

State track schedule for area athletes

FRIDAY
(Running events preliminaries only)
10:00 a.m. — 'A' girls shot put: Jody Kerns (I.V. North); 'AA' girls high jump: Diane Croy (Ridgewood); 'AA' pole vault: Jeff McCaulley (Sandy Valley); Toby Oswald (Tusky Valley).
10:20 — 'AA' boys 100-meter dash: Bryan Miller (Dover).
10:40 — 'A' boys 400 relay: Strasburg (Chip Long, John Farthing, Mike Warinner, Tim Zeigler).
10:45 — 'AA' boys 400 relay: Dover (Greg Arbogast, Dan Hurst, Jeff Margletta, Chris Mills).
11:20 — 'A' boys 300 low hurdles: Dean Siciliano (Central Catholic).
11:40 — 'AA' boys 200: Eric Peterson (Cadiz).
12:00 — 'A' boys 1600 relay: Garaway (Conrad Miller, Jim Hershberger, Ron Klein, Devon Werker), Strasburg (Brian Shoemaker, Warinner, Ray Haswell, Farthing); 'AA' girls shot put: Beth Manson (Sandy Valley), Lisa Cline (West Holmes), Beth Wesley (River View); 'A' girls high jump: Karen Larke (Malvern), Rhonda Baker (Nc'town).
12:05 — 'AA' boys 1600 relay: Dover (John Feutz, John Craig, Hurst, Arbogast).
2:50 — 'A' girls 100: Becki Schoelles (I.V. North).
3:00 — 'A' pole vault: Dave Bell (Nc'town), Dan Roan (Nc'town); 'A' boys shot put: Joe Lawless (Central Catholic); 'AA' boys high jump: Kevin Stewart (Claymont), Todd King (Ridgewood); 'AA' boys discus: Andy Pentecost (Claymont), Mark Mansill (Tusky Valley).
3:10 — 'A' girls 800 relay: I.V. North (Jessie Metzger, Terry Benadum, Carmen Searcy, Schoelles), Malvern (Tricia Knapp, Hope Brown, Kelly Larke, Deb Gascon).
3:30 — 'A' girls 400 relay: I.V. North (Metzger, Benadum, Searcy, Schoelles).
3:50 — 'AA' girls 400: Jonalee Hagans (River View).
4:10 — 'AAA' girls 300 low hurdles: Kathie Frase (Carrollton).
4:30 — 'A' girls 200: Schoelles (I.V. North).

SATURDAY
(Running events all finals)
9:00 a.m. — 'AA' boys long jump: Dan Van Epps (Dover), Craig Smalley (Coshocton), Chuck Murray (Claymont); 'A' boys discus: Bell (Nc'town), Ed Mathews (Nc'town).
9:40 — 'A' girls 100 final.
9:45 — 'A' girls 800 relay final.
10:05 — 'A' boys 400 relay final, 'A' girls 400 relay final.
10:35 — 'A' boys low hurdle final.
10:45 — 'A' boys 800: Brian Shoemaker (Strasburg); 'A' girls 800: Michelle Ward (Strasburg).
10:55 — 'A' girls 200 final.
11:00 — 'A' girls 3200: Nancy Sexton (Garaway); 'AA' girls discus: Manson (Sandy Valley), Cline (West Holmes), Wesley (River View).
11:30 — 'A' boys 1600 relay final.
12:45 — 'AA' girls 3200 relay: Tusky Valley (Darla Chumney, Janene Markoski, Shonda Chumney, Sandy Moore), River View (Gina McVay, Vonda Cincinat, Karen Butler, Hagans); 'AA' boys 3200 relay: Tusky Valley (Oswald, Roger Moore, Tim Pedersen, John Sponaugle), West Holmes (Scott Mellor, Rich Moniger, Ted Macaulay, Jay Crane).
1:25 — 'AA' boys 100 final.
1:35 — 'AA' boys 1600: Sponaugle (Tusky Valley); 'AA' girls 1600: Moore (Tusky Valley).
1:50 — 'AA' boys 400 relay final.
2:05 — 'AA' girls 400 final.
2:30 — 'AA' girls 800: Karen Butler (River View); 'AA' boys 800: Steve Barker (Claymont), Oswald (Tusky Valley).
2:40 — 'AA' boys 200 final.
2:45 — 'AA' boys 3200: Sponaugle (Tusky Valley), Mickey Fitzgerald (Cadiz); 'AA' girls 3200: Moore (Tusky Valley), Theresa Jones (Coshocton).
3:15 — 'AA' boys 1600 relay final.
4:15 — 'AAA' boys 3200 relay: New Philadelphia (Eric Lukens, Dave Glass, Tony Green, Nick Shalosky).
5:50 — 'AAA' girls 300 low hurdles final.

72 area athletes await state track meet

By MARK MASSARO
T-R Sports Writer

Becki Schoelles will need a personal secretary to keep up with her appointments in this weekend's state track and field meet at Ohio State University.

For the second straight year, Indian Valley North's superb sprinter has qualified for state competition in four events. However, such success can have its drawbacks at this meet.

SCHOELLES IS scheduled to run in the preliminaries of those four events Friday over an hour and 40-minute span — the first three coming within 40 minutes of each other.

If the senior doesn't scratch herself from any of the races, her afternoon at Ohio Stadium will look like this:

At 2:50, run the 100-meter dash; at 3:10, anchor North's 800 relay squad; at 3:30, anchor the Big Blue's 400 relay team; and at 4:30 — if she's still standing — run the 200 dash.

She is joined in both relays by Jessie Metzger, Terry Benadum and Carmen Searcy. They were regional champions in both events (51.6 seconds in the 400 and 1:48.4 in the 800).

Schoelles may have the worst schedule of the 72 state meet entrants from *The Times-Reporter* area, but she certainly is not the only multiple-event qualifier. Of those 72 athletes, 19 are entered in more than one event.

TUSKY VALLEY boasts the only three triple qualifiers in seniors Sandy Moore, John Sponaugle and Toby Oswald.

Distance heavyweights Moore and Sponaugle are going in the same three events Saturday. They will compete in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs and the 3,200 relay — opposite divisions, of course.

Oswald will compete in the pole vault on Friday and the 800 run Saturday, besides joining Sponaugle in the 3,200 relay.

Sandy Valley's Jeff McCaulley and Oswald are a sound bet in the Class AA pole vault. They placed 1-2 at the regional, McCaulley going 13-feet-11½ and Oswald 13-8.

In the Class A pole vault on Friday, the Newcomerstown duo of Dave Bell and Dan Roan are expected to fare well (see related story).

IN THE 'AA' girls' weights, the trio of Beth Manson of Sandy Valley, Lisa Cline of West Holmes and Beth Wesley of River View advanced in both Friday's shot put and Saturday's discus.

Manson is the standout of the group, throwing the shot 40-8 and the discus 128-11.

Claymont's Andy Pentecost and Tusky Valley's Mark Mansill will continue their personal duel in the 'AA' discus on Friday. Pentecost's season best is 166-0 and Mansill's is 157-0.

Other leading contenders to place high in Columbus include Dover's 400 relay quartet

of Greg Arbogast, Dan Hurst, Jeff Margletta and Chris Mills. They were regional champions with a time of 43.8.

Cadiz sophomore Eric Peterson was clocked at 22.3 in winning the 200 at the regional, and Claymont's Steve Barker was first in the 800 in 1:56.5.

ODDS FAVOR Malvern's Karen Larke in her bid to improve on last year's runnerup finish in the 'A' high jump Friday. She went 5-4 to win at the regional meet and has cleared 5-7 this year.

New Philadelphia qualified its first relay team to the state meet this year. The 3,200 squad of Eric Lukens, Dave Glass, Tony Green and Nick Shalosky placed fourth at the 'AAA' regional in 8:04.

All running preliminaries are scheduled for Friday, starting at 10 a.m., and the finals are on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

(Photos of area state qualifiers are on Page C-3)



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Nc'town vaulters began in backyard

By LEE MORRISON
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NEWCOMERSTOWN — In a sport where individual competition can be demanding, two friends spur each other to new heights, literally.

Dave Bell and Dan Roan are senior pole vaulters on the Newcomerstown High track team. Friday at 3 p.m., both will pit their skills in the 77th annual state meet at Ohio Stadium in Columbus. Bell will also throw the discus at the state meet Saturday at 9 a.m.

IT'S A LONG way from Bell's backyard to the horseshoe-shaped stadium at OSU.

Bell's backyard was where it all began for the duo in the 6th grade.

"Me and 'Buzz,'" Roan begins, referring to Bell by his nickname, "rounded up an old pole vault pit from the school and put it in his backyard. But before that we did it without a mat. We would cut down small trees and use them."

"I had a lot of splinters in my arms when those sticks broke," Bell said with a laugh.

The pair were next-door neighbors in those days and the interest in track came from Newcomerstown's outstanding tradition.

"We worked track meets a lot when we were young," Roan said. "The older neighborhood kids started it, and we picked it up from there."

Bell credits Tom Addy, a 14-foot-6 vaulter in college, as a plus.

"He helps us out a lot and gives us a lot of his time," Bell said.

Bell owns the top mark of the two — a school record of 14 feet set last month at the River View Invitational. He has cleared 14-2 in practice.

AT LAST week's Class A regional in New Concord, Bell eclipsed his own meet record of 13-0 as he soared 13-7½. He missed three tries at 14-3½.

The fact that Bell was even at the Muskingum College field was impressive. While wrestling this past winter, he broke his collarbone and missed the first two weeks of track season. Sometimes he can feel the strain of it "pulling" when he streaks down the runway on his



ROAN

BELL

approach to the vaulting pit.

"I missed five meets this year," he said. "When I came back from the collarbone, I think I was pushing myself too hard. That's why I tore a muscle in my leg."

Bell also endured torn cartilage in his knee last summer and injuries at the conclusion of the last three seasons of wrestling.

At last year's state track meet, Bell placed fourth with a vault of 12-6. All six placers at the meet cleared 12-6, but the order was determined by number of misses.

THIS YEAR, Bell is after the top spot — alone.

"I want to win the state," he said matter-of-factly. "My goal at state is to go 14 feet. I think I can go a lot higher than I have been. I know I've been over lower heights by a lot. I usually just don't do as well once there is no competition."

Newcomerstown's veteran coach, Ernie Art, noted that Bell has suffered each time he has gone for a new height by himself.

Roan also is familiar with injury. He broke his arm while pole vaulting in Bell's backyard during his 8th grade track season.

"It was kind of funny," Roan said. "A girl on the track team was practicing hurdling over lawn chairs in her yard and broke her arm the day after I did."

ROAN OWNS a season-best of 13-6 and finished third at the regional with a vault of 12-10.

"Last year I was fifth in the regional and really disappointed that I didn't make it to state (only the top four qualifying)," Roan said.

This weekend, both Roan and Bell hope to make up for any disappointment suffered in the past.

Going up?

Sandy Valley's Jeff McCaulley gets assistance from his coach, Ed Linderdale (L), and Tusky Valley's Toby

Oswald (R) during practice for Friday's Class AA state pole vault. Both McCaulley and Oswald are expected to place high in the event and practiced together this week.

State track qualifiers from Times-Reporter area



ERIK LUKENS
New Philadelphia



DAVE GLASS
New Philadelphia



NICK SHALOSKY
New Philadelphia



TONY GREEN
New Philadelphia



CHRIS MILLS
Dover



JEFF MARGLETTA
Dover



DAN HURST
Dover



GREG ARBOGAST
Dover



JOHN CRAIG
Dover



JOHN FEUTZ
Dover



BRYAN MILLER
Dover



DAN VAN EPPS
Dover



MARK MANSILL
Tusky Valley



KATHIE FRASE
Carrollton



STEVE BARKER
Claymont



ANDY PENTECOST
Claymont



CHUCK MURRAY
Claymont



KEVIN STEWART
Claymont



TODD KING
Ridgewood



DIANE CROY
Ridgewood



ERIC PETERSON
Cadiz



LISA CLINE
West Holmes



THERESA JONES
Coshocton



CRAIG SMALLEY
Coshocton



BETH WESNEY
River View



JONALEE HAGANS
River View



KAREN BUTLER
River View



SANDY MOORE
Tusky Valley



SHONDA CHUMNEY
Tusky Valley



JANENE MARKOSKI
Tusky Valley



DARLA CHUMNEY
Tusky Valley



ROGER MOORE
Tusky Valley



JOHN SPONAUGLE
Tusky Valley



TOBY OSWALD
Tusky Valley



JEFF McCAULLEY
Sandy Valley



BETH MANSON
Sandy Valley



KAREN LARKE
Malvern



KELLY LARKE
Malvern



DEB GASCON
Malvern



TRICIA KNAPP
Malvern



HOPE BROWN
Malvern



JODY KERNS
I.V. North



JESSIE METZGER
I.V. North



TERRY BENADUM
I.V. North



CARMEN SEARCY
I.V. North



BECKI SCHOELLES
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JOHN FARTHING
Strasburg



MIKE WARINNER
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TIM ZEIGLER
Strasburg



MICHELLE WARD
Strasburg



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RAY HASWELL
Strasburg



NANCY SEXTON
Garaway



RHONDA BAKER
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