Strong field in Claymont meet Saturday

UHRICHSVILLE — Meet records should come crumbling down in Saturday's fourth annual John Harstine Invitational track meet at Claymont High.

Most of the boys' records are in jeopardy, and many of the girls' marks may not stand in the nine-team event.

In the discus, a battle should ensue between Claymont's Andy Pentecost and Tusky Valley's Mark Mansill. Pentecost brings a throw of 166 feet into the invitational, with the record at 162-1. Mansill's best throw has been 153-10.

Jeff McCaulley of Sandy Valley has cleared 144 in the pole vault, with the Harstine Invitational record at 13-6.

OTHER AREA boys who bring possible record-crasing marks into the meet are

New Philadelphia's Doug Gibbs (high hurdles) and Blake Bailey (100, 220); Tusky Valley's John Sponaugle (mile, 2-mile) and Toby Oswald (440, 880); Claymont's Steve Barker (880, mile) and Kenny Smith (440); and Dover's Greg Arbogast (440).

Canton South, New Philadelphia, Dover,

Claymont and Tusky Valley all could

challenge for the team championship. In

addition to Sandy Valley, other schools to be represented are West Holmes, Ridgewood and Lake.

The field events begin at 9:45 a.m. with running preliminaries at 10:30. Finals are

set for 12:15.

IN THE GIRLS' competition, West Holmes' Lisa Cline and Sandy Valley's Beth Manson should wage a close battle in the

shot put and discus, and past records should fall.

Cline holds the discus record at 106-10, but Manson has thrown the discus 127 feet this year. Cline's best effort has been 108. Cline has thrown the shot put 38-6, while Manson's best throw has been 37-9.

Other area girls with possible recordbreaking marks are New Philadelphia's Arkia Bleininger (100 hurdles) and Lita Hasselbach (mile); and Tusky Valley's Sandy Moore (mile).

New Philadelphia, Dover, Tusky Valley and St. Clairsville are the pre-meet girls' favorites. Other teams in the field besides host Claymont are Canton South, Lake and West Holmes.