

1987 Regional Meet...

Carter speeds to state

Ross' star hurdler
qualifies in 3 events

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Shannon Carter had herself a fine day at Saturday's Worthington Class AAA regional track and field meet, but Fremont Ross Coach Harold Zienta thinks his young hurdler can do even better.

"She's right there, and if she can put together one smooth race, she could win it all," Zienta said after Carter finished second in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the Worthington regionals to qualify for this weekend's Ohio State track and field championships.

The Ross boys will have one representative in the state meet as Steve Letzring qualified in the 110 high hurdles, finishing fourth. The top four runners in each event qualify for the state meet.

Carter, a junior, completed the 100 hurdles in a time of 14.59, but her effort in the 300 hurdles was what had Zienta smiling. Carter clocked in at 44.25 for a school record, just being edged out by defending state champion Terry Robinson of Columbus Northfield, who came in at 44.22.

Zienta said Carter could have won the race had she not started slowly.

"She had a rough start," he said. "She did not run smooth at all the first couple of hurdles. She came back and it was nip and tuck the rest of the way, but she just got leaned out at the tape."

Carter will make it a triple play in Columbus this weekend as she also ran on the Little Giants' 800 relay team, which also placed second. Carter, Jessica Jefferson, Missy Provard and Yolanda Davis posted a time of 1:43.87, also a school record.

The Ross girls placed eighth overall in the regionals with 22 points. Pickerington won the meet.

Letzring, one of two Ross boys at the regionals, clocked in at

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14.8 to take fourth place overall in the 110 hurdles.

Brian Doty failed to qualify in the 800 run, finishing seventh at 1:58.5. The top four runners all came in under 1:55.

The only other area runner to qualify in Saturday's regional competition was Port Clinton junior Ann Gaydosh. Gaydosh, a three-time state cross country

performer, placed third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:23.1.

At the Bowling Green Class A regional meet, Fremont St. Joe's two representatives in the boys competition both came up just short.

Craig Nieset was edged out of a state berth in the 3200 run when he came in fifth overall with a time of 10:23.2. The 3200-meter relay team of Nieset, Tom Michael, Tom Klingman and Jason Root also missed out, placing sixth with a time of 8:37.4.