

Opelt, Skees, Miller set new district marks; 11 in state meet

Jeff Opelt of Fremont Ross and Tom Skees of Genoa have three things in common. Both are pole vaulters, both set new district vaulting records, and both are headed for the state track meet next weekend in Columbus.

Opelt vaulted 14-0 to break his own mark of 13-0 set last year in the "AAA" District at Bowling Green State University's all-weather facility. Skees raised the "AA" district mark to 13-6, a foot better than the old mark of Rossford's Ron Weber and set in 1971.

This duo along with nine other area thinlies will all be at Ohio Stadium for the state meet.

Joining Opelt in the "AAA" vaulting will be Bellevue's Shawn Beamer who also vaulted 14-0 but was placed second as the result of more misses than Opelt.

Only the top two in the "AAA" and the top three placers from the "AA" competition earned the chance for the state meet trip.

The leading team as far as qualifiers are concerned will be Gibsonburg with four runners making the trip. Jon Sage finished third in the high hurdles in 14.9 while running in the District "A" Meet at Ada's War Memorial Stadium.

Going with Sage will be teammates Kurt Michael, Denny Sanchez, and Denny Carnicom. Michael turned in a

21.9 for third spot in the low hurdles while Sanchez and Carnicom joined Sage and Michael on the mile relay team that also finished fourth but still qualified for the state meet. The team turned in a 3:34.5.

The top five finishers in the "A" meet advanced to the state meet.

Bob Miller tossed the discus a record 153-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to win the "AA" discus title. The old discus mark had been set by Dan Frye of Wauseon with a 152-5 effort just last year. Jim Schrickel of Clyde was second to Mark Barker of Huron in 22.5 to qualify for a trip to the state meet.

Jon Griege trotted the 880-yard distance in 1:58.6 to win that event and advance to the state meet. Griege runs for Oak Harbor.

Woodmore's Jon Giesler won his specialty, the shot put with a school record toss of 57-2 $\frac{1}{4}$, breaking his own Woodmore school mark of 56-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In the team scoring, Ross was ninth with 22 points while Sandusky ran away with the "AAA" crown with 66 points. Fostoria won the "AA" title with 61 while Clyde was fifth with 24. Oak Harbor was 13th with 12, while Woodmore was 14th with 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Genoa 16th, Margaretta 18th, and Lakota, 29th. Gibsonburg was 11th in the "A" meet.



State-bound

Jim Flower, left, and Jeff Opelt, right, will represent Fremont Ross High School in the state tennis and state track competition, respectively, in Columbus today and tomorrow. Flower finished second in the "AAA" singles tennis wars last year and has a good shot at winning the spot this year. Opelt will be vying for the "AAA" pole vaulting crown. The Ross senior competed in the state vaulting in his sophomore year but missed last year because of an injury.