 300-meter low hurdles with a 42.5, Wade Parker and Dave McDonald in the 200-meter dash.

In other events, Todd Beatty had the seventh best shot put toss at 47 feet, 8 inches.

Saturday, Beatty and Mike Bobay will be competing in the discus with Ross high jump record holder Dave Kovaleski and Rick Leasock competing in the high jump.

Also, Ross Coach Norm Bray was appointed to the Games Committee for the Regional Meet in Mt. Vernon next weekend.

Bray was named to the spot by Ohio High School Athletic Association Associate Commissioner Fred Dafler.

Area track stars aim for regionals

BOYS

A total of 25 individuals and eight relay teams from this area will be making the trip to boys regional track and field meets this week as a result of district action at three sites this past weekend.

At the Class AAA meet at Mansfield Malabar, Ross qualified one individual and one relay team. Dave Kovaleski was the individual with a third-place finish in the high jump. He leaped 6-2. The relay team was the 400 group of Trent Brown, Stacy Johnson, Gene Simmons and Kevin Hively, which also finished third.

Also at the AAA meet, Port Clinton's Dave Meek qualified in two events. He finished second in the 400 and fourth in the 100.

The AAA regional will be held Thursday and Saturday at Mount Vernon High School.

At the Class AA meet at Toledo Bowsher, Oak Harbor and Lakota both turned in strong performances. Oak Harbor qualified seven individuals and two relay teams on its way to a second-place team finish while Lakota qualified three individuals and three relay teams on its way to a fourth-place finish.

Hurdler Dennis Schiess led OH with district titles in both the 110 highs (15.2) and 300 lows (39.3). The other individual qualifiers for the Rockets were Dave Weirich, who came in second in the 800, Brian Michael, third in the pole vault, Troy Pfeiffer, third in 800, Bill Harder, fourth in high jump, Brian Hammond, fourth in shot put, and Mike Morse, fourth in 1,600.

Oak Harbor's 1,600 relay team won that event in 3:32.4 while its 3,200 relay team finished second.

For Lakota, Dan Wiseman and Earl Wyant led the way with victories in the pole vault (12-3) and 800 (2:01.2), respectively. Joe McKown added a second-place finish in the 3,200.

The Raiders' 3,200 relay team won that event in 8:15.6 while its 1,600 team finish second and its

400 team came in third.

Meanwhile, also at Bowsher, Genoa qualified three individuals — Victor Cantu, second in 400, Troy Wilmeth, third in 300 hurdles, and Joe Lau, third in 3,200.

Wauseon won the AA team title with 114 points, followed by Oak Harbor with 70, Cardinal Stritch with 66 and Lakota with 59. Genoa was eighth with 23.

The Class AA regional meet will be held Wednesday and Friday at Shawnee High School in Lima.

In the Class A meet at Bowling Green High School, Woodmore captured a district team championship by qualifying six individuals and two relay teams. Gibsonburg qualified four individuals.

Chief figures in Woodmore's team title were Dan Sandwisch, Jeff Haar and Tim Emch, each of whom were multiple qualifiers. Sandwisch won both hurdle events — the 110 highs in 15.3 and 300 lows in 39.9 — Haar qualified third in both the 200 and 400 and fourth in the 100, and Emch qualified second in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles.

Other top individual performances for the Wildcats were turned in by Jeff Katko, who won the 1,600 in 4:45.8, Ted Wegert, who finished second in the 3,200, and Bill Dougherty, who came in third in the discus.

Woodmore's 1,600 relay team won its race in 3:33.5 and the 400 relay team finished third.

For Gibsonburg, Dale Rosenberger was third in the 1,600, Candido Medrano was third in the 3,200, Tim Baker was fourth in the high jump and Rob Thornton was fourth in the 800.

Woodmore scored 96 points to easily claim the crown from its nearest contenders, Van Buren 73 and North Baltimore 48. Gibsonburg was eighth with 29 points.

The Class A regional will also be held at Bowling Green High School Thursday and Saturday.

GIRLS

This area will have 24 individuals and 11 relay teams in girls regional track and field meets this week as a result of district action this past weekend.

Ross had just one regional qualifier come out of the Class AAA district meet at Mansfield Malabar. She was Kelly Wolfe, who finished fourth with a time of 15.6 in the 100 hurdles. It is the second straight year that Wolfe has reached the regionals.

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put, and fourth-place finishers were Carol Macko in the long jump and Melissa Royster in the 100 hurdles.

The Lady Rockets' 800 relay team finished second, the 1,600 and 3,200 teams finished third and the 400 relay team came in fourth.

For the Lakota girls, Diane Carlo sparkled with victories in both the 100 (12.7) and 200 (26.7). Other qualifiers were Lori Smith, second in the discus, Laura Holman, second in the 200 and third in the long jump, and Shelly Kiser, third in the 100 hurdles.