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Mansfield Relays hope to lure more Ohio teams

The famed Mansfield Relays expects to top last year's entry of 145 schools, and hopefully more Ohio teams will be in the field for the 52nd meet April 20-21 at Malabar's spacious Mehock Field.

"We're still a quality meet. The top talent still comes," said Doug Castle, in his fifth year as meet director.

Castle hopes this year's later date and prospects of better weather should help lure back many of the Ohio schools.

"Until three years ago we had a big Ohio entry, but now it's almost a Michigan meet," Castle said. "It's a concern to us. I don't think it's our standards. One problem the Relays has faced is Ohio teams have elected to go to many smaller meets where they have a better change to score."

But Castle has been encouraged with the early response, especially from southern Ohio and the Toledo area.

One of the top Canadians will be Andrew Mullett, from Southmont Collegiate in Hamilton Ont., who ran 48.8 indoors for the 400 and 21.96 for the 200.

Prominent Ohioan is expected to be sophomore Wayne Boyd of Toledo Rogers, who tied the national indoor prep 55-meter record with a 6.1 this winter.

Action on April 20 starts at 1:30 p.m. with the 3,200-meter relay, pole vault, 3000-meter run, medley relay and 4 x 1,600 relay. The next day, prelims begin at 10 a.m. and finals at 1:30.

Last year's meet was won by Gary Roosevelt, Ind., with 60 points. Second was Steel Valley, Pa., with 42.

Owens Classic is Olympic 'Preview'

COLUMBUS — The second annual Jesse Owens Classic will have "an awesome" field, according to Meet Director Ron Althoff.

The Sunday, May 6 event in Ohio Stadium will be a "preview" of the Summer Olympics as many Americans who will represent this country will be competing in the Ohio event.

"I've been flooded with entries. The quality of athletes will be outstanding," Althoff said.

At presstime, Althoff said had Olympic silver medalist Dwight Stones in the high jump, and a super pole vault field that includes Dave Volz, Dave Buckingham, Brad Pursley, Earl Bell and Dan Ripley. In addition, Althoff said 12 members of the Canadian Olympic team are coming.

Ohio State will be well represented with hurdler Stephanie Hightower, shot putter Kevin Akins and sprinter George Nicholas.

The 1 p.m. meet will be preceded by a 5,000-meter walk at noon. Tickets are \$5 for general admission; \$10 for reserved and \$15 for box. For more information call, 614-422-7671 during business hours.



LaVonna Martin
Trotwood Madison

Laura Kirkham
Centerville

Kristy Orre
Northmont

Cyndy Chapin
Celina

Jill Weber
Celina

Dayton Girls Move Into Spotlight

By DAVE LONG

DAYTON - It will be hard for girls' teams from the Dayton area to top what they did in the state AAA meet last year, but they're going to try this spring.

Last June in Columbus, Dayton area schools took four of the top five spots in AAA. Trotwood-Madison, with super hurdler-sprinter LaVonna Martin scoring all 30 points for her team, won the championship with Celina second, Centerville fourth and Northmont fifth.

All those teams have many of their top people returning so they could all finish very high again. Add to that group Pat-

erson Co-Op, which returns everyone from the Dayton Regional championship team and it could be a great year for the ladies.

Martin, of course, will get most of the attention. Last year she won the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the state as well as her specialty, the 100-meter hurdles. She also had the fastest qualifying time at 400-meters, but was disqualified for a false start.

She won't join the Trotwood girls team until the end of April because she will be running in several college meets as an open competitor attempting to qualify for the Olympic trials.

Trotwood has a good sprint crew returning and should develop some depth in the early season relay meets to back Martin up once she joins up. An honor student, she committed to the University of Tennessee in March.

Celina's second-place came on points from Cyndy Chapin's win at 800 meters in the state and Jill Weber's second place in the 1,600, plus a strong 3,200-meter relay team. Both Chapin and Weber are back which means Celina will again be strong.

Centerville's top returnee is long jump champion Laura

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Mentor rates early attention as Clevelanders ready to step



Rollie Hudson
Cleveland Heights



Mike Huber
Cl. St. Ignatius



Harold Maddox
Clev. John Adams



Chris Bean
Clev. Luth. East

By ED CHAY

CLEVELAND — Mentor, Cleveland Heights, John Adams, St. Ignatius and Euclid figure to be the most dominant Class AAA teams here this season because they return some of the leading trackmen in the state.

Coach Jim Green of Mentor said he's excited about his team. "I think we can have a very good season. The state title is our goal. We have a shot at it," he said.

Mentor has quality people in several events. One of them is defending state pole vault champion Dan Bucey, who went 14-1/2 in the district meet. Bucey won the Ohio/TFA Buckeye State indoor vault title last month with 13-6.

Other headliners are expected to be Rob Grove in the sprints, Marty Wagner in the hurdles and Mike Foltz in the 800.

"Our distance crew is strong. We have six milers who can go under 4:30," Green said.

Mentor's top girls should be Karen Haney and Jean Kovach in distances.

Cleveland Heights will be for formidable because state 1,600-meter champion Rollie Hudson is back and a strong 3,200-meter relay, plus sprinter Ken Moss and weightman Dennis Driggins.

Hudson won back-to-back mile races at the Knights of Columbus (4:24.95) and Buckeye State (4:07.0) meets.

Three members of last year's 3,200 relay, Tony Small, Sheldon Smith and Marion Marshall return. Last year they ran 7:58.0. Moss was district champ in the 100 and 200 and finished second in the 400. Driggins' best shot last year was 51-1.

Coach Bill Mann of Heights like's Hudson's development. "He's big, strong and a class person," said Mann. "He's an excellent distance runner." (Continued on Page 8)

FIRST STATE RANKINGS APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE; CHECK MINIMUM STANDARDS BEFORE CALLING

The minimum standards below are a guideline for the season's first state rankings honor role which will appear in the next issue. This listing is subject to change.

The track 'Hotline' for reporting marks is 216-356-1090. The only restriction is that you have to pay for the call. No indoor marks.

When calling PLEASE indicate at the beginning of your report if you have boys or girls marks, and then follow the instructions given when you call on the telephone.

The deadline for reporting marks for the next issue is NOON, Sunday, April 22.

In order to serve our readers better this season, we will combine the girls and boys rankings in each issue. There will be no separate girls publication.

	GIRLS' STANDARDS			BOYS' STANDARDS		
	AAA	AA	A	AAA	AA	A
100m	12.5	13.1	13.3	10.8	11.2	11.3
200m	26.5	27.7	28.0	22.5	23.0	23.2
400m	61.5	63.5	64.0	50.8	52.5	53.1
800m	2:28.0	2:30.0	2:34.0	1:59.9	2:03.0	2:05.9
1600m	5:30.0	5:35.0	5:44.0	4:30.0	4:34.0	4:44.0
3200m	-----	-----	-----	9:51.1	10:01.0	10:23.5
100m LH	15.8	16.8	16.8	11.0	11.5	11.9
300m LH	-----	-----	-----	39.5	40.5	41.8
400 RE	50.9	53.7	54.6	40.0	41.1	42.4
800 RE	1:48.4	1:53.1	1:55.5	1:30.0	1:33.0	1:34.0
1600 RE	4:12.1	4:24.0	4:35.0	3:26.9	3:33.0	3:40.0
3200 RE	10:11.1	10:30.0	11:00.0	8:17.0	8:30.0	8:40.0
HJ	5-3	5-2	5-0	6-5	6-4	6-2
LJ	16-7	16-0	15-0	21-0	20-5	20-2
SP	36-0	35-0	33-8	52-0	49-8	45-5
DISCUS	110-0	105-0	102-0	150-0	145-5	127-0
				PV	13-0	12-0
				TJ	38-0	38-0



Jim Tobias
Holgate

Carvella Holmes
Toledo Scott

Jeanne Conley
Toledo Northwood

Boyd emerges as Ohio's newest super sprinter

By DUANE SCHOOLEY

TOLEDO — Those who have been around Toledo City League track know it's difficult to temper the enthusiasm of Rogers coach Glenn Browning. Even in the lean years the veteran talked in positives.

This year the conversation is in superlatives.

It's been a dozen years since Browning coached the Bobby Lawson-led Libbey Cowboys to the state championship. A dozen years and eons of lost respect for City League track.

That may change. The potential is there. There is the person of sprinter Wayne Boyd.

Just a sophomore, Boyd is already drawing raves. He established a state indoor record at 6.1 in the 55-meter dash at OSU this spring and returns as the defending City League sprint champ. That 6.1 also tied the national high school indoor record for 55-meters.

It was during his sophomore season that Lawson burst onto the local scene, leading the Cowboy charge that lassoed the title away from then kingpin Scott. Boyd is ahead of that pace. He led the Rams to the City League title last year.

Boyd, high jumper Freddie King, hurdler Tracey West, and middle-distance runner Matt Butler all won individual championships and return.

"Yes," Browning said when asked if Boyd could match Lawson's state championship double (100 and 220). "It's as simple as that. He's ahead of Bobby at this point in their careers. Bobby never ran this fast until he was a senior."

Lawson ran a 6.1 in the 60 during his senior season and then tied Jesse Owens' mark of 9.4 in the 100-yard dash in the prelims of the state meet. Boyd is a consistent 11.0 in the 100 meters and Browning says he has the talent to be running in the mid 10's by season's end.

"Barring injury or unforeseen problems," Browning said, "he should qualify for the national juniors and may well make it to the Olympic Trials. He's that fast."

Boyd won the City and District sprints last season before placing fifth at the regionals and missing out on a chance at placing in the state meet. But even that was a bonus considering his training because of an ankle injury received in basketball and a lingering illness, consisted of riding an exercise bicycle.

He has dropped basketball, gone from 145 pounds to 168, and lowered his indoor time in the 55 by .4 seconds.

King, who remains one of the Rams' top basketball standouts, won the City high jump as a sophomore and has a 6-8 personal best.

Butler, the lone senior of the trio, won the 800 last year, as well as a leg on the winning 3200 relay team, and has a 1:55.8 as his personal best.

West won the 300 hurdles and ran on the 3200 relay with Bruce Smith, Gary Dawson and Butler. "Just to show you what kind of talent there is, West was the 300 hurdles champ and then came out last fall and won in cross country," Browning said.

Scott, topped by hurdler Lance Parrish, will be the No. 1 challenger to the Rams. But the Bulldogs may have neither the talent nor the depth to be successful. And it will take both to match Boys and Co.

One of the district's top Class A prospects is Jim Tobias of Holgate, state champion in the 400-meter dash last year.

Rosford's Albert Sallee, who was fourth at the state in the 300 hurdles, is back and looks to improve.

In girls, sophomore Carvella Holmes of Scott was a state finalist in the low hurdles and has an eye on a return visit to the state.

Northwood's Jeanne Conley, one of the more versatile Class A performers here, will continue to double in the 100 and hurdles.

Alliance Boasts Talent, Terrell is the Leader



Lowell Terrell
Alliance



Kim Brown
Canton McKinley



Julie Lloyd
Massillon Perry



Linda Byers
East Canton

By HYMIE WILLIAMS

CANTON — All indications point to the Alliance Aviators dominating Stark County and also flexing big muscles in the state.

Coach Dave Clegg, starting his 15th season as Flyer mentor, has built a track dynasty in Alliance. His 1976 team shared the state AAA title with John Adams, and last year ended fifth in the state meet in Columbus.

This season, Clegg is optimistic that this could be his best team ever, and be among the foremost contenders for the state crown.

Alliance's top candidate for a state championship is distance runner Lowell Terrell, a slender 6-2 senior who won the individual state cross country crown last fall.

Terrell finished second in the state meet last year in the 3,200-meter run with 9:20. He ran the 1,600 in 4:26 and should be a challenger in that race this year.

Ohio Track Federation to Induct Five Into its Hall of Fame, May 5

COLUMBUS - Former Olympic champions Bob Schul of West Milton, O., and Madeline Manning Mims of Cleveland are among five named to the Ohio Track and Field Federation Hall of Fame.

They will join Mel Brodt of Bowling Green State Un.; Norm Saettel of Dayton and Ed Chay of Cleveland when all will be inducted May 5 at a dinner here. The enshrinement will be held in conjunction with the second annual Jesse Owens Classic, May 6 in Ohio Stadium.

Schul, a Miami, O. graduate, won the Olympic gold medal at 5,000 meters in 1964 at Tokyo. Mrs. Mims, now living in Tulsa, Okla., is a three-time Olympian.

Terrell was also a member of the two-mile relay, composed of junior Jeff Franklin, Scott Murdoch and Mike Coldsnow, which qualified for the state last year and returns intact.

Two other Flyers who are expected to be strong challengers in the state are junior Steve Speer and Marzett Hawkins.

Speer finished second in the pole vault in the state at 13-6. Hawkins spanned 23-8 in the long jump.

Another top prospect is 6-2 junior Ken Pascaley, who high jumped 6-6 this winter to win the indoor Ohio meet.

Alliance will be competing in the Federal League for the first time, and the coaches polled all selected the Aviators for the championship.

GlenOak, Federal League champions last season and coached by veteran Jim Bollas, starting his ninth season, is expected to give Alliance its chief run in the county.

Bollas has a blue-ribbon long

jumper in Dave Grantier, who was fourth in the state meet last year with 22-6. He leaped 22-11 in the regional a year ago.

GlenOak's senior distance runner Dennis Knott will be kicking up his heels in the two-mile, mile and 880. The Golden Eagles also have a pole vaulter, senior Brad McDougal, who cleared 13-3 indoors this winter.

Massillon, which finished fourth in the state meet last year, is well prepared for another noteworthy season. The Tigers have a fine sprinter, Craig Johnson, who had a 10.6 last season. Chris Spielman, best known for his football acumen, may be the leading shot putter in the county. He has a 52-0 mark, and his best last year was 53-6.

Also returning for the Tigers is Steve Walterhouse, the district pole vault champion at 13-9. There's an excellent hurdler in sophomore Cornell Jackson.

Jackson, coached by Len Simonetti, was unbeaten in duals the last two seasons. Returning is hurdler Mark Hoppstock, who had 1.5 in the highs and 39.9 in the lows.

Gino Hogan should be a threat in the mile (4:32) and two-mile (9:42.). Mike Ashcraft is a sprint prospect.

Canton South has 6-4 senior Dennis Hill ready for another charge at the high jump. He authored a 6-10 leap last season but finished fourth in the state with 6-6. South boasts Kevin Jolliff, who has a 50-foot shot to his credit, and Don Meyer was a state qualifier in long runs.

McKinley, always a track threat, has a new coach and a new home track this season. The new coach is John Johnstone and the new track is at Don Scott Oval.

Senior hurdler Ron Inman looms as a state challenger. Other top performers will include sprinter-Long jumper Troy Jenkins; weightman Bob Marchabank and long-jumper-sprinter Kim Scalfie.

In girls track, Jackson's Lori Grey has recovered from a hip injury in cross country and will challenge for a AAA state crown in the 3,200-meter run.

Other standout girls include sprinter Kim Brown of McKinley; hurdler Jennifer Bradley of GlenOak; hurdler Julie Lloyd of Perry; middle-distance runner Trisha Scherzler of North Canton Hoover; Lisa Breidling of Marlinton and sprinter Linda Byers of East Canton.

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Major outdoor prep meets

June 1-2 - OHSAA state meet, Columbus, O. June 1, prelims at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; June 2 - A finals, 9 a.m.; AA finals, 1 p.m.; AAA finals 4 p.m.

June 9 - Midwest meet of champions, Fort Wayne, Ind. Contact: Bill Walker, 219-484-9411.

June 9 - Golden West, Sacramento, Calif. Contact: Bob Jarvis, 914-929-7880.

June 16 - International Prep, Elmhurst, Ill. Contact: Joe Newton, 312-454-3240.

June 16 - Carmel Classic, Carmel, Ind. Contact: Joan Gano, 317-944-1423.

June 22-24 - National Jr. TAC championships, Los Angeles. Contact: Will Kern, 213-672-5771.

July 19-21 - U.S. Jr. Olympics, at LSU. Contact: Sam Seaman, 504-388-8628.

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Leetonia, Warren JFK and Fitch Get Early Nod in Youngstown Area

By BOB CURRY
YOUNGSTOWN — The Youngstown-Warren area is once again expected to produce a number of standouts capable of scoring at the state meet in Columbus, June 1-2.

However, at this early stage the outlook for a local school to be in the race for a state title appear on the slim side.

Leetonia, which was in the thick of the battle for the Class A crown last year, returns its sprint stars, brothers Arnold and Kurtis Brooks, but the Bears lost the other two members of their second place 400 relay team.

Arnold took the 100 title and placed second in the 200. Kurtis was seventh in both sprints.

Providing they can stay in good shape for the entire season, Warren JFK just might figure in the AA state team race. Tony Buttar, dean of area coaches and starting his 24th season, always comes up with several top individuals every year.

This season he has four veterans in weightman Tom Leichter, hurdler Tim Mrofchak, distance runner Anthony Rossi and sprinter Jim Coates.

Leichter, a younger brother of Jim who won the Class A shot title a few years ago, placed fifth in the state finals last year with 54-10. His career best is 55-3 in the shot and 165-7 in the discus.

Mrofchak has been clocked 14.8

Midwest Meet set at Ft. Wayne

With Frank Jancura of St. Ignatius and Monica Gary of John Adams named the boys and girls coaches, respectively, Ohio will try to rebound at the 1984 Midwest Meet of Champions, June 9 at Fort Wayne, Ind. The meet starts at 1 p.m.

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for the highs, Coats 11.0 and 22.6 for the dashes and Rossi 2:03.0, 4:28 and 9:38.7. All four had impressive performances during the past indoor season.

A dozen or so thinclads will be back after qualifying for the state meet last year.

As a freshman Voren Hughes of Leavittsburg LaBrae was fifth in the AA 400 with 50.76. Another good sprinter is Ed Bloxson of Rayen.

South just might play a key role in the sprints since the Warriors drop down to AA this spring.

Some of the top AAA spikers back include Michael Peterson of Warren Reserve in the hurdles and sprinter Bob Nall of Ursuline in the sprints.

Austintown Fitch, expected to battle Boardman for AAA team honors in the area, will depend on

a trio of distance runners. They are Steve Haire (2:01, 4:27.4 and 10:15); Mike McKenna (4:39 and 9:55) and Tim Rapp. The Falcons also have a good shot putter in Pete DeLucia (54-2).

But things won't be easy for the Fitch trio. Three other distance prospects loom. They are Tim Powers of Boardman, John Santiago of East and Kevin Shuttio of Howland. East also has a top shot putter in Robert Smith.

Set to challenge Warren JFK's Rossi in AA distances is Whitney Baker of Canfield, which dropped down to AA this season.

Area Class A schools will provide some top distance runners. One is Jim Stitt of McDonald, who was fourth in leading his team to the state cross country crown. Also returning are Mark Bush of South Range (4:38.1), Dale Habosky of Southington (4:40) and Chris Groubert of Columbiana Crestview (9:52.8).

Ursuline's Tom Ragland claimed the AAA high jump title last year as a senior (6-10) and Jeff Wells of LaBrae and Tilman Bevely of Campbell Memorial will be trying for the AA crown this spring. Both made it to the state meet last year, Wells going 6-8 and Bevely 6-6 during the regular season.

Youngstown-area girls are also expected to continue to improve, although 1983 was a banner year for the distaffers. Four girls won state titles and one will be back this year.

Lisa Ezzo of Girard not only won the Class AA long jump, but she set a meet record of 18-4³/₄. She also was second in the 100 (12.38) and runs the 200.

Ready to move into the distance spotlight is Wilma DePioire of Ursuline. Just a freshman, Wilma was ninth in the AAA state cross country individual race.

Austintown Fitch and Boardman should dominate AAA here. Both schools have top athletes. Leading Fitch is Pam Arnold, who has been to the state meet three years running and in '83 was fourth in the 200. Fitch has two good milers in Pam Burich and Kelly Hanna.

Tammy Crockett of Boardman was fifth in the 100 finals at the state and also has run the 200.

The Class AA ranks have two good hurdlers in Leighann Riddle of East Palestine (15.0) and sophomore Kirsten Best of Cortland Lakeview (15.6).

STATE TRACK CLINIC MOVES

The 1985 state track clinic, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches is on the move. It will be staged at the more spacious Hilton Inn on Olentangy River Road in Columbus.

GLASCO GETS TRACK AWARD

Sprinter Jim Glasco of Columbus West was selected at the outstanding age group athlete at the TFA Regional track meet held last summer in Springfield, O. Competing for the Peabody T.C. of Columbus, Glasco won the 100 in 10.53 and the 200 in 21.6, both meet records.

GIRLS GET 2 MORE EVENTS

The OHSAA State Board of Control approved two new events for girls this season, the 2,300-meter run and 300-meter low hurdles. Both will be part of this team's state meet.



Steve Haire, Aust. Fitch



Tom Leichter, Warren JFK



Arnold Brooks, Leetonia



Pam Arnold, Aust. Fitch



Lisa Ezzo, Girard



Tammy Crockett Young, Boardman

1984 REGIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEETS

CLASS AAA
REGION 1 — Youngstown — Austintown-Fitch High School, 4560 Falcon Drive, Youngstown 44515. Meet Director: Gene Cheplek, 4560 Falcon Drive, Youngstown 44515. Telephone: H 216-333-3734, B 216-793-1131.

Dates: Thursday, May 24, 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 26, 11:30 A.M.
Representation: Boys — Northeast 16, Girls — Northeast 16

REGION 2 — Amherst — Marion L. Steele High School, 450 Washington Street, Amherst 44001. Meet Director: Dick Cooley, 147 Spring Street, Amherst 44001. Telephone: H 216-988-4155, B 216-988-4155.

Dates: Thursday, May 24, 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 26, 11:30 A.M.
Representation: Boys — Northeast 12, Northwest 4, Girls — Northeast 12, Northwest 4

REGION 3 — Mount Vernon — Mount Vernon High School, Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon 43050. Meet Director: Earl Fry, 1201 West Chestnut Street, Mount Vernon 43050. Telephone: H 614-397-0045, B 614-397-7422.

Dates: Thursday, May 24, 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 26, 11:30 A.M.
Representation: Boys — Central 8, East 2, Southeast 2, Northwest 4, Girls — Central 8, East 2, Northwest 4, Southeast 2

REGION 4 — Dayton — Perc Welcome Stadium, Dayton, Ohio. Meet Director: Fred Dukkie, 51 Smith Street, West Alexandria 45381. Telephone: H 513-839-4457, B 513-229-2111.

Dates: Thursday, May 24, 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 26, 11:30 A.M.
Representation: Boys — Southwest 16, Girls — Southwest 16

CLASS AA
REGION 5 — Berea — Baldwin-Wallace College, 130 East Bagley Road, Berea 44017. Meet Director: Joe Carlo, 130 East Bagley Road, Berea 44017. Telephone: H 216-829-2184.

Dates: Wednesday, May 23, 4:00 P.M. and Friday, May 25, 5:00 P.M.
Representation: Boys — Northeast 16, Girls — Northeast 16

REGION 6 — Lima — Shawnee High School, 3333 Zurnmehly Road, Lima 45806. Meet Director: Joe Allen, Shawnee High School, 3333 Zurnmehly Road, Lima 45806. Telephone: H 419-738-3526, B 419-999-1546.

Dates: Wednesday, May 23, 4:00 P.M. and Friday, May 25, 5:00 P.M.
Representation: Boys — Central 4, Northwest 12, Girls — Central 4, Northwest 12

REGION 7 — New Concord — Johnson Field, Muskingum College, New Concord 43762. Meet Director: Ernie Art, 311 Nugent Street, New Concord 43762. Telephone: H 614-496-7714, B 614-496-5111.

Dates: Wednesday, May 23, 4:00 P.M. and Friday, May 25, 5:00 P.M.
Representation: Boys — East 8, Northeast 4, Southeast 4, Girls — East 8, Southeast 8

REGION 8 — Dayton — Perc Welcome Stadium, Dayton, Ohio. Meet Director: Fred Dukkie, 51 Smith Street, West Alexandria 45381. Telephone: H 513-839-4457, B 513-229-2111.

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CLASS A
REGION 9 — Mansfield — Melbeck Field, Malabar High School, 205 West Cook Road, Mansfield 44907. Meet Director: Mike Loveless, 666 Yale Drive, Mansfield 44907. Telephone: H 419-756-8691, B 419-522-0611, Ext. 338.

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REGION 10 — Bowling Green — Bowling Green High School, 530 West Poe Road, Bowling Green 43402. Meet Director: Eric Myers, Bowling Green High School, 530 West Poe Road, Bowling Green 43402. Telephone: H 419-352-2053, B 419-352-3576.

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Representation: Boys — Northwest 16, Girls — Northwest 16

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Princeton, Moeller best in Cincinnati

By TOM GROESCHEN

CINCINNATI - Princeton and Moeller, Ohio's dominant big-school football teams, are also regarded as Cincinnati's top two boys' track and field teams this season.

For the past few years, Princeton, Moeller and Elder have been the city's top teams. Princeton and Moeller will feature several of the same athletes who starred in football last fall.

But don't look for a Cincinnati team to be strong enough to challenge for a state team crown. It's generally acknowledged that the Queen City isn't a track and field hotbed.

"The Cincinnati area hasn't had a AAA team champion since 1951," said Princeton coach Ken Meibers. "We're still lagging behind, but we're catching up to some of the teams from Cleveland, Dayton and Columbus."

How?

"We need to run against tougher competition," Meibers said. "I like to run against some of the better teams from the other parts of the state, so I'll see what I'll be up against at the state meet"

"They've also got better indoor programs in other parts of the state, and that may be another reason why we're behind."

Princeton, which won the last two Cincinnati city titles, lost 20 lettermen and may not be able to defend its crown, said Meibers. Area coaches disagree, and have selected the Vikings No. 1 again in a pre-season poll.

Princeton has an impressive stable of sprinters. Nelson Hutchings and Vince Munlin, both wide receivers on the Vikings' state championship football team, should be state material in the sprints. Hutchings is especially tough in the 100, where he has run 10.7. Munlin has gone 48.5 in the 400.

Another jackrabbit Princeton runner is Scott Saunders, the city's top returning dashman with a 10.6 mark last year.

Princeton's 400, 800 and 1,600 relay units all shattered Cincinnati city records last year.

Second-ranked Moeller also will be paced by a pair of football players-turned sprinters, D'Juan Francisco and Gery Ellis. In 1983, both were members of the Crusaders' AAA state champion 400 relay team.

"We should do well, but I know Princeton will be right there," says Moeller coach Marc Bjelac.

Elder always boasts a large, deep roster. Shot putter Jim Merk has already thrown 53-0. Distance man Rick Merk (no relation) is one of the state's top cross-country runners but he hasn't asserted himself as yet in track. He should do so this year.

Top individuals to watch in AAA:

- Leroy Williams, Greenhills. Defending state champ in the 400.
- Mark Courtney, Purcell-Marian. Finished fourth in the state in the 800. Had a best time of 1:55.4 last year.
- Jeff Justice, Anderson. Finished sixth in the state in the 1,600.

In Class AA, the only individual state qualifier returning is Harrison discusman Tom Harris.

In Class A, Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education burst on the state scene last year in only its second year of existence. The Crusaders return several state qualifiers, led by David Pool, third in the 100.

On the distaff side, Forest Park and Withrow tied for the city championship last season and figure to be near the top again.

Nina Fields and Nisey Gordon, starters on Forest Park's AAA state championship girls basketball team, will be two of the top performers for Coach Dave Dixon.

Fields should hit the 18-foot range in the long jump. Gordon is the only returning runner on FP's state championship 800 relay.

Withrow will be led by long jumper-high jumper Debbie Fallings.

Returning AAA state qualifiers include:

- Lucinda Farris, Aiken. Has run a 12.4 in the 100.
- Barb Duckworth, Princeton. The area's top 800 runner. He best time last year was 2:17.5.
- Pam Kerth, McAuley; and Michelle Winterer, Lakota. Both qualified for the state in the 1,600, with Kerth's best time a 5:04.0 and Winterer's 5:04.4.

Akron Buchtel Gets Awesome Lable

By STEVE HAPANOWICZ

AKRON — Buchtel's Griffins are described as "awesome" and 'loaded' for this track season, and most likely could be this area's representative in the state meet.

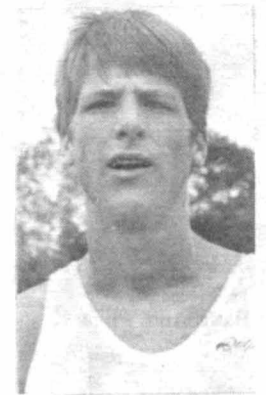
Veteran Bill Heideman has had his team running indoors and the Griffins came away with the Euclid Invitational, one of the top indoor meets in Northern Ohio.

Indeed the Griffins have depth in almost every running event.

Back from the 1600 relay are Troy Moorer and Peter Shoate. Todd Hunter and Talvis Dennis are back from the 400 relay.

Hunter will go in the 300 low hurdles and Dennis in the 100 and 200 sprints. Senior Ivan Thompson, out for his first year, will strengthen the sprints.

In the distances, William McClay, a two-time state qualifier in cross country, and two-miler Chris Morrison leave Heideman in

Shannon Ritchie
Stow Walsh Jesuit

good shape. Terry Chapman is expected to do well in the long jump.

North's Joe Lutz usually comes up with some sprinters and this year's most likely state possibilities include Johnny Adams and Eric Young, who is back in the 400.

If anything, there should be some good dashmen in the area. Garfield has Charles Gladman, Eric Mitchell and John Oster who surprised indoors. Tony Lee also is back.

The area's top weightmen should be at Ellet with Mark Wellendorf and Brian Telling. Mark Largent, last year's top pointman for Ellet, has state potential in the 800. Doug Clemons holds the school record in the 3,200 and should be tough.

Kenmore's Gene Calvin feels he has a top 200-meter man in Robert Ford, and should be tough in the hurdles with the return of Adrian Robinson, out last year with an injury. Sophomore Damien Booker also looks good in the hurdles.

East Coach Jim Shealey is trying to upgrade the once-powerful Orientals but it's going to take a while. He has hopes for distanceman Curt Bachus and transfer sprinter Jessie Williams.

At Central-Hower, weightman Tony Lawson, sprinter Dorian Bell, high jumpers Oddis Knox and Sam Feaster and sprinters Larry Grimes, Tim Mannon and Raheem Reid are top prospects.

Firestone's threats will be Jamie Murphy in the 400 and distance runner Steve Magoolohan, the city cross country champ.

Kent Roosevelt isn't expected to be as strong as it was last year. Monty Vagtborg, Steve Paradise in the weights and Anthony Jones in the hurdles should make the Rough Riders tough.

Some of the top performers in the Metro League are expected to be Ravena's 400 relay team of Craig Morgan, Kempton Comon, Bert Prisky and Richard Jones, all back; Mark Hughes, a weightman, and Gary Bohannon, 400 for Cuyahoga Falls; Mark Merino in the 400 and 800 and Byron Ireland, a high-jumper for Stow.

Walsh Jesuit Coach John Hasenstab had 137 boys out for track, but nary a sprinter in the bunch. He expects to be strong in the 3200 relay with Shannon Ritchie, Mike and Rick Luby and Pat Mannon. Mark Staneluis in the 400, Tony Loschiavo in the weights and Jeff Ginn in the hurdles are Warrior strengths.

The top girls performers in the area are expected to be Hudson's distance runners Mary Shea and Jenny Topinka; Buchtel hurdler Loretta Washington; North's shot putter Tanis Richardson.

Cuyahoga Falls returns Colleen McAuley and Lynn Furry from last year's state qualifying 3200 relay. Tina Durbin, all-district in volleyball and basketball, will try hurdling, while Diane Straka figures to be a force in the 400.

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Dayton Girls Step into Spotlight

(Continued from Page 1)

Kirkham, who spanned 19-7½ last year for a state record. She and Martin were members of the United States Junior National Team and both were selected as All-Americans.

Kirkham, a junior, also runs the hurdles and 200-meters as well as long jumps. She is hoping to qualify for the Olympic Trials in the heptathlon.

Northmont returns two state champions, Kristy Orre, a junior, in the 1,600 and Mary Wolf in the high jump. Wolf at the state with a leap of 5-4 Orre could be a threat to double in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meters this spring.

Minster will again have a strong group back in Class A and will seek its seventh state championship trophy.

The Patterson boys and girls have the strongest overall program in the Dayton area. Girls' Coach Mike Violette has everyone back, plus several promising sophomore sprinters.

The boys, coached by Hall of Famer Craig Wallace, will be especially strong in the sprints, relays and long jump. Senior Solomon Branch was third in the state AAA long jump last year and junior Steve Wilkes was seventh.

In fact, the long jump could be especially competitive in southwestern Ohio this year with at least eight jumpers who went over 22-feet last year back. Middletown's Sean Bell went 23-7½ during the indoor season. David Lawrence of Dunbar has gone 22-10 and Branch has hit 22-8.

Fultz wins Ohio pentathlon title

Senior Mike Fultz of Mentor won the state pentathlon portion of the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Relays meet at Denison Un., March 10.

Fultz, who was fourth in last year's meet, scored 3,628 points for the five-event program. He won the high jump with a leap of 6-1 and the 800 in an easy

2:15.0.

Fultz had seconds in the shot put with 38-0, 45-yard dash (5.8) and 45-yard high hurdles (7.0).

Joe Kroll of Marlington was runnerup for the second year in a row with 3,407.

PENTATHLON RESULTS

1. Mike Fultz, Mentor 3,628; 2. Joe Kroll, Marlington 3,407; 3. Doug Pope, Liberty Union 3,326; 4. Chris King, Marion Pleasant 3,319; 5. Jeff Hamilton, Willard 3,299; 6. Hayden Humphrey, Worthington 3,291; 7. Pat Hosler, Logan 2,564; 8. John Bevard, Licking Valley 2,416; 9. Brad Walton, Norwood 2,294.



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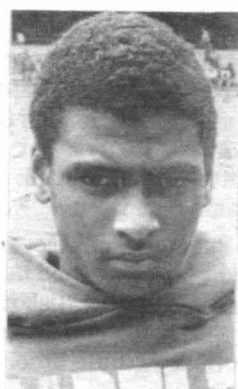
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COLUMBUS WEHRLE AND ZANESVILLE ROSECRANS LOOM AS CLASS 'A' TEAMS TO BEAT

Central District Prospects are Plentiful

By ZAN HALE

COLUMBUS — With both the girls and boys Class A state champion teams returning their strongest runners, Central Ohio looks to be one of the strongest districts in the state this spring.

Wehrle, under Coach Bob Fowle, will be thin numbers-wise, but will be loaded with quality kids. "If we can last out, we might be able to score in the larger meets," said Fowle, a well-known pessimist.

Junior Lewis Nowlin, who won the high hurdles and placed second in the lows at Ohio Stadium last June, ran strong in the indoor meets. Also back are Steve White (third in the 200) and Jerry Francis (anchored the team's second-place mile relay), who has been out only a week since he played on Wehrle's state runner-up basketball team.

Zanesville Rosecrans, which already has the state cross country trophy sitting on its shelves, has both excellent depth and a true-to-life star in Susan Nash. "We're real excited," Coach Dave Bell said. "This is probably the strongest team we've ever had."

Nash, who has won the cross country meet the last two years, set off Ohio Stadium cheering twice last year — once at the Jesse Owens Meet where she set the Ohio mark in the 800 meters (2:13.1) and again at the state meet when she won four events (100, 400, 800 and anchored the 1,600-meter relay). The dramatic relay finish, in which Nash made up 30 yards to win, was one of the most exciting races of the entire meet.

Nash, who also is a basketball player, didn't waste any time getting ready for track. The day after her team lost in the state finals she was out on the track. The senior has narrowed her choice of colleges to Florida, Tennessee and LSU, according to Bell.

Kelly Long (relays), Lisa Young (third in the hurdles), Kelly Morton (finals in the discus) will add experience for Rosecrans as will Chris McGee, who finished second in the AA last spring when she was at Philo. She transferred to Rosecrans last fall.

Around the State

Mentor Relays Needs Teams

The Cardinal Relays for girls on April 27 and the Mentor Relays for boys the next day still have openings for teams. Both meets will be held at Mentor High. Interested teams should contact Ted Hieryonmus at the school, 216-255-4444.

State Track Clinic Moves

The 1985 state track clinic, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches is on the move. It will

be staged at the more spacious Hilton Inn on Olentangy River Road in Columbus.

Jancura New President

Taking over as the new president of the OAT&CCC during its annual January meeting was Frank Jancura of Cleveland St. Ignatius High School. He succeeds Nearl Charske of Kettering Fairmont.

Columbus East girls, the defending Class AA champs, return sprinter Karen Wingo, who won the 200 and was third in the 100, and shot put-ter Graciela Howell, who was eighth. Howell, however, was weakened by a still-undetermined illness the entire last month of last year and was far from the form that earned here second place as a sophomore.

East has only three seniors, but some talented underclassmen, including Vanette Howard (long jump, 200), Wanikee Henderson (relays) and Gina Hawkins (Hurdles, shot and discus).

The Upper Arlington girls could be a contender in Class AAA. The Golden Bears certainly look good in the distances early. They have won the 3,200 relay three years in a row and return three from last year's champs (Carol Boyd, Jenny Jones and Barb Courtade).

Courtade figures to be one of the top half-milers again in the state. Sophomore Peggy Odita, who has high jumped 5-6 and long jumped 18-feet this winter, should help out in the field events.

In boys Class AA, Columbus Bishop Hartley looks strong. The Hawks benefit from the transfer of Ron Hobbs (from Wehrle), who has the fastest Class A time in the high hurdles going into the regionals, but got the mumps and ran only in relays in the state meet. A pair of super sophomores, sprinter David Key and long jumper Leigh Grey, are two of Hartley's best. Senior Matt Sebonoler has won the high hurdles twice indoors and joins with the above three and Eric Judser to form some formidable relay teams.

Columbus West could be one of the stronger AAA teams in the state — if sprinter James Glasco, who won the 200 (21.98) and was second in the 100 — gets healthy. He pulled a hamstring in one of the early indoor meets.

Glasco has support from Greg Booker, who along with Dayshon Hall and Tony Tucker, were on the sixth-place 400 relay team last season.

Other top individual boys in the area include Beechcroft's Ken Rankin (over 22-feet in the long jump indoors); Worthington Christian's Joel Gegner (second in the 3,200); Circleville's Jeff McGowan (second in the 800); Lancaster's Gary Dille and David Dozer in the pole vault (both have cleared 13-0 feet); Hilliard's Tom Graham (high jump); South's James Washington (1,600); Northland's Jeff Elder (400); Lancaster Fisher Catholic's James Bowden (long jump) and Canal Winchester's Tyler Watson (second long jump).

Top returning girls from Central Ohio include Bexley miler Karla Rutherford; Mifflin's sprinters Karen Wilson and Zina Johnson; Brookhaven sprinter Cassandra Eggleston; Grandview's Kathy Koch (400); Big Walnut's Trish Schoonover (100, 200 and long jump).



Jim Glasco
Columbus West



Greg Booker
Columbus West



Cassandra Eggleston
Columbus Brookhaven

Althoff, McMillan and Yaudas to help officiate Olympic Games in L.A.

Ron Althoff, director of the Jesse Owens Classic, a member of the Ohio State University physical education staff and for many years an assistant director of the state track meet, has been selected to help officiate at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Althoff is one of 202 officials picked nationwide and one of three Ohioans who will be involved with the track and field meet at the games. The others are Clarence McMillan of Columbus and Christine Yaudas of Chesapeake.

Rosecrans, Minster go at it again

Since 1976, Minster and Zanesville Rosecrans have dominated the girls Class A state track meet. Minster has captured six team titles, five of them in a row, and Rosecrans two, in 1981 and last season.

Indications are that the two schools will be fighting it out again when the finals are staged in Ohio Stadium, June 2.

"I'm looking forward to a good season," says ninth-year Rosecrans coach Dave Bell.

Bell's optimism is well founded because he has senior Susan Nash as the mainstay. Nash scored 40 points in leading her team to the title last year. She won three events, the 100, 400 and 800 and ran on the winning 1,600-meter relay at the state finals. "She's great, very determined," Bell said.

But Nash is not the only bright spot. Bell now has an excellent sprinter, Chris McGee, a transfer from Philo High who was state meet runnerup in the 200 a year ago. There's Lynne and Marsha Dutra in the longer relays, along with Kelly Long in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs.

Bell points out that his 1,600 and 3,200-meter relays will be strong. "And the addition of the 300 low hurdles should be an advantage," he said.

Katie Horstman, the veteran Minster coach, expects to be very formidable when the finals roll around.

Minster's key people will be Susan Dieters in the 3,200 relay and 1,600-meter run; Lori Heitkamp and freshman Cathy Seger in the shot; Kae Westerheide in the sprints; Carrie Eiting in the relays and hurdles and her sister, freshman Kate Eiting, in the jumps; Julie Winner in the high jump; Pam Ernst in the long jump and Linda Myers in the long distance runs.

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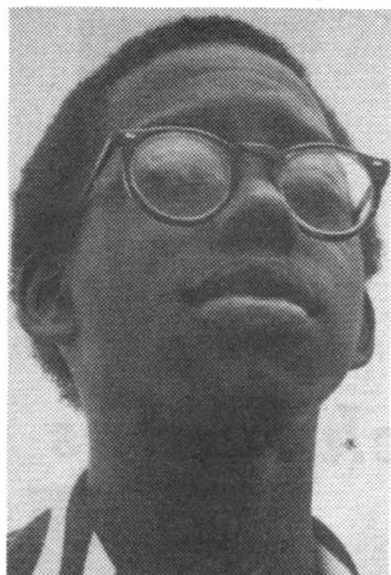
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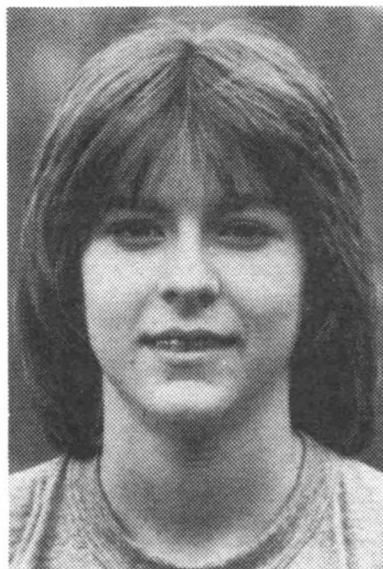
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Greg Pullie, Wellsville

EASTERN OHIO PREVIEW

**Blaine Rose,
Greg Pullie
Top
Returnees**



Jennifer Hyland, Hannibal River

By DOUG HUFF

A pair of field events specialists from the East Liverpool area headline Eastern Ohio boys track and field returnees this spring.

Back for their senior campaigns are versatile three-sport stalwart Blaine Rose of Irontdale Stanton and jumper Greg Pullie of Wellsville.

Rose, a 6-5, 210-pound tight end bound for the University of Maryland on a football grant-in-aid, hopes to make waves in the Ohio Class A ranks in the pole vault and discus throw. Last season he led all area vaulters with a 13-foot clearance and spun the discus 141-10 but couldn't crack the scoring in the state meet.

Rose has high-jumped 6-2, ran a leg on relay units and also was a hurdler for the Raiders.

Pullie is coming off a standout basketball campaign as a forward for the No. 1-ranked Class A Tigers, who won their first 25 games before falling in the regional tourney finals to Skyvue.

Last spring, the Wellsville athlete long-jumped 21-8½ to place third in the state AA meet. During the season he also high jumped 6-4.

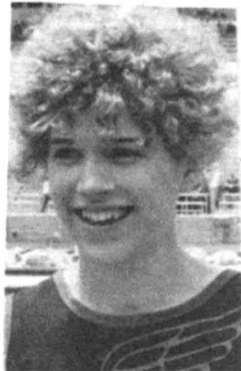
Other outstanding returning high jumpers include Duane Winston of AAA Cambridge (6-5½), Jeff Wingrove of A Freeport Lakeland (6-4), Tor Hill of AA Steubenville (6-3), Aaron Kilburn of A Skyvue (6-2) and three six-foot leapers— Jeff Zanders of AAA East Liverpool, Trent Roeder of AA Bylesville Meadowbrook and Donnell White of AA Cadiz.

Another outstanding long jumper back is junior John Murray of Steubenville, who leaped 21-6¼ as a sophomore. Murray also time 38.7 in the 300-meter low hurdles.

The top returning hurdler is David Ray of Stanton, who clocked 15.0 in the highs and 38.5 in the lows. Bellaire's John Sabinski timed 4.8 in the highs while Trevor Crunelle of Martins Ferry had 15.3 and White of Cadiz 15.5.



Andrea Zani, Bridgeport



Chris Street, Stanton

Besides Rose, another top pole vaulter is Don Carson of Cadiz with a 12-6 clearance.

In the shot put, Curt Yingling of Hannibal River has a 51-¼ toss to his credit.

Bridgeport's Matt Marshall paces the distance crop with times of 2:02.5 in the 800, 4:26.3 for 1,600 and 9:42.4 in the 3,200. Steubenville Central's Paul Cutshall timed 2:01.4, while Shadyside's George Antalis has marks of 4:34.6 and 9:44.3.

East Liverpool junior Jim White timed 11.0 for 100 meters as a sophomore while another Potter underclassman, George Anderson, was 50.5 for 400.

Toronto junior Doug Shevelow timed 11.3 and 50.6 as a sophomore. Steubenville's Hill clocked 50.3. St. Clairsville's Joe Vincent flashed a 23.0 for 200 meters.

In girls competition, three members of the state Class AA 400-meter relay title unit from Steubenville return, including junior anchor Melissa Cole. The other returning members are Darlene Murray and Sonya Wallace. They clocked 49.89 in the state meet.

Individually, Cole has a 12.7 effort for 100 meters while Wallace has been timed in 12.6 and 26.7. Murray's individual specialty is the long jump with a 17-foot leap.

Another touted sprinter back for her sophomore season is Jennifer Hyland of Hannibal River. As a freshman, she placed second in the state AA 400-meter dash with a clocking of 51.09. She also timed 12.6 and 26.3 for the short sprints.

Other returning speedsters include junior Andrea Zani of Bridgeport (12.8) and Debi Owens of Bylesville Meadowbrook (26.8). Owens also had a 17-7¼ long jump and was timed in 2:01.7 for 800 meters.

In the distance events, East Liverpool's Lynn Wilson returns after timing 2:27.16 for 800 meters and 5:27.5 for 1,600.

St. Clairsville junior Natalie Miles, when not anchoring the 3,200 relay unit to 9:55.4, clocked a 2:18.2 for 800 meters. Steubenville Central junior Susan Ferguson also impressed with 2:27.4.

In the 100-meter hurdles, junior Chris Street of Irontdale Stanton returns after posting a 15.3 mark. Stanton mate Monica Little is the top weight returnee with a 36-11 effort in the shot and 110-5½ in the discus.

Jodi Dierkes of Hannibal River has put the shot 33-6½.

In the high jump, junior Amy Hutchman of East Liverpool has cleared 5-2.

Lorain area has 'Flyers' with Schuh and Rivera

By PAUL BAUMGARTNER

LORAIN — Although most coaches are calling it a rebuilding year, the presence of several national class performers should keep area league boys' and girls' track and field on its usual high level.

Class AAA Avon Lake's superb senior Donna Schuh, who has stayed with women's collegiate sprinters in indoor meets, appears ready for all challengers in the 100-meter dash and long jump, an event she won in the state meet at Columbus as a sophomore with 18-11¼.

Facing Trotwood Madison junior phenom LaVonna Martin in last year's state century sprint, Donna, a Southwestern Conference representative, was late leaving the blocks and arrived third behind eventual three-event winner LaVonna, who promises an encore on June 2.

But the wunderkind of girls' events, including relays, may be Elyria High (Buckeye Conference) freshman Anne Den-smore, the 5-1, 85-pound Maryland transfer who startled the state cross country sorority with a blazing 17:26.6 over 5,000-Ms last fall. The pert 14-year-old upset Clayton Northmont's Kristy Orre by a whopping 150 yards.

Lorain Admiral King's girls have the BC's best 400M and shot put gals in Melanie Collins and Aliceson Humphries, respectively.

Barring injury, Pete Rivera's final year at AAA Lorain Southview could be his finest. He set the all-time Lorain County outdoor 100M mark with 10.7 as a sophomore but never fully recovered from a September, 1982 football injury last spring.

However, the rebounding Rivera highlighted this winter's Knights of Columbus indoor 55-meter dash with a record 6.4 sortie, an effort comparable to his 1982 feats, according to Coach Bill Menz.

Last year, despite losing to Sandusky in the league meet, Marion Harding brought the 30-year-old BC loop its second large school Ohio team championship with 41 points. Marion has graduated hurdlers Zorba Ross (now at Ohio State) and Robert Pittman (Cincinnati), leaving a heavy load for key sprint returnees Dave Jones and Kris Mayes, who also jumps.

Sandusky, under astute mentor Jim Johnson, will try to repeat with 1983 Ohio AAA individual harrier king Curt Rogers, a wirey junior, plus senior weightsman Tracy Steele, the 220-pound grid ace who'll surely get support from senior hurdler James Keys and junior sprint-relay artist Michael Sanders.

Findlay possesses big grid fullback Mike Dillon, the defending state and league discus ruler who constantly flies the saucer near 170-0. The Trojans also have distance dandies Jim Schutz (-1:59) and Chris Villanueva.

Admiral King, whose dual-meet unbeaten streak has reached the 40s, sails with 100M swiftie David Harris (-11.0) and 400-800 specialist Cornelius Braggins, both seniors, as well as 1600-3200 threat Kim Satterfield, a junior with great potential.

City mate Lorain Senior is led by senior Shawn Risdon, a 14.5 high hurdler who lost only two races last spring — to Marion's Pittman in the league and Massillon's Jim Bushe in the regional.

Elyria's boys return versatile senior Scott Ashley, who was second to AAA Midview's Gary Larkins in the 1983 Lorain County Decathlon. Larkins, who can sprint, hurdle and high jump 6-8, looms as the Lakeland Conference's top spring athlete for the second straight year.

Among top AA returnees are high jumper Mark Speer (6-8) and 3200 ace Scott Fry (9:23) of Perkins' Pirates of the Sandusky Bay and junior distance burner Mike Beetler of Firelands' Falcons (Inland).

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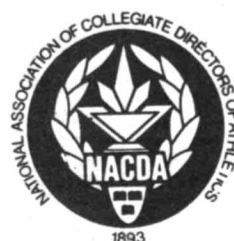
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