

1992 District Meet...

Three Little Giants earn regional berths in field events

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TOLEDO — Tony Franks, Tyrone Price and Melvin Rusch qualified for the Division I regional track and field meet next week at Bucyrus.

Franks placed second in the shot put, Price was third in the long jump and Rusch finished third in the pole vault Tuesday at the district meet at Toledo Start High School.

Price, who leaped 21 feet, 7 1/4 inches in the long jump, also qualified for Saturday's finals in the 200-meter dash.

"He had a real busy day in addition to

long jumping," Ross coach John Elder said. "Next week, we'll be able to get him back to concentrating on the long jump."

Other Little Giants advancing to Saturday's finals were Preston Eberly in the 400 dash as well as Mark Sheidler and Jeff Pasch in the 800 run.

Ross also qualified the 4x100 relay team of Nate Rhodes, Mark Roberts, Mike Patterson and Price for the finals. The quartet enters the finals with the seventh best time, 45.6 seconds.

Sheidler, Eberly, Pasch and Price have the third best time, 3:34, in the finals of

the 4x400 relay.

The Little Giant 4x800 relay team of P.C. Randolph, Pasch, Leeth and Sheidler ran a team-best 8:18 but finished fifth — missing a regional berth by five seconds.

"They ran well," Elder said. "That was as fast there legs can go. You want to run your best at district, and they did. It just wasn't good enough."

The fourth-place time in the other district at Start finished in 8:30 but qualified.

Franks, heaved the shot put 50 feet, 3 inches.

Rusch, meanwhile, vaulted a season-best

12 feet. His previous best was 11-6.

"The warm weather had a lot to do with it," Elder said. "He has been jumping well. He's had a lot of quality time at the pit."

In the other Start district, Port Clinton's Scott Postma won the high jump, qualifying for the regional with a jump of 6-6.

Dan Anderson qualified for the regional in the shot put, finishing third.

Mike Hudak in the 800 run, and the Redskins' 4x100 relay of Juan Livas, Kevin Johnson, Mike Chrapkiewicz and Jeff Choy advanced to the district finals.

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Beth Parkins won three events, sparking the Woodmore girls track and field team to the Division III district championship Saturday at Bowling Green.

Parkins won the 100, 200 and 400 dashes as the Wildcats rolled up 114 points. Woodmore's 4x400-meter relay team also claimed a district title.

Parkins ran the 100 in 12.2 seconds, the 200 in 27 seconds and the 400 in 59.2.

Other highlights from Saturday were:

Kevin Huntley's two hurdle victories for Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic in the District III boys competition at BG; a Division I district discus championship by Tony Franks of Fremont Ross at Toledo Start; and the first-place finish turned in by Old Fort's Chris Havens in the 1600 run at the Division III girls meet at Willard High School.

Start Division I

Franks tossed the disc 146 feet, 7 inches to qualify for the regional tournament at Bucyrus. Earlier in the week, he earned a regional berth in the shot put.

Ross finished fourth in the team standings with 55 1/3 points, while champion Toledo Rogers had 87.

In addition to Franks, Ross also qualified Preston Eberly in the 400 dash, Jeff Pasch in the 800 run and 4x400 relay team of Mark Sheidler, Eberly, Pasch and Tyrone Price. Eberly ran the 400 in 51.4 seconds, and Pasch was clocked in 1:58.4. The

4x400 squad ran a 3:39.6.

Efrain Moreno missed qualifying for the regional when the fourth spot in the 300 hurdles went to Scott Cherry of Oregon Clay. Moreno and Clay were both credited with times of 42.4 seconds.

In the other district at Start, Port Clinton finished ninth of 11 teams with 20 points as Toledo Whitmer won the team title with 111.

No other Redskins aside from long jumper Scott Postma and shot putter Dan Anderson, who qualified for the regional Tuesday, advanced out of the district.

Mansfield Division I

For the Ross girls, who finished 15th out of 16 teams, Lisa Elder advanced to the regional with a long jump of 16-10 3/4. Elder's second-place finish accounted for all of the Little Giants' eight team points, which left them 95 behind team champion Mansfield Senior.

Heather Mears finished eighth in the 800 run, but her time of 2:35 was less than four seconds from the fourth and final regional qualifier's time.

Bowling Green Division III

In addition to Parkins, Woodmore's Stacy Heins qualified in three events. She was second in the 1600 run (5:45), fourth in the 800 (2:34.6) and was third in the 3200 (13:22.8).

Two Woodmore relay teams, the 4x200 and the 4x400, won district titles and advanced to the regional next week at BG.