

Boys district track meets

Final step before state meets

Ten area high school track teams will send representatives to boys district meets Saturday in hopes of qualifying competitors for the state meet at Ohio State University next weekend.

Ross and Bellevue will be at the Class AAA district at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Toledo, where field events and running preliminaries begin at 9 a.m.

Lakota, Clyde, Oak Harbor, Genoa and Port Clinton will each send representatives to the Class AA district meet at Bowling Green State University. The field events begin at 10 a.m. and running preliminaries at 10:30. The finals are scheduled to begin at 12:50 p.m.

Gibsonburg, Woodmore and Old Fort will send their district qualifiers to the Class A meet at Findlay College. Field events and preliminaries are to begin at 9:45 a.m.

Leading the way for the Ross Little Giants in the AAA meet at Toledo is sectional champion Jim Sherman in the 100-yard dash. Other Ross cindermen who will be vying for a spot in the state meet are Eddie Holmes in the long jump, Dave Liggins in the pole vault, Sam Starks in the 880-yard run and the mile relay team of Terry Bates, Denny Smith, Terry Holmes and Starks.

Bellevue will send sectional champ Kent Eisenhauer to compete in the shot put. Other Redmen

in the meet are Dan Ryan in the high jump and John Rutherford in the mile run.

Only the top two placers in each event will qualify for state at the AAA district meet.

Clyde sends its sectional champ John Gregg in the low hurdles at the AA meet at Bowling Green. Other Fliers competing will be Chris Fox in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes, Brad Farrar in the pole vault and Jeff Hardy in the two mile run.

The Oak Harbor contingent at the AA meet features three sectional champions. They are Doug Biggert in the pole vault, Jerry Neff in the low hurdles and the 880-yard relay team. Other Rockets in the district are Dave Thompson in the high jump and Larry Butzin in the discus.

Lakota will send both its 880-yard and mile relay teams to the district meet. Paul Davidson in the 100-yard dash will also be vying for a state meet slot for the Raiders.

Richard Garcia heads the Genoa contingent at the AA meet. Garcia, who won the sectional title in the mile run, will be competing in the mile and the 880-yard run. Ed Stone in the two mile run and Dave Marko in the pole vault will join Garcia at the meet for Genoa.

Port Clinton cindermen competing in the district meet include Dirk Schumaker in the mile and 880-yard runs, Gary Chance in the 440-yard run, Tom Gresh in the high jump, Brian Montgomery in

the high hurdles and the mile relay team.

The top three in each event at Bowling Green will qualify for the state meet.

Woodmore has the biggest representation of all area schools in the district meets with 13 individual qualifiers and two relay team at the Class A district at Findlay.

The Wildcats, who won the team championship at the Class A sectional at Bowling Green last Saturday, will send sectional champion Steve Hernandez and Ed Moenter in the two mile run, Dave Kontak and Fred Hartman in the mile run, Jay Molter in the 880-yard run, sectional champion Dave Foss in the 440-yard run, Scott Hendricks in the 220-yard dash, Tom Pirtle in the 100-yard dash, Marty Freimark in both the high and low hurdles, the 880-yard and mile relay teams, Joe Knurek in the shot put and discus, and Jay Underwood in the pole vault.

Gibsonburg will send sectional champion Harlan Brown in the 220-yard dash to the Findlay meet. Brown and Chris Michael will compete in the 440 and Jim Ramos in the 100-yard dash to round out the Gibsonburg representation.

Sectional champion Jerry Priddy in the 440-yard run will head the Old Fort representation at Findlay. The mile relay team of Old Fort will also compete.

The top four finishers in each event at Findlay will qualify for the state meet.

Girls seeking state berths

Seven area high school girls' track teams will be competing in district meets Saturday to earn spots in the state meet to be held next weekend.

The Ross High School Little Giants in Class AAA, and the powerful Clyde Fliers, Gibsonburg, Lakota and Margaretta in AA will be competing at Bowling Green State University, where the AAA and AA district meets will be held.

At Ohio Northern University in Ada, Woodmore and Old Fort will send representatives to the Class A district meet.

Among the Ross district qualifiers are Sue Buehler in the discus and the 440-yard relay team of Stephanie Brown, Denise Szymanowski, Desiree Knighton and Toby Tate. Both Buehler and the 440-yard relay team won sectional championships last Saturday.

Other Ross qualifiers from the sectional meet include Lena Mercer in the shot put, Brown in the 100-yard dash, Tate in the 220-yard dash, Lisa Meek in the 880-yard run and the 880-yard medley, 880-yard and mile relay teams.

The top two finishers in each

event will advance to the state meet in Class AAA.

The Clyde representation at the AA district meet include sectional champions Barb Stuckey in the shot put, Kathy Aman in the low hurdles, Kelli Aman in the high jump, Jerianne Lippert in the 100-yard dash, Kandi Lippert in the 440-yard run, Ellen Wood in the 880-yard run and the 440-yard, 880-yard and mile relay teams.

Also vying for a state spot for the Fliers will be Kathy Aman in the long jump, Sheila Greene in the 100-yard dash, Kris Kuehne in the 220-yard dash, Wood in the mile run and the 880-yard medley relay team.

For Gibsonburg, Beth Michael will be aiming for a state spot in the shot put and the 440-yard run. She won a sectional championship in the 440.

Other district qualifiers for Gibsonburg are Dee Harpel in the high jump and the mile relay team.

The district qualifiers for Lakota are Chris Jeffers in the discus and Karen Wasserman in the 880-yard run. Margaretta girls include Becky Eisenhower in the shot put and Kathy Saylor in the mile run.

The top three finishers in each event qualify for the state meet in Class AA.

Woodmore will send its sectional champion 440-yard and mile relay teams to the Class A district meet. Others for Woodmore vying for a state spot include the 880-yard and 880-yard medley relay teams, Jodi Lohr in the high jump and low hurdles, Kendra Schumaker in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes, Laurie Foss in the discus and Royann Laberdie in the shot put.

For Old Fort, Karen Cleveland will be aiming for a state meet entry in the 100-yard dash and 440-yard run.

The top five district finishers in each event will qualify for the state meet in Class A.

The Class AAA and AA meets at Bowling Green will get under way at 10 a.m. with the shot put and long jump in Class AA and the discus and high jump in Class AAA.

Field events will begin at 10 in the Class A meet with running event preliminaries to begin immediately after a 9:30 scratch meeting. The finals are slated for 2:30 p.m.



SAM STARKS

Starks wins 880

TOLEDO — Sam Starks caught Gary Hightower of Mansfield Senior five yards from the finish and finished a step ahead in the 880 to become Ross's only representative in this weekend's Ohio High School Boys Track Meet in Columbus.

Starks, a senior at Ross, clicked off his best time ever in the 880-yard run, a 1:56.7, one-tenth of a second better than Hightower in the Class AAA District Meet.

Starks' win was Ross' only first place in the meet at Lucas County Recreation Center. His effort provided the bulk of the points that put Ross into a three-way tie for seventh with 20 points. Macomber won the meet with 52 points, just one better than Scott.

Hightower jumped into a lead at the start and his "rabbit" pace fitted into Starks' race plans perfectly. Hightower's lead was never more than a stride ahead of Starks during the distance.

Jim Sherman of Ross just missed out on a trip to the state meet. Needing to place in the top two to qualify for the state, Sherman was third in the 100-yard dash, just an eyelash out of second place. He was timed in 10.2, the same as the second place finisher.

Also scoring points for Ross in the meet were Dave Liggins in the pole vault and Eddie Holmes in the long jump. Liggins vaulted 13 feet for fifth and Holmes soared 20-8½ for fifth spot in his event.

Ross's mile relay team of Denny Smith, Terry Bates, Terry Holmes, and Starks finished out of the money when Smith and Bates got crossed up on the first baton exchange. The baton fell to the ground out of the exchange zone and the team was disqualified.

Bellevue finished sixth in the meet with 21½ points as Kent Eisenhower won the shot put and Brian Thompson captured the pole vault.

TOP 10 TEAMS: Macomber 52, Scott 51, Whitmer 29, Lima Shawnee 28, Malabar 25, Findlay 24½, DeVilbiss 22, Bellevue 21½, (tie) Ross, Sandusky, Madison, all 20.

Ross's state hopes crushed

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BOWLING GREEN — The Ross High School girls track team placed in seven events but failed to qualify anyone for the state meet at the Class AAA district meet at Bowling Green State University Saturday.

The meet was dominated by Toledo teams as Scott edged Start for the team title 63-58 and Rogers and Whitmer tied for third with 51. Ross shared fifth place with Toledo DeVilbiss with 21.

With only the top two finishers advancing to the state meet, Scott, Start, Whitmer and Rogers comprised more than half of the state qualifiers.

The highest finish for Ross was in the discus when Sue Buehler broke her own school record to finish third with a toss of 109-8. The Ross 440-yard relay team despite a bad handoff, broke a school record with a fifth place finish at 51.3. The other school record broken by the Giants was in the 880-yard medley relay, when they placed fourth at 1:54.2.

Also placing for Ross were Stephanie Brown, who finished fifth in the 100-yard dash at 12.3; Toby Tate, fifth in the 220 at 27.7; Lisa Meek, sixth in the 880 at her best time of the year, 2:29.7, and the mile relay team, fourth at 4:16.3.

Ross coach Jolyn Smith was basically disappointed at the meet results and the fact that Ross failed to qualify anyone for the state meet. She said Buehler's third place in the discus was the most pleasing result of the day, in addition to individual legs in the mile relay run by Gail Recktenwald and Roxie Price.

She said she expected the medley relay team to do better and felt that the 440-relay team had the best chance of qualifying for the state meet.

"We were closest to the other schools (in the 440 relay)," she said. She cited the bag exchange.

"We've had other exchanges this year that weren't too good," she said. "But we worked on it this week and thought we had it worked out."

Three AAA district meet records were broken and two others were tied.

Vickie Carnicom of Port Clinton set a district mark

in winning the shot put with a toss of 38-2½. Kelly McGovern of Toledo Bowsher set a record in the discus at 120-4 and Debbie Breier of Start set a mark in the mile relay at 5:29.9.

TEAM STANDINGS: Toledo Scott, 63; Toledo Start, 58; Toledo Rogers and Toledo Whitmer, 51; Ross and Toledo DeVilbiss, 21.

FCC golf tourneys

Seven tournaments were held over the holiday weekend at the Fremont Country Club.

Highlighting the tourney play was a "natural" eagle by Herb Miesle in Saturday's four-man best ball tourney. Miesle carded a three on the par five 13th hole. He used a five-wood to the edge of the water, used the five again to lay up just short of the green and sank his wedge shot.

In the couples tournament, Jack Broderick, Tony Moscato, Helen Findley, and Marci First shot a 64 to win the tourney on the front nine with a 65 by the team of Jack Cardosy, Ken Prybelski, Vi Moscato, and Dody Miesle winning the back nine.

Ed Wright, Tom Stahl, Rick Calendar, and Sandy Wickman shot a 58 to win Saturday's four-man best ball play. Also on Saturday, there was a three-way tie for the top spot at 62 in the two-man best ball

Craig Shetzer and Christensen, Borkovich, John Zimmerman, and Don W. Smith.

The two-man best ball on Monday ended in a tie for first at 61. Bill and Bob Heckters were tied by the team of Ray Toska and **Buck Baumann.**

