

1980 Sectional Meet...

Little Giants qualify several to finals

MARION — Ross qualified several athletes to the boys and girls finals and semifinals in the Class AAA Sectional Track Meet Saturday at Marion Harding High School during preliminaries Thursday.

For the girls, the two-mile relay team set a school record, running the distance in 10:14.9, the second fastest of the day to reach the finals.

Tammy Haas with a 15.9 and Judy Shetzer with a 17.1 will be in the semifinals in the girls 100-meter hurdles. Tonja Tucker ran a 12.5 and Lisa Jones 12.6 to gain the semis in the 100-meter dash.

The girls 440-yard relay will be in the finals with a 52.0 clocking. Diane Clark made the 440 finals with a 64.2 and the 880-yard relay recorded a 1:49.3 to reach Saturday's finals.

In the 220 for girls, Jones qualified for the semis with a 28.1 run. Ross's mile relay also will be in the finals with a 4:18.3 effort.

Greg Brown turned in a 15.3 and Hank Davis 15.8 to reach the semis of the boys 110-meter high hurdles. Willie Gentry ran an 11.2 to make the semis in the 100-meter dash.

Fremont's 440 relay team set a new school record with a 43.1, the second fastest of the day to reach the finals. Gregg Hedden is in the 440 finals, running the race in 51 seconds.

Gentry also qualified for the 220 with a 22.6 clocking. That time tied three other runners for the fastest time in the preliminaries.

In the 300-meter low hurdles, Tom Pendrey ran a 39.1 to reach the semifinals.

The boys mile relay also made the finals with a 3:26.2 effort.

The semifinals begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with the finals at 1 p.m.

Sectional track

Ross girls 2nd, boys 6th

MARION — Ross's girls track team finished second and the boys sixth in the Class AAA Sectional Meet at Marion Harding High School on a sloppy Saturday.

Plagued by rain, the times reflected the conditions but the Lady Little Giants advanced two relay teams and five individuals to the district meet at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Toledo. The Ross boys will send two relays and four individuals to LCRC.

Buckeye Conference rival Mansfield got a measure of revenge from the Ross girls with a first place finish in the team standings. Ross had beaten the Tygers by four points in the Buckeye Conference meet just a week before. Mansfield had 80 to Ross's 64½.

Laurie Smith led a Lady Little Giants one-three finish in the shot put. Smith, a junior, heaved the iron ball 34-feet to win the title with teammate Amy Lindstrom taking the third slot with a put of 32-10½.

Ross' two-mile relay team of Tammy Haas, Judy Shetzer, Ruth Reardon and Joan Osmon broke 10 minutes with a school record performance of 9:56.1 to win the sectional title.

Shetzer will be in the district 100-meter hurdles with a fourth place finish in the sectionals. She ran a 16.9 but Haas missed out on a district berth with a fifth place finish.

Lisa Jones and Tonja Tucker qualified for the 100-meter dash. Jones won the event in 13 seconds while Tucker was fourth in 13.3.

Diane Clark finished third in the 440 in 63.3 to qualify for the LCRC meet next Saturday. Shetzer finished fifth in this race.

The Ross 880 relay squad of Tucker, Judy Krock, Della Hall and Jones clicked off a 1:51.2 to finish third and gain one of the four district qualifying berths for the race.

Willie Gentry won the long jump but ran into disappointment in the 100 and 200. He was disqualified in the finals of the 100 and finished fifth in the 220.

In the long jump, Gentry cleared 20-8 and Tony Gant of the Little Giants was third with a 20-5½ effort.

The Ross mile relay of Mike Martin, Gant, Todd Johnson and Gregg Hedden ran a 3:28.9 to finish second to Mansfield Malabar.

Hedden came back to qualify for the districts in the 440, finishing fourth in 51.4.

The 440 relay of Curtis Lee, Tom Pendrey, Sam Lindsey and Gentry also finished second to Malabar in 44 seconds. Malabar was clocked in 43.5.

Pendrey is in the district 300-meter low hurdles. He was third in the sectional finals with a 39.4 seconds timing.