

1973 District meet...



Working out for district

The 880 relay team from Ross High School qualified for district competition by finishing third in the sectional meet at Bowling Green State University Saturday. Here members of the quartet are shown working out for the

district meet to be at the Lucas County Recreation Center this Saturday. From left to right they are Randy Robertson, Scott Barman, Jon Smith and Doug Hopper. (News-Messenger Photo by Bruce Crippen)

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Opelt still competing in delayed pole vault

Woodmore fourth in district, Lytle just misses state trip

PERRYSBURG—Woodmore's Wildcats, sectional champions in Class AA, made the strongest showing by area teams in district competition Saturday.

The Wildcats finished tied for fourth in the Class AA district at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

Oak Harbor and Genoa were not far behind the Wildcats in the Class AA event.

In the Class AAA competition, Ross finished well down the list, but still had a chance to move up the ladder and qualify one man for the state.

The pole vault was halted in mid stream—and that's just about what it was because of the rains.

Jeff Opelt was among the competitors still in the running for the championship. Opelt took two jumps at 12' and missed

in the slippery weather. The decision was then made to finish the event today. Opelt could have tried his third jump at 12', but decided instead to pass that height and wait for possible good weather today. Because he passed and because he missed twice, Opelt will have just one chance to clear 12'6".

Ross has already scored seven points in the district, which was won by Mansfield Malabar by one point over Sandusky.

Rob Lytle just missed qualifying for the state Class AAA meet. Lytle finished third in the 100-yard dash and in the Class AAA competition, only the first two finishers qualify.

Lytle was in second place with about 15 yards to go, but Terry Carter of Mansfield Malabar edged him out at the end. Lytle, who ran a 10.0 to win his preliminary heat, ran a 10.2 in the finals. Al Mayfield of Sandusky was the winner with a

time of 10 seconds flat. Carter was clocked in 10.1.

The 880-yard relay team of Randy Robertson, Doug Hopper, Jon Smith and Scott Barman earned another point for the Little Giants.

With Robertson running a strong anchor leg, the quartet finished sixth in the field.

Malabar piled up 70 points to Sandusky's 69.

Sandusky, however, advanced a strong crew to the state competition. The Blue Streaks have Mayfield in the 100 and 200, Jim Panfili in the high and low hurdles, Stan Johnson in the shot put and Osmand Pearson in the mile. All advance as district champions except Pearson who finished second in the mile run.

In the Class AA competition at the same site, Woodmore

had 24 points to tie Bryan for fourth place. Willard won the district with 38 points. Perrysburg had 34 and Ontario had 28½.

Jon Giesler, who finished second in the discus and third in the shot put, and John Harman, who was third in the long jump, led the Wildcats to their fourth place finish.

Oak Harbor was eighth in the 22 team field with 18 points. Genoa had 17. Lakota scored 10 and one-third points. Clyde and Gibsonburg each earned 8 points with the Golden Bears getting all of theirs by virtue of Jon Sage's second place finish in the high hurdles.

Tom Hammer of Lakota turned in the best individual performance of the day, hurling the discus 185' to set a new district record.

Jim Flower second in district tennis

Jim Flower, Ross High sophomore, will move on to the Class AAA state tennis tournament as the runnerup in the Toledo District.

Flower, who was top seeded and who qualified for the state Friday by winning two matches in the district, lost in the finals to Eric Iskersky, St. John's freshman who was ranked in the top 14 in the under 14 age group last year.

Iskersky defeated Flower in the finals at the University of Toledo, 6-2, 6-3.

Ross coach Pete Michaels called the match a hard fought battle. He praised Iskersky for playing "flawlessly" in the match.



Ten area trackmen go to state

TOLEDO — Ten high school trackmen from the area qualified for the state track meet this coming weekend by virtue of their performances in the district meet at the Lucas County Recreation Center Saturday.

One of those, Woodmore's Jon Giesler earned state berths in two events. The Woodmore squad also had another state

AREA TRACK ENTRIES

Ten area trackmen also will be competing in Columbus this weekend.

Ross will not be represented in the state Class AAA track meet. The Little Giants' last hope, star pole vaulter Jeff Opelt was unable to clear 12'6" with his one remaining jump