

Girls, Shadyside boys win crowns

weeps Class A OVAC championships

our stronger events. This was one of the best double-A meets I have seen in years."

The Pilots did turn in a strong effort as the Hannibal-based school had just one champion in the two-day extravaganza.

Senior-standout Tom Frye captured the pole vault during Wednesday's action.

But River did receive key second place efforts from its 4X8 team, Tim Price in the 300 hurdles, Eric Doty in the long jump and Derek Potts in the high jump.

Linsly received a strong meet from senior Jon Pappas as he won the 100 in 11.2, was second in the 200 with a time of 22.8 and placed third in the 400 with a time of 50.5.

The Cadets' 4X2 team of Heath Stanley, Max Neubauer, Colin Walsh and Pappas teamed up for an OVAC title with a time of 1:33.1.

Monroe Central, which closed with only 10 points, did receive a third place finish from sophomore Mitchell Guiler in the high jump as he cleared the bar at 5-ft-8.

IN THE 2-A GIRLS, once again, all the coaches early in the week seemed to agree that it would be a battle.

Well, in the end, it did not quite work out to be as close as expected as using its versatility, Barnesville was able to capture yet another OVAC title.

The Lady Shamrocks tallied 121 points, which held off a solid Shadyside squad as it had 82 markers.

Barnesville really seemed to pull away during the middle distance and distance events, but also the field events aided the western Belmont Countians' charge.

"We knew this would be a tough meet, but I thought our kids really performed. We gave them a challenge and they responded. We got some really good production from our field events as well as our distance kids," Lady Shamrocks head coach Darrell Davis said.

The Lady 'Rocks were led by senior-standout Jennie Castle who took home four gold medals as well as four records.

Castle prevailed in the 400 meter dash as she ran a staggering 58.2. She also captured the 800 meter run with a time of 2:18.1.

"My coach told me to stay back with the race because I still had to run the 4X4 and we were going for the team title. Overall, I thought I ran pretty well," the personable Castle said.

The Lady 'Rocks also received a fine meet from the Morgan sisters, Molly and Ruthie.

Molly won the 3200 meter run on Wednesday and came back to place second in the 1600 with a time of 5:23.3.

Ruthie Morgan, a junior, won the 1600 meter run as she turned in a 5:23.2. She also placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.6.

The Lady Rocks dynamite 4X4 and 4X8 teams were once again up to the task as the team of Castle, Morgan, Morgan and freshman Molly Dieringer teamed up in the 3200 relay in a time of 9:56.9.

The 4X4 team of Castle, Morgan, Morgan and Ashley McGee turned in a 4:10.2.

Katie Welch and Lindsay Gallagher placed second and third, respectively, in the discus throw while Ashley Brown added a second place in the shot put.

Shadyside was able to score 82 points without the luxury of an individual champion.

The Lady Tigers were led by senior Ashley Holenka who captured second in the 800 (2:27.2) and the 3200 (12:37.1).

Sophomores Jenna Johnson and Jody Gavlik placed second in the high jump and the pole vault, respectively.

The Lady Tigers also placed second in the shuttles as the team of Lacie Krupa, Lindsay Jovicic, Katlyn Falbo and Lauren Giffin all teamed up for a time of 1:10.6.

The 4X8 foursome of Holenka, Andrea Lewis, Jessica Melanko and Tristin Miracle also placed second on Wednesday.

Miracle also placed second in the long jump with a mark of 14-ft-9.

River had a strong meet as the Lady Pilots closed with 60 points and finished in fourth place.

The Lady Pilots scored very well in the hurdling

meets in the weight events for Xenakis' thinclads.

Honecker won the shot put with a heave of 43-ft-10.5 and he placed second in the discus with a toss of 118-10.

Wilson, meanwhile, won the discus as he launched the plate 127-ft-1 and he placed second in the shot with a put of 42-ft-4.25.

McCrary placed second in the 400 meter dash as he raced in a lap in a time of 53.7.

St. John's, which has experienced its share of growing pains, closed with 74 points and finished fourth overall.

The Fighting Irish team of John Butts, Cory Rinke, Matt Carlier and Chad Ollom captured the 4X400 relay with a time of 3:48.1.

Ollom also placed second in the high jump as he cleared 5-ft-6.

Beallsville closed with 30 points and had Jimmy Bable as its lone champion as he won the long jump on Wednesday.

Senior-standout Brandi Walker gained the 100 meter high hurdle title as she turned in a 15.5.

Senior Jessica Gehrig won the pole vault on the opening day and she won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.4.

The Lady Pilot shuttle team of Leighann Fry, Walker, Gehrig and Ashley Winter teamed up for a time of 1:08 and an OVAC title.

Monroe Central produced an individual champion as Carlie Nippert won the long jump with a mark of 15-ft-4.5.

The Lady Seminole also received a strong effort from Krista Jorris as she placed second in the 61.7.

Linsly had a strong meet as Molly Parsons prevailed in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.1. She also placed second in 100 with a time of 13.1 and she was third in the 400 with a time of 61.8.

THE SINGLE A titles stayed in the same town as Paden City won both the girls and boys' titles for retiring coach Bob Burton.

Bridgeport had a strong meet as the Lady Bulldogs placed second in both the boys and girls.

The Lady Bulldogs closed with 137 points and once again received fine production from their big three.

"We expected our top tier girls to do well and I told the other girls it would be up to them if we won or not. The kids did everything they could. They ran their hearts out and we can not complain about that," Lady Bulldog coach Paul Xenakis said.

Freshman-rocket Brittany Hocker continued her fine freshman season with a trio of gold medals.

Hocker captured the 100 meter dash in a time of 12.7, the 200 with a time of 25.9 and the 400 in 59.9.

"I am really happy with my times. I am starting to gain more strength and I just want to keep running well and go to state," the quiet Hocker relayed.

Junior-ace Tabitha Price was a double winner as she claimed both hurdling events.

Price won the 100 meter highes in a time of 17.0, she also claimed the 300 lows with a 48.2. She also placed second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.6.

Senior-strongwoman Valerie Reed claimed both the weight events as she put the shot 39-ft-4. She won the discus as he launched the plate, 109-ft-2.

The Lady Bulldogs also claimed the 400 meter relay as the team of Erica Roskovich, Lindsey Hocker, Danielle Asbury and Jessica Beal teamed up for a 55.6 and the title.

St. John Central closed in third place with 129 points.

The Lady Irish were led by freshman-sensation Brianna Cattran in the long-distance events.

Cattran captured the 1600 meter run as well as the 3200. She ran four laps in a time of 5:39.7 and ran eight laps in 13:22.1.

Cattran also placed second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:33.2 and ran a leg on the runner-up 4X8.

"I am pretty happy with how everything went. I was happy with my time in the 1600, but in the 3200, I wasn't pushed. I am working on getting my times down for the regional," Cattran said.

The Lady Irish also prevailed in both the 4X400 and the 4X200 meter relays.

In the 800 relay, the team of Natalie Bonomo, Marri Kajfez, Courtney Ogilbee and Belinda Ronevich teamed up to run a 1:54.8 for the OVAC title.

The 1600 relay was ran by for the foursome of Marri Kajfez, Maran Kajfez, Courtney Ogilbee and Belinda Ronevich. The team combined to run a mile in 4:24.5 for the title.

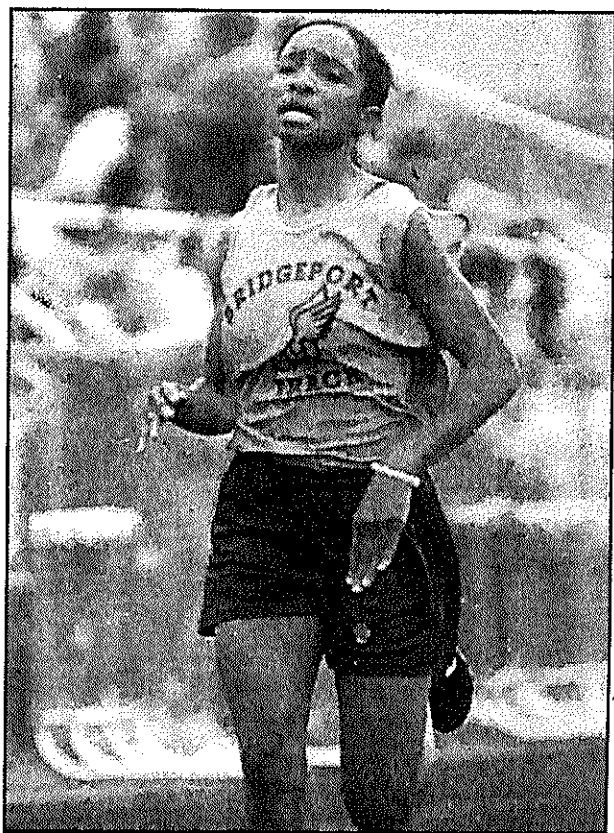
Ogilbee, who is a mere freshman, placed second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 62.7.

THE 1-A BOYS saw the Bulldogs place second as they scored 99 points.

Junior Chase Smith led the Bulldogs as he won the 800 meter run in a time of 2:15.5.

Bridgeport also prevailed in the 4X8 as the team of Smith, Matt Olson, Sam Carter and Willie McCrary teamed up for a time of 9:13.0.

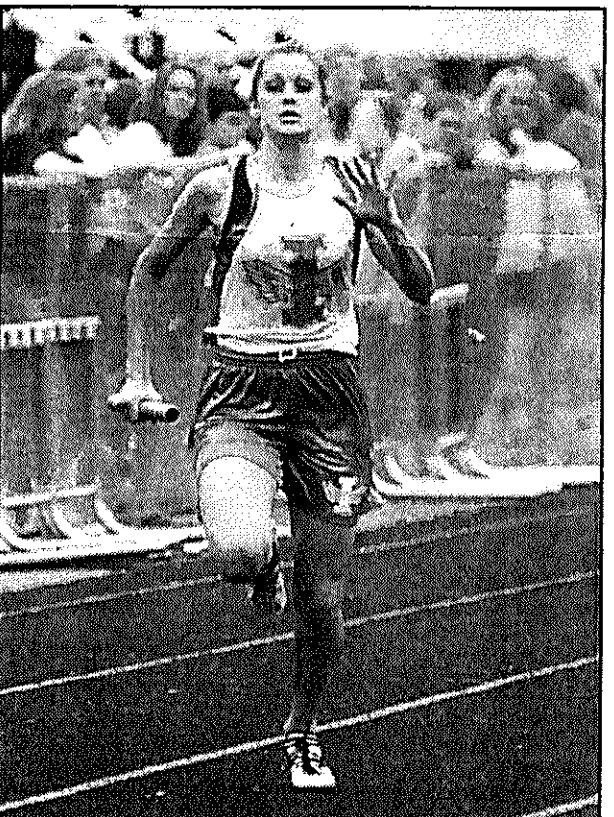
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ABOVE: Bridgeport's Brittany Hocker cruises to victory for one of her three wins. The freshman claimed the 100, 200 and 400.

BELOW: St. John Central senior Belinda Ronevich runs her leg of the Lady Irish's victorious 4x200 meter relay team.



Class AA Results

4X400 METER RELAY
Barnesville 4:10.20; 2. Steubenville 4:20.00; 3. Shadyside 4:28.40; 4. Caldwell 4:40.00; 5. Linsly 4:40.60; 6. Wellsville 4:40.00.

4X800 METER RELAY
Barnesville 9:56.90; 2. Shadyside 10:30.40; Caldwell 10:41.40; 4. Linsly 10:43.30; 5. Wellsville 11:16.30; 6. Wheeling Cen 9:00.

HIGH JUMP
Jenna Johnson, Toronto 5-0; 2. Jenna Johnson, Shadyside 4-10; 3. Emily Blyeu, Barnesville 4-10; 4. Heidi Schoepner, Caldwell 4-10; 5. Alicia Corabi, Steubenville 4-10; 6. Ashliker, Linsly 4-08.

POLE VAULT
Jessica Gehrig, River 9-01; 2. Jody Gavlik, Shadyside 8-0; 3. Lisa Anderson, Barnesville 7-00; 4. Ashley Holenka, Shadyside 7-00; 5. Derek Allar, Steubenville 6-00; 6. Tim Price, Bishop Donahue 5-00.

100 METER DASH
1. Chris Perun, Barnesville 9:48.40; 2. Andrew Lewis, Shadyside 10:04.20; 3. Pat McGuire, River 10:05.10; 4. Travis Taylor, Barnesville 10:12.50; 5. Ed Sargus, Linsly 10:16.80; 6. David Hesson, Caldwell 10:19.20.

110 METER HIGH HURDLES
1. Johnnie Bobek, Shadyside 15.10; 2. Matt Belloronto, Shadyside 15.20; 3. Tim Price, River 15.30; 4. Chris Conlon, Toronto 15.80; 5. Gabe Gordon, Monroe Centr 15.80; 6. Jacob Stanley, Walleville 15.90.

300 METER INT HURDLES
1. Matt Belloronto, Shadyside 40.00; 2. Tim Price, Bishop Donahue 39.70; 3. Jessica Bobek, Shadyside 39.00; 4. Pat McGuire, River 43.80; 5. Travis Taylor, Barnesville 44.70; 6. Joel Ray, Steubenville 44.10.

200 METER DASH
1. Anthony Cline, Paden City 11.6; 2. Jody Polus, Bishop Donah 11.7; 3. Simon Setcavage, Weirton Mado 11.8; 4. Ryan Hlizer, Paden City 11.9; 5. Rusty Vossen, Bishop Donah 11.9; 6. Michael Rykowski, St. John Cen 12.2.

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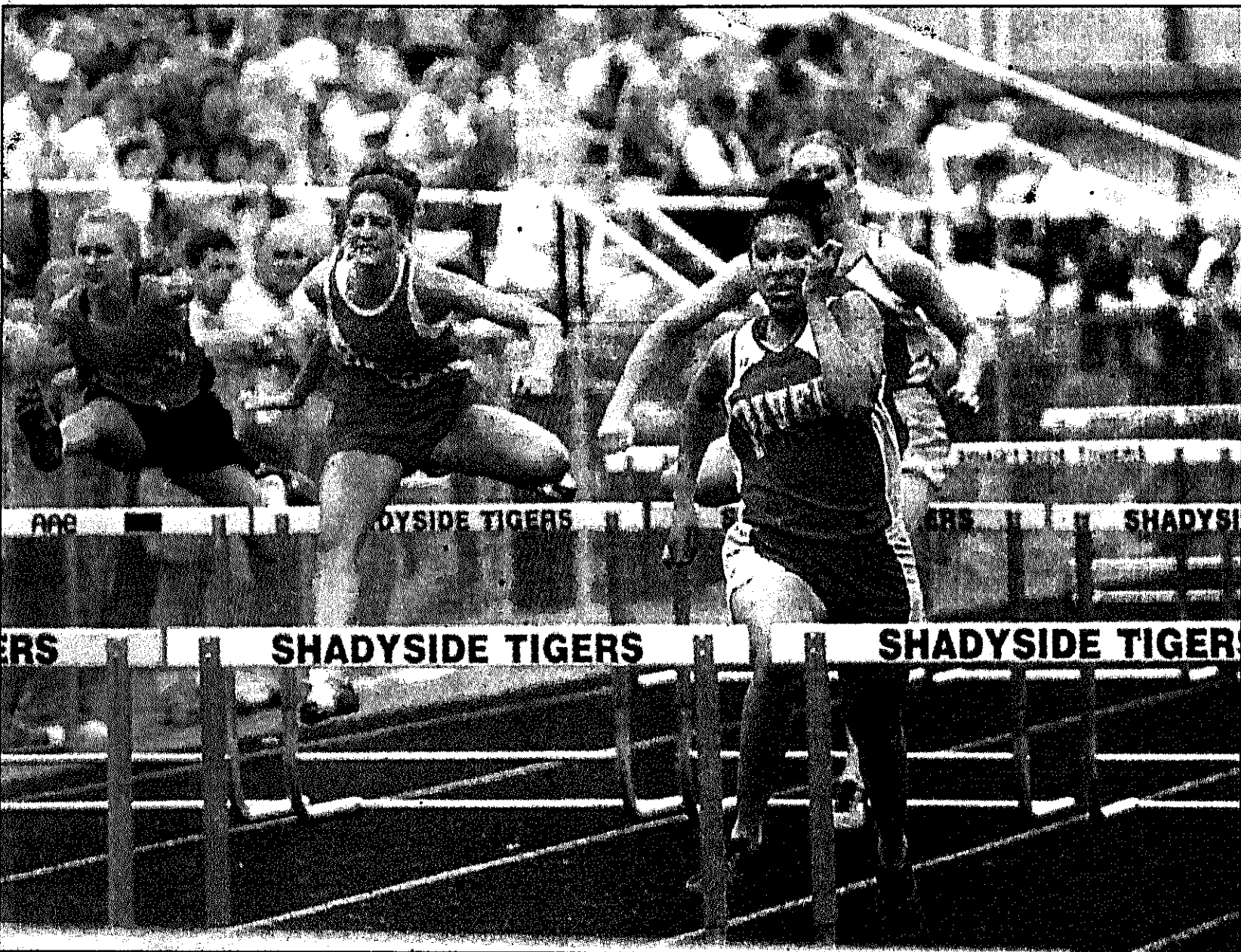
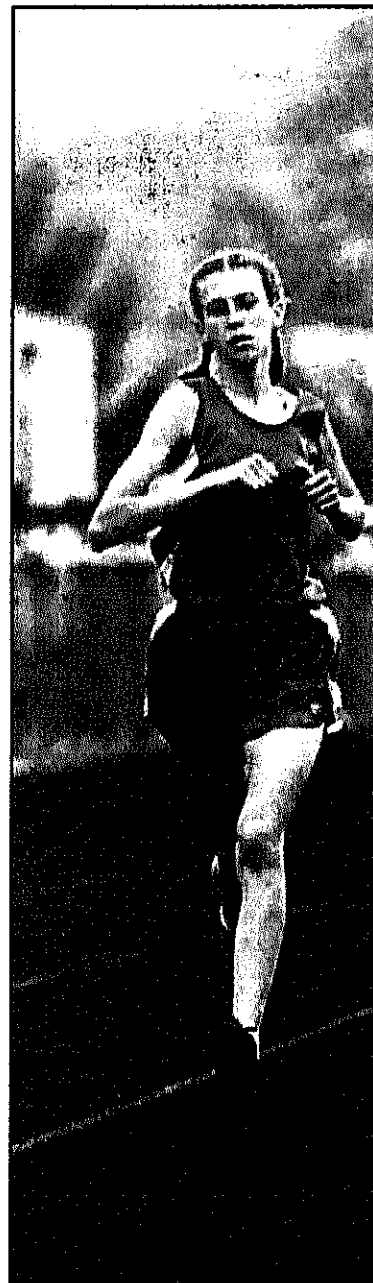
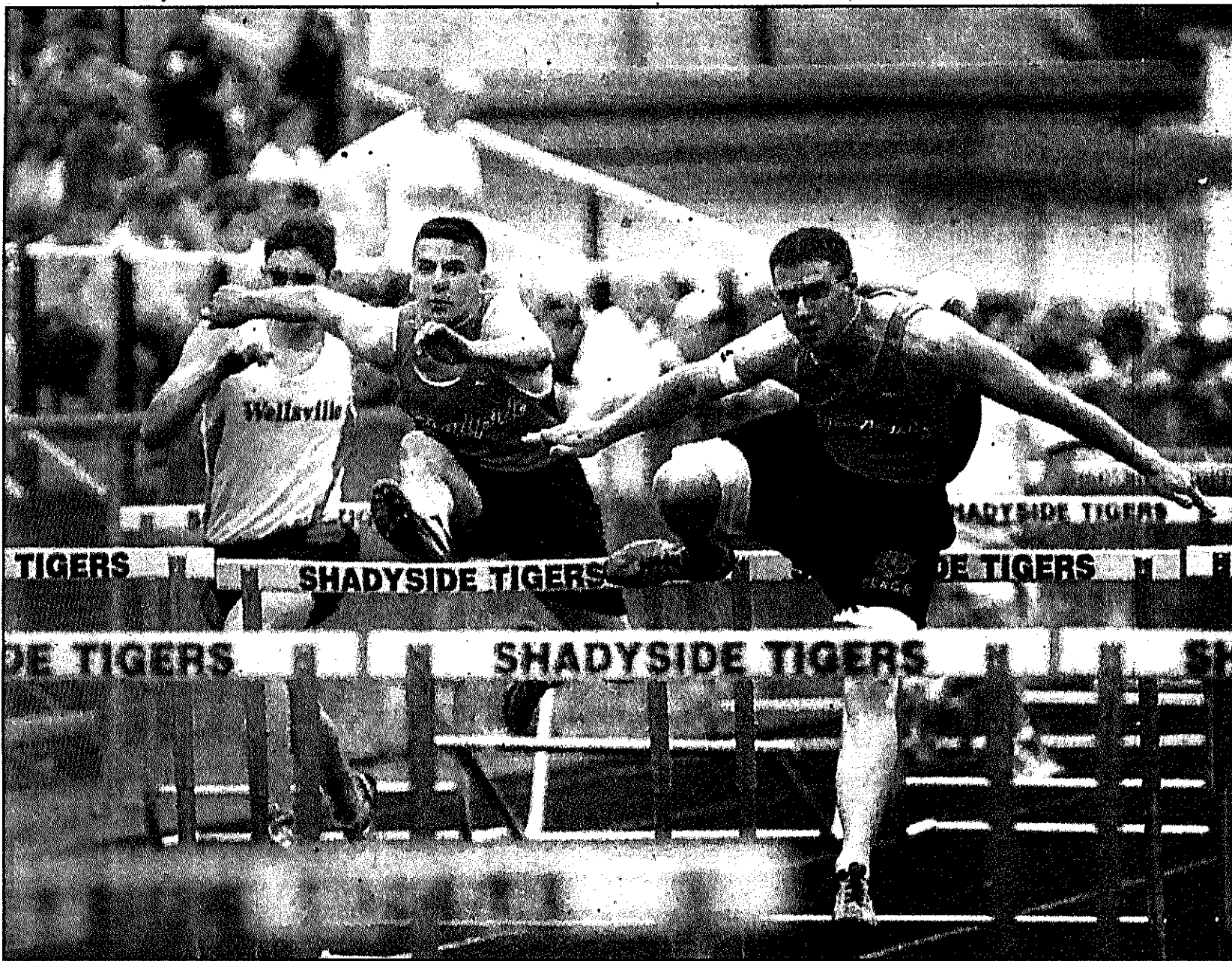
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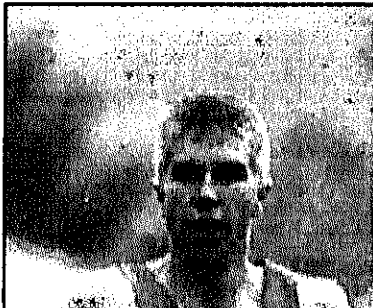
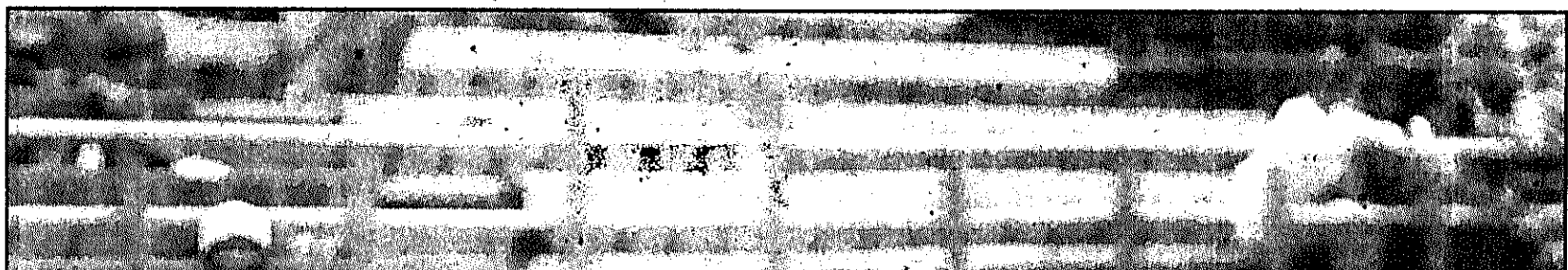
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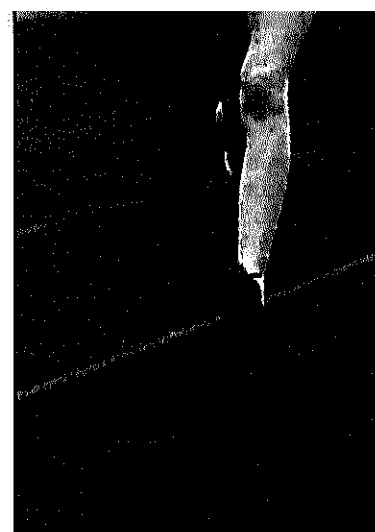
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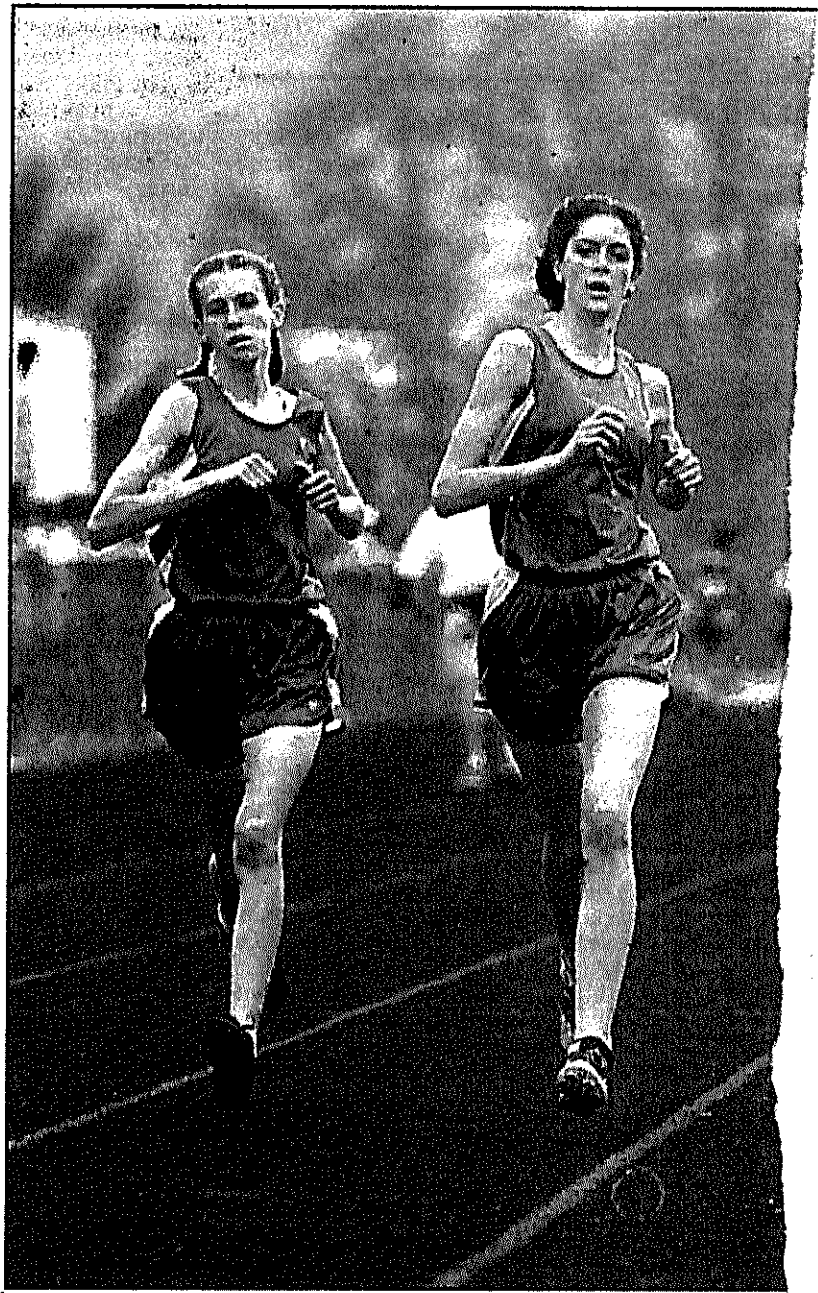
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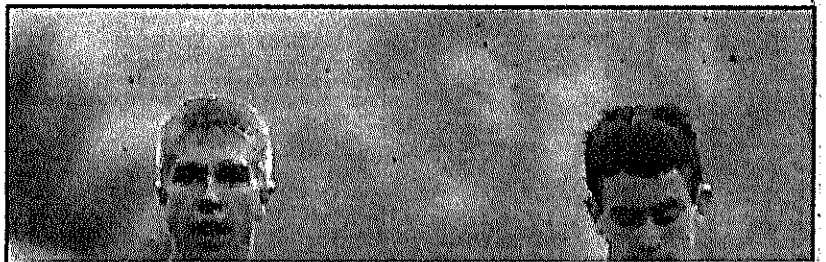
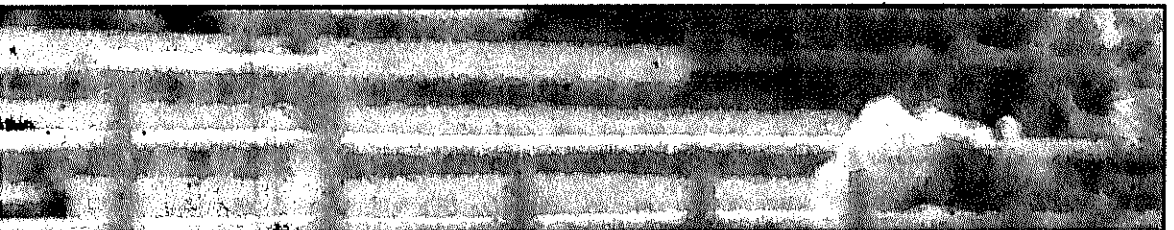


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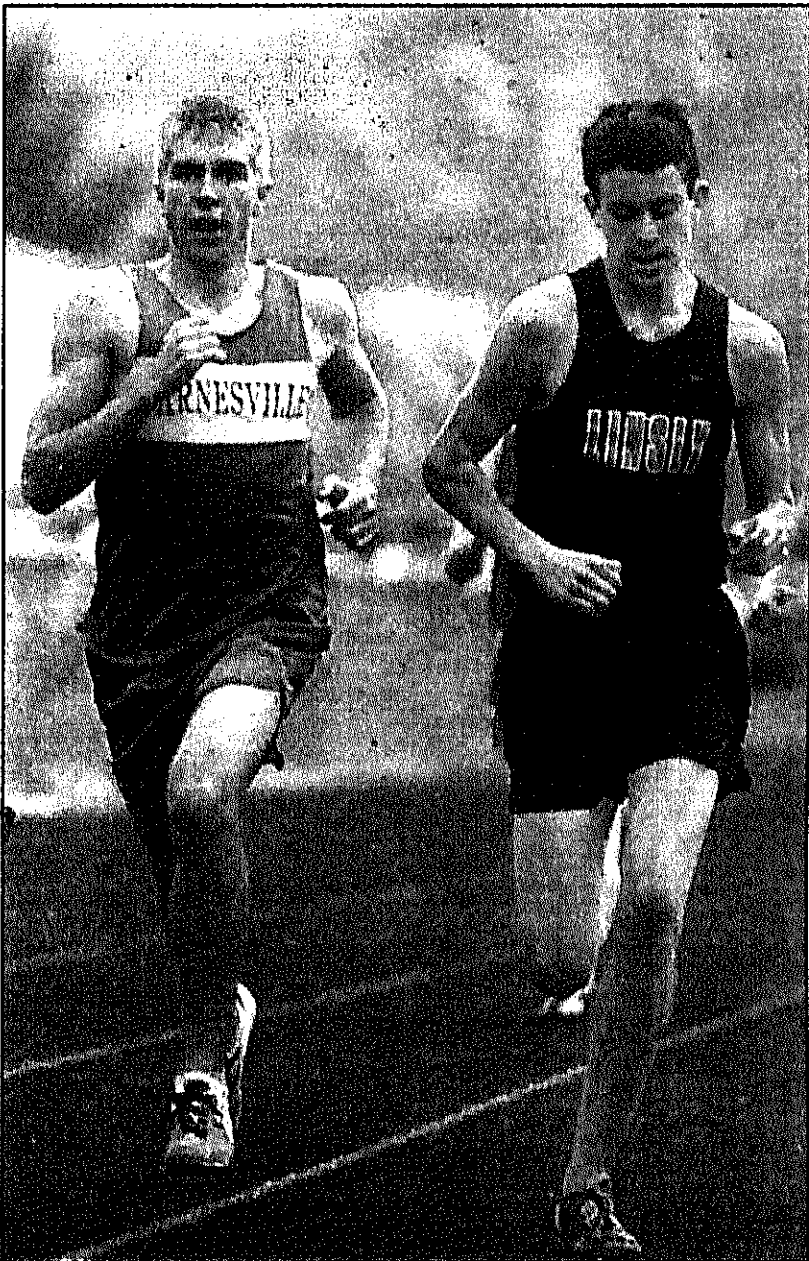
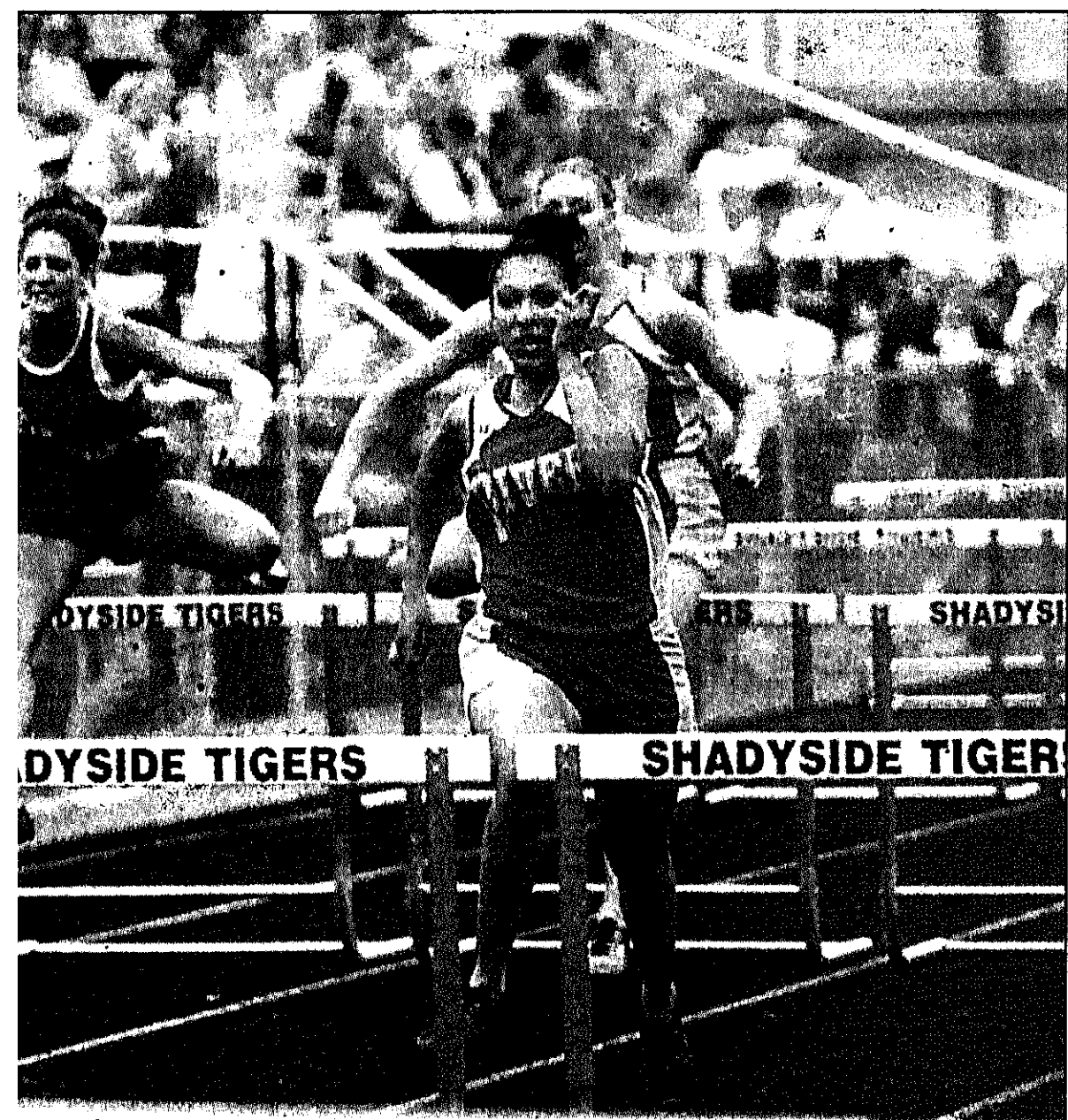


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Barnesville, Shadyside claim double-A titles

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

While Bridgeport took home an amazing nine individual titles in the girls' Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class A track championships Friday at Fleming Field in Shadyside, Paden City's overall depth was enough for the Wildcats to complete a clean sweep of the small-school titles.

The Lady Wildcats tallied an impressive 147 points with the Bulldogs second with 137 and Bellaire St. John's third with 129. The top three teams totally dominated the meet, with the trio combining to finish first in 17 of the 18 events held.

Meanwhile, the 'Cats outscratched the 'Dogs on the boys' side also, with Paden City outscoring Bridgeport by a 119-99 margin and Cameron taking third in 87.

Bridgeport may not have took home the top hardware in the girls' meet, but the Bulldogs had three of the top performance in the meet.

Freshman phenom Brittany Hocker captured three events, setting records in a pair of them. The "Bridgeport Bullet" eclipsed the previous meet marks in both the 100 (12.7) and 200 (25.9) while also clocking an impressive 59.9 in the 400.

Teammates Tabitha Price and Valerie Reed were each double winners for the 'Dogs with Price skimming over the 100 meter high hurdles in 17 seconds before adding the 300 lows title in 48.2. Price was also second to Hocker in the 200.

Reed, who won the shot put on Wednesday, spun the iron platter 109-2 to add the discus championship to her resume. Danielle Asbury won the long jump in 13-5.5 for Bridgeport while the 'Dogs also took the 4X100 relay title.

Paden City's Lorelee Hillyard won the 800 in 2:29.9 with the Wildcats adding the shuttle hurdle relay title to Wednesday's 4X800 relay crown.

St. John's freshman Brianna Catran added the 1,600 (5:39.7) title to her first night's 3200 championship while the Lady Irish broke the tape first in the 4X200 and 4X400 meter relays.

Valley's Velisha Ingold won the only other title, soaring 15-0.5 to take the long jump.

Anthony Cline spearheaded the Wildcat boys, winning the 100 (11.6) and 200 (23.6) while anchoring the victorious 4X100 meter relay



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Toronto's Jamie Keenan strides over a hurdle during action at the OVAC Class AA-A Track Championships at Shadyside's Fleming Field on Friday.

quartet.

Madonna's Simon Setcavage snapped the ribbon in the 400 (52.5) with Chace Smith of Bridgeport winning the 800 (2:15.5) and Bobby Holmes of Cameron taking the 1600 in 5:02.1.

Joshua Beaty of Paden City won the 300 intermediate hurdles in 44 flat with Josh Franklin of Cameron gliding over the 100 highs in 15.5. Franklin later anchored the Dragons' winning shuttle hurdle relay unit.

The 'Cats Jonathan Lindsey leaped 6-2 to win the long jump with Greg Honecker of Bridgeport putting the shot a meet high 43-10.5.

CLASS AA

Led by silky-smooth senior Jennie Castle and the iron-lunged sister duo of Ruthie and Mollie Morgan, Barnesville High put on a distance running clinic Friday night at Fleming Field in Shadyside as the Shamrocks ran away with the girls' Class AA Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track championship.

Meanwhile, while the host Lady Tigers finished second on the distaff side, the Shadyside boys were busy putting away the boys' team crown

with Barnesville having to take second in that meet.

The 'Rocks, who had individual champions in the 400, 800, 1600, 3200, 4X400 and 4X800 relays, finished with 121 tallies while the Tigers had 82. Steubenville Central was third with 69 and River scored 60.

Shadyside used a balanced effort and impressive performance in the hurdling events, to score 107.5 markers with the 'Rocks next with 99 and the Pilots third with 81.

In the girls' meet, Castle established meet records in both the 400 and 800 and Ruthie Morgan added the 1600 title to the 3200 championship she won on Wednesday to set the tone for Barnesville.

The seemingly never tired Castle clocked an impressive 58.2 in the 400 and ran away from the 800 meter field in 2:18.10.

Both Morgan sisters broke the 1600 meter standard with older sister Ruthie getting the record in 5:23.2 with Mollie right on her tail in 5:23.3.

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Jumping out to the front, on paper in both the boys and girls' races, appear to be Barnesville, Shadyside, River and Linsly.

Barnesville is hoping to defend the OVAC Class 2-A title they won a year ago, in rather impressive fashion.

Shamrocks' head coach Sean McCrate knows the 2001 version will not be nearly as easy as the 2000 one was.

"I think the difference of the meet could come down to the field events and who can get those fourth through sixth places. This meet could go either way and it is going to be really competitive," McCrate said. "We have gone through the meet on paper and there is no clear cut winner."

The Shamrocks will enter one of the top distance runners in the entire conference as junior-standout Chris Perun will run the 800, 1600, 3200 and 4X800 relays.

They also enter a quality 4X2 team as well as senior Matt Bettinazzi in the sprint events. Senior Matt Phillips could play a key role in the two weight events.

Senior Derek Allar and junior Travis Taylor strengthen the Shamrocks' distance runners.

sented.

"Without a doubt, this is the most wide open 1-A boys races I have seen in my 13 years at St. John's. There is no clear cut dominant team, but there are probably as many as four with legitimate chances for a team title," Kapral said.

The Irish will be led by junior Chad Ollom, who ran on last year's state qualifying 4X4 team, and freshman hurdler Cory Rinkes.

BRIDGEPORT, which was also hit hard by graduation, will take a solid contingent to Fleming Field this week.

"I think we have some throwers and relay teams that should do well, but I really think there are too many events where we don't have an entrant to be in the team-title hunt,"

The Bulldogs' depth may play a key factor in the how they fare in the meet.

Bridgeport will be led by Greg Honecker and Donnie Wilson in the two weight events.

Senior Willie McCrary will also play a big role for the Bulldogs.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE in 2-A once again there is no clear cut favorite, but like in the boys, Barnesville, Shadyside, River and

the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes.

MONROE CENTRAL will enter a quality contingent as Carlie Nippert and Marlena Merckle will both be in the long jump field.

Krista Jorris will be one of the top 400 meter dashers coming into the meet.

STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL is the defending champion in the 2-A girls' battle and the Lady Crusaders appear to be strong once again.

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"I think the difference of the meet could come down to the field events and who can get those fourth through sixth places. This meet could go either way and it is going to be really competitive," McCrate said. "We have gone through the meet on paper and there is no clear cut winner."

The Shamrocks will enter one of the top distance runners in the entire conference as junior-standout Chris Perun will run the 800, 1600, 3200 and 4X800 relays.

They also enter a quality 4X2 team as well as senior Matt Bettinazzi in the sprint events. Senior Matt Phillips could play a key role in the two weight events.

Senior Derek Allar and junior Travis Taylor strengthen the Shamrocks' distance runners.

SHADYSIDE, which tied with Linsly for last season's 1-A title, is back in 2-A for the first time in several years.

First-year head coach Joel Joseph knows that the key fourth and fifth place finishes as well as field events could be crucial to the outcome of the meet.

"(You) can not expect to win Double A if (you) have any unexpected falters. (You) have to run as well as we can in every event and try to get help from other teams because it is going to be a dog fight," said Joseph.

To combat the Shamrocks' distance running the Tigers will enter a very solid group of hurdlers.

Seniors Matt Beltrondo and John Bobek will be two of the top hurdlers in both the 110 meter high hurdles as well as the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

The Tigers' shuttle team is also solid as are the Orange sprint relay units.

In distance, Andrew Lewis will be entered as he ran a solid 3200 meter run at the Bellaire Relays this past weekend.

RIVER, which has enjoyed its fair share of success in the OVAC track meet, will need key efforts from a lot of people to get itself in the hunt as the meet wares on.

"Since we have been in Double A, this is one of the most talented, dynamite Double A classes we have had. This meet is going to be a dandy and it will probably come down to the fifth and sixth place finishes," veteran Pilot boss Tim Frye said.

The Pilots will enter a crack 4X8 team, which was just put together for the Bellaire Relays. The 3200 squad of Pat McGuire, Ryan Whitlach, Tim Price and Rob Matesick will enter with one of the best times in the OVAC this season for all classes.

Tom Frye will be one of the top pole vaulters entered as will Eric Doty in the long jump.

LINSLY, which is back in 2-A after a one-year hiatus, will also be able to score some hefty points.

Leading the Cadets' charge will be senior Jon Pappas who will run the three short sprint events.

Sophomore Eddie Sargus will also be a key member to the distance field as he has had a fine season thus far and will hope to continue that through the OVAC.

Other athletes from around the conference that could go a long way in helping decide the outcome of the meet are: Richie Sloan, sprinter from Wellsville; Eric Belanic, high jumper and sprinter from Wheeling Central; Lee Dimmerling, middle distance from Caldwell; Andy Kidwell, throwing events from Toronto.

THE SINGLE A boys' meet could be one of the most interesting meets in recent years.

The meet appears to be wide open heading in as there is no clear cut strong team or definite favorite.

ST. JOHN'S has enjoyed a great deal of success in recent OVAC meets, but last year's graduation decimated the Irish's talent pool.

Still, Coach Bubba Kapral's thinclads expect to be well-repre-

senting champion in the 2-A girls' battle and the Lady Crusaders appear to be strong once again.

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"Whoever wins Single A is going to be a team that has some depth. St. John's and Paden City look like well-rounded teams with a lot of depth," Lady Bulldogs' boss Paul Xenakis said.

The Lady Dogs will be led by freshman-phenom Brittany Hocker who will run in the 100, 200, 400 and a sprint relay.

Senior strong-woman Valerie Reed will also be a favorite in the two weight events.

Junior Tabitha Price could be near the top of the heap when the 300 hurdles and high hurdles are staged.

ST. JOHN CENTRAL knows that it has its hands full with the Lady Bulldogs and Paden City.

"On the surface it looks like Bridgeport would be the girls team to beat with three super performers. They are going to grab their share of first place finishes, but Paden City is a team that can not be overlooked. They can score in every event," Kapral said.

The Lady Irish will enter a very strong distance contingent led by freshman-phenom Brianna Cattran. Cattran will run the distance triple of the 800, 1600 and 3200.

Senior Maran Kajfez and junior Natalie Kozel will both add depth in the distance as well as on the 4X8 team.

Senior-standout Belinda Ronevich will be entered in the 200, 400 and two relay events for the Lady Irish.

Junior Jillian DeMatte and sophomore Marri Kajfez will be two of the better hurdlers in the field.

The Double A field is comprised of: Barnesville, Shadyside, Monroe Central, Linsly, River, Toronto Steubenville Central, Caldwell, Wheeling Central, Fort Frye, Shenandoah and Wellsville.

The Single A field is made up of: Mount De Chantal, Bishop Donahue, Conotton Valley, Paden City, Weirton Madouna, Beallsville, Valley, St. John Central, Cameron and Bridgeport.

The Lady Orange will also expect big things from their hurdlers such as Lacie Krupa, Lindsay Jovicic and Lauren Giffin. Those three make up part of the crack Shadyside shuttle team.

The Lady Tigers will try to combat the Barnesville distance contingent with one of their own which includes Ashley Holenka, Andrea Lewis and Jessica Melanko.

The Lady Tigers also have strong 4X1, 4X2 and 4X4 teams.

Sophomore Jenna Johnson will also play a big role in the high jump competition.

RIVER will also enter a quality cast to the Double A battle, which depending upon how the points break down could help or affect either Shadyside or Barnesville.

The Lady Pilots will enter two fine high hurdlers as Brandi Walker and junior Leighann Fry will take part.

Senior Jessica Gehrig will also be entered in the 300 hurdles and will be the top pole vaulter in the field.

Sarah Hartline will look to score in the two weight events.

The Lady Pilots also will have a fine shuttle team as well as 4X2 squad.

LINSLY, which captured the 1-A title last year, will be led by Molly Parsons who will take part in

Class 3-A, 4-A preview

Bellaire, St.C. look strong in title chase

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Three-A and Four-A runners are in the bullpen and are getting ready to go after an OVAC championship.

With the action at Fleming Field getting under way this evening in the smaller school divisions, the bigger schools are putting on the final touches as their meet is just a day away.

Action at Brooke will get under way Thursday at 5 p.m. with the 3-A girls high jump, 3-A girls pole vault, 4-A girls shot put, 4-A girls pole vault, 3-A boys discus and 4-A boys long jump.

After the completion of those field events, the 4-A boys pole vault, 3-A girls shot put, 4-A girls high jump, 3-A boys long jump, 3-A boys pole vault and the 4-A boys discus.

The first running event of the day will commence at 5:30 p.m. with the finals in the 3-A and 4-A girls 4X800 meter relay.

The trials in the 100 meter dash for all classes will follow the 3200 meter relay.

The 3-A and 4-A boys 4X800 will hear the sounding of the gun after the 100 meter dash.

The high hurdle trials for both boys and girls in all classes will follow.

Another final will be ran after the hurdling event as the 3-A and 4-A girls 3200 meter run will begin.

The trials of the 200 meter dash will set the stage for the 3-A and 4-A 3200 meter run.

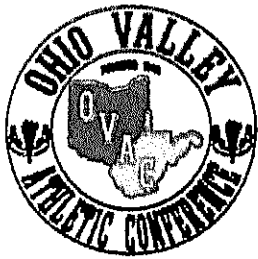
IN 3-A, Bellaire, Meadowbrook and St. Clairsville all appear to have prime chances to make a run towards a conference title.

BELLAIRE, which has had a great deal of success in the early season meets, will look to keep that going as the calendar turns to May.

Veteran Big Reds' head coach Monte Miller really likes his chances, but knows there will be other teams chasing close behind.

"If we perform like we are capable, we have a chance to win by 30, but on the other hand if we don't perform, we could lose by 20," Miller said. "I

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really think Meadowbrook is a threat in both races."

The Reds will enter quality in the hurdles as seniors Matt Materkoski and Donald Abbuhl will lead the hurdling contingent.

Senior-speedster Courtney Redman will be one of the top sprinters entered in the 100 and 200.

Senior Percy McGhee will look to score in the 800 meter run, while sophomore Jed Perko will score points in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

The Big Reds also have quality in the 4X1, 4X2, 4X4 and the shuttles.

One area Miller knows he needs to get more points out of is the distance events.

"We would like to score more points in the distance and also in the field events," Miller said.

Freshman Adam Lucci will be one of the top shot putters in the field.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE will try to capitalize on the Bellaire weaknesses with strength in the distance events.

The Red Devils, do however, lack in the sprinting events and head coach Tony Ciroti feels that could be the downfall to the Devil chances.

"It is hard to win a track meet without any sprinters. We are trying to find people to put in to sure up some of the field events. We are going to give it everything we got, but we know Bellaire is going to be tough to beat," Ciroti said.

The Devils fine distance contingent is led by senior-standout Drew Turner in the 800 meter run. Turner has ran an area best two-flat.

Senior Ola Dahlen, an exchange student from Norway, continues to excel in the 1600 meter run.

Cody Creamer and Sam Vujnovic comprise the other two legs of the Devils' crack 4X8 team which has run a 8:20 already this season.

Senior-standout Luke Mehl will be one of the top plate twirlers in the discus event as he has thrown over 150 feet this spring.

MARTINS FERRY, winners of the last three OVAC title, will be hard-pressed to make it a four-peat as the Purple Riders, like so many other teams, were hit hard by graduation a year ago.

"We are probably a year away from seriously competing for a title, but we are going to try to make a relays' presence felt," said Ferry track boss Dirk Fitch. "Our veterans have done a good job of holding us together, but we are just not very deep yet."

The Riders will be led by senior sprinter John Yoder, who has been battling some injuries this season.

Freshman Kyle Ray will look to make an impact on the 400 meter dash field as he has had a strong early season.

Byron Romanyak will be another to watch in the two weight events.

UNION LOCAL head coach Randy Thompson is expecting a much better performance from his boys this year than last.

"We will do better than we did last year. We are going to need points in the weight events," Randy Thompson said.

The Jets will be led by junior-jumper David Thomas who has developed into one of the area's premier long jumpers and is also a solid high jumper.

Josh Abel will also look to make some noise in the short sprint events.

As for MEADOWBROOK, the Colts will enter a top notch sprinter in Paul Gabel, who has been consistently under 11 this spring.

MAGNOLIA will enter a sound discus thrower in David Blair as he has launched the plate over 150 feet several times this season.

AS FOR THE GIRLS, Bellaire, St. Clairsville, Union Local and Martins Ferry all have talent in certain areas that could go a long way in deciding the OVAC champion.

BELLAIRE will be one of the favorites for its strength in the hur-

in the 100 meter highs. She may also run in the 200 meter dash or even the 300 meter hurdles.

Sophomore Kristina Tomlan will aid the Lady Reds in the 300 meter hurdles.

Sophomore Kayla Johnson has developed into one of the top short sprinters around.

The Lady Reds also have outstanding 4X1, 4x2, 4X4 and shuttle relay teams.

"I am hoping the meet comes down to the 4X4 because I will like our chances in that race. (You) have to have the horses ready to run," Miller continued.

MARTINS FERRY, which won last year's girls title, will look to excell in the distance events.

"With the points being spread out we have a chance to be in the top three. We have to get everybody healthy before Thursday," Fitch said.

The Purple Riders will be led by senior Mandy Bruney in the two long distance races.

Junior Katrina Jones will be in the 800 meter run, while freshman Amy Bruney also adds depth for the Lady Purple.

Senior Susan Suriano, who has been battling injuries, will try to make her presence felt in the shot put and discus.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE will be one of the teams knocking on the door for two days as the Lady Devils continue to be one of the better teams around.

"We need some unexpected things to happen. We really think that around 75 or 80 points will be enough to win it. We are really going to need to get points out of the distance events," Lady Devil head coach John Vrotsos said. "The meet is going to be a dog fight. If we get some help, we may have a shot."

The Lady Devils will be led into battle by senior-standout Bethany Piccolini. Piccolini will be the favorite in the high and long jump. She will also run on the Lady Devils' 4X2.

Lindsay Piccolini, a junior, will also be in the hunt in the high jump and long jump as well as the shot put. She, too, will run on the 800 relay team.

The Lady Devils will also need some points out of Ashley Reline and Lauren Cenkus who both run on the 800 relay team.

In the distance races, senior Cara DePalma will be looked to for big things as she will be in both the 1600 and 3200 meter run.

UNION LOCAL, which for the past three seasons, has been in the hunt for the 3-A team title, but have always seemed to come up short.

Head Coach Randy Thompson is hoping 2001 is the year when his Lady Jets can get over the hump.

"I really think we have a decent chance. Bellaire is going to be tough to beat, but we are hoping our kids can step up and run their best times," Thompson said.

Senior-standout Amanda Mercer will be one of the Lady Jets expected to score some big points. Mercer will be entered in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes as well as running on a sprint relay.

Junior Rachael Schumacher could also be a factor in the 200 and 400 meter dash. Senior Miranda Thompson will be one of the key members of the 800 meter run field.

Senior Missy Bethel will be one of the top pole vaulters as she went over the eight foot mark this past weekend.

IN 4-A Buckeye Local is the lone local entrant.

The Panthers will enter senior-standout Ben Bolock in the three distance races.

Kyle Twardoski will try provide the Panthers with some scoring in the two hurdling events.

The Panthers also have a crack shuttle team, which has ran under 1:02 this season.

The Lady Panthers, meanwhile, will enter sophomore Lacie Kolkedy in the two short sprint races. Buckeye Local also has a

Class 1-A, 2-A preview

Small schools kick off OVAC track meets

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is set to crown its track and field champions for the 2001 season.

The coronation process will be divided up over a four-day period at two local sites.

Action in 1-A and 2-A will begin Wednesday evening at Shadyside's Fleming Field and will conclude for the small schools on Friday.

The 3-A and 4-A classes will begin their quest to a conference title on Thursday at Brooke.

Action at Shadyside will begin at 4 p.m. with trials and finals in the girls' pole vault, which will be immediately followed by the 2-A boys pole vault; 2-A boys long jump; 1-A girls high jump; 2-A girls shot put; 1-A boys discus.

At promptly 5 p.m., trials and finals in the 1-A boys long jump, 2-A girls high jump, 1-A girls shot

put, 2-A boys discus and 1-A boys pole vault will be staged.

The first running action of the day will begin at 4:30 p.m. with 2-A girls and 2-A boys 100 meter dash, which will be followed by the 2-A girls 100 meter hurdle prelims. The boys 110 meter high hurdle prelims will follow.

The first final of the meet will be the 1-A girls 4X800 relay, which will be followed by the trials of the 2-A girls and 2-A boys 200 meter dash.

Another final will be staged after the half-lap dash prelims as the 2-A girls 3200 meter run will take place.

Following the eight-lap event will be the semifinals in all classes of the 100 meter dash.

Another final follows the 100 dash semifinals as the 1-A boys 4X8 will be ran.

The 3200 meter relay will set the stage for the

semifinals in all classes of the high hurdles.

The first 2-A boys final of the meet will be the next event on the track as the 3200 meter run will be staged.

Following all class semifinals of the 400 meter dash will be the final of the girls' 2-A 4X8.

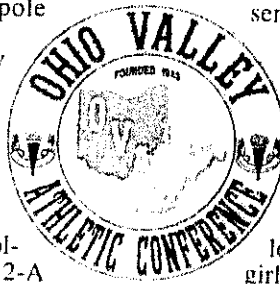
The 300 hurdle semifinals will follow the 2-A 4X8, which will be followed by the 3200 meter run for the 1-A girls.

The final event of the first day will be the semifinals of the 200 meter dash for all classes.

At first glimpse it looks as if the 2-A race in both boys and girls will be the most competitive amongst the four classes.

With as many as seven teams having legitimate shots of taking home team hardware, this may be the hardest race to predict.

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The Wildcats took the 4X800 while Rebekah Pryor was the high jump champion at 4-7. Brianne Cattran won the 3,200 for the Irish in 13:22.1 while the 'Dogs' Valerie Reed impressed with a 39-4 put of the shot.

While the 'Cats have the early lead, the Bulldogs still have freshman phenom Brittany Hocker in the three sprint events and Tabitha Price could be a force in the hurdle events and the 200.

Beallsville's Jimmy Bable won the Class A long jump with a 19-9 leap while Bridgeport's Donnie Wilson twirled the platter 127-1 for a win and the Bulldog 4X800 team scored an impressive 10 points en route to victory.

Valley's Randy Streets won the pole vault with a 7 ft. mark.

OVAC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class A-AA (at Fleming Field, Shadyside) Class AA Boys Team Scoring

1. River 33; 2. Barnesville 24; 3. Shadyside 19; 4. Wheeling Central 18; 5. Toronto 14; 6. Wellsville 10; 7. Steubenville Central 3; 8. Linsly 2; 9. Caldwell 1.

Finals

Discus — 1. Andy Kidwell (Tor.), 145-0.50; 2. Gordon (WC), 140-9; 3. Coyne (WC), 129-6; 4. Biddle (Tor.), 126-5; 5. Henry (SCC), 123-3; 6. Lude (River), 117-7.

3,200 — 1. Chris Perun (Barnes.), 9:48.4; 2. Lewis (Shady), 10:04.2; 3. McGuire (River), 10:05.1; 4. Taylor (Barnes.), 10:12.5; 5. Sargus (Linsly), 10:16.8; 6. Hesson (Cald.), 10:19.2.

Pole Vault — 1. Tom Frye (River), 13-3; 2. VanDyke (Shady.), 12-6; 3. Barker (Barnes.), 12-0; 4. Smith (Barnes.), 11-6; 5. Potts (River), 11-6; 6. Bickmeier (Shady.), 11-0.

Long Jump — 1. Rich Sloan (Wells.), 21-0; 2. Doty (River), 20-1; 3. Price (River), 19-9; 4. Chavez (WC), 19-4; 5. Kernik (Shady.), 19-1; 6. Ford (SCC), 18-10.50.

Qualifiers

200 — Mike Kernik (Shady.); Dustin Brooks (Wells.); Rich Sloan (Wells.); Jon Pappas (Linsly); 5. Ryan Dimmerling (Cald.); Casey Gibbons (Shady.).

300 Intermediate Hurdles — Gabe Gordon (MC); Luke Hannan (Tor.); Matt Beltrondo (Shady.); Tim Price (River); Johnnie Bobek (Shady.); Jon Miller (Barnes.).

400 — Ronnie Heskett (Barnes.); Derek Allar (Barnes.); Rich Sloan (Wells.); Jon Pappas (Linsly); Ryan Dimmerling (Cald.); Bryan Tilton (Cald.).

100 — Ryan Dimmerling (Cald.); Ryan Chavez (WC); Jon Pappas (Linsly); Gregg Collins (Wells.); Dustin Brooks (Wells.); Casey Gibbons (Shady.).

110 High Hurdles — Tim Price (River); Gabe Gordon (MC); Johnnie Bobek (Shady.); Matt Beltrondo (Shady.); Jacob Stanley (Wells.); Chris Conlon (Tor.).

Class AA Girls Team Scoring

1. Barnesville 46; 2. Shadyside 35; 3. River 16; 4. (tie) Caldwell, Linsly, Shendandoah, Toronto and Steubenville Central 10; 9. (tie) Wheeling Central and Wellsville 4.

Finals

Shot Put — 1. Misty Leach (Shen.), 34-9; 2. Brown (Barnes.), 31-8; 3. Hartline (River), 31-5; 4. Welch (Barnes.), 29-8.50; 5. Kovalo (Shady.), 28-9.50; 6. Yeso (Linsly), 27-9.50.

High Jump — 1. Jamie Keenan (Tor.), 5-0; 2. Johnson (Shady.), 4-10; 3. Bilyeu (Barnes.), 4-10; 4. Schoepner (Cald.), 4-10; 5. Corabi (SCC), 4-10; 6. Walker (Linsly), 4-8.

Pole Vault — 1. Jessica Gehrig (River) (Meet record), 9-1; 2. Gavlik (Shady.), 8-0; 3. Anderson (Barnes.), 7-0; 4. Capuano (Linsly), 7-0; 5. Allison (WC), 7-0; 6. Falbo (Shady.), 6-0.

3,200 — 1. Mollie Morgan (Barnes.), 12:11.20; 2. Holenka (Shady.), 12:37.1; 3. Gilloon (SCC), 12:52.9; 4. Mackall (Wells.), 13:03.5; 5. Kemp (Barnes.), 13:06.8; 6. Przybysz (WC), 13:09.2.

4X800 Meter Relay — 1. Barnesville, 9:56.9; 2. Shadyside, 10:03.4; 3. Caldwell, 10:41.4; 4. Linsly, 10:43.3; 5. Steubenville Central, 11:16.3; 6. Wheeling Central, 11:26.9.

Qualifiers

400 — Bethany Sloan (WC); Bridget Plesich (SCC); Jennie Castle (Barnes.); Krista Jorris (MC); Molly Parsons (Linsly); Alicia Basinger (WC).

300 Low Hurdles — Hannah Stephen (Barnes.); Jessie Werner (Linsly); Jamie Keenan (Tor.); Alicia Corabi (SCC); Jessica Gehrig (River); Lindsay Jovicic (Shady.).

100 High Hurdles — Jamie Keenan (Tor.); Lindsay Jovicic (Shady.); Brandi Walker (River); Leighann Fry (River); Lacie Krupa (Shady.); Nicole Yeager (Linsly).

100 — Johnna Fabian (SCC); Molly Parsons (Linsly); Caroline Palmer (WC); Rachel Thatcher

Class A Boys Team Scoring

1. Bridgeport 29; 2. Paden City 17; 3. (tie) Valley and Bellaire St. Johns 16; 5. Beallsville 12; 6. Cameron 10; 7. Conotton Valley 2; 8. Bishop Donahue 1.

Finals

4X800 Meter Relay — 1. Bridgeport, 9:13.0; 2. Paden City, 9:25.2; 3. Bellaire St. Johns, 9:48.3; 4. Cameron, 9:50.4; 5. Beallsville, 10:06.8; 6. Conotton Valley, 12:28.3.

Long Jump — 1. Jimmy Bable (Bealls.), 19-9; 2. Cline (PC), 19-4; 3. Brown (Cam.), 18-10.50; 4. Carlier (BSJ), 18-2; 5. Hilden (CV), 16-9; 6. Carter (Bport), 16-3.

Discus — 1. Donnie Wilson (Bport), 127-1; 2. Honecker (Bport), 118-10; 3. Leek (Valley), 105-8; 4. Timko (BSJ), 102-1.50; 5. Strauss (BSJ), 100-10; 6. Joy (PC), 99-2.5.

Qualifiers

110 High Hurdles — Scott Bates (Valley); Jimmy Bable (Bealls.); Josh Franklin (Cam.); Daniel Hatcher (PC); Cory Rinkes (BSJ); Shawn Fullerton (Cam.).

400 — Jakob Hilden (CV); Willie McCrary (Bport); Simon Setcavage (WM); Chad Ollom (BSJ); Sam Carter (Bport); John Butts (BSJ).

300 Intermediate Hurdles — Rob Souza (Bport); Jimmy Bable (Bealls.); Joshua Beaty (PC); Cory Rinkes (BSJ); Tucker Brown (Cam.); Shawn Fullerton (Cam.).

100 — Michael Rykowski (BSJ); Ryan Hizer (PC); Anthony Cline (PC); Simon Setcavage (WM); Jody Polus (BD); Rusty Vossen (BD).

200 — Chad Ollom (BSJ); Willie McCrary (Bport); Anthony Cline (PC); Shawn Catelano (BD); Jody Polus (BD); John Butts (BSJ).

Class A Girls Team Scoring

1. Paden City 44; 2. Bellaire St. John's 31; 3. Bridgeport 26; 4. Cameron 14; 5. Valley 9; 6. Mount de Chantal 8; 7. (tie) Weirton Madonna and Beallsville 1.

Finals

Pole Vault — 1. Meggan Mikes (PC), 7-0. no second thru sixth.

Shot Put — 1. Valerie Reed (Bport), 39-4; 2. Mason (Cam.), 31-6; 3. Ueltschy (Valley), 30-5.50; 4. Clegg (BSJ), 29-5; 5. Shockley (PC), 27-8.50; 6. Kinkade (Valley), 27-1.25.

3,200 — 1. Brianne Cattran (BSJ), 13:22.1; 2. Kozel (BSJ), 13:41.3; 3. Zervos (McC), 13:59.4; 4. Sapp (PC), 14:17.4; 5. Strickler (PC), 15:09.8; 6. Holiday (Bealls.), 16:05.0.

High Jump — 1. Rebekah Pryor (PC), 4-7; 2. Vavrock (Bport), 4-6; 3. Spencer (PC), 4-4; 4. Tomolonis (Bport), 4-4; 5. Kinkade (Valley), 4-2; 6. Bonomo (BSJ), 4-0.

4X800 Meter Relay — 1. Paden City, 10:32.4; 2. Bellaire St. Johns, 10:58.4; 3. Cameron, 11:07.1; 4. Bridgeport, 11:56.4; 5. Mount de Chantal, 12:10.3; 6. Weirton Madonna, 14:02.6.

Qualifiers

300 Low Hurdles — Chelsey Kimble (CV); Jillian DeMatte (BSJ); Tessie Ezzo (WM); Tabitha Price (Bport); Trista Space (PC); Allison Toman (PC).

100 — Michelle Reynolds (BSJ); Vellisha Ingold (Valley); Brittany Hocker (Bport); Tiffany Heinzman (PC); Tori Campbell (Cam.); Jesse Natali (PC).

200 — Tori Campbell (Cam.); Belinda Ronevich (BSJ); Brittany Hocker (Bport); Tabitha Price (Bport); Courtney Ogilbee (BSJ); Megan Ueltschy (Valley).

400 — Jessie Teska (Cam.); Sheena Paden (PC); Brittany Hocker (Bport); Courtney Ogilbee (BSJ); Belinda Ronevich (BSJ); Courtney Tomolonis (Bport).

100 High Hurdles — Lindsey Bugaj (BSJ); Erica Raskovitch (Bport); Jillian DeMatte (BSJ); Tabitha Price (Bport); Trista Space (PC); Allison Toman (PC).

OVAC small school meet opens

By **SETH STASKEY**
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The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cal Giffin Track Championships got off and running Wednesday evening under warm conditions at Shadyside's Fleming Field.

In 2-A, which many people feel is the most competitive of all classes, River boys and Barnesville girls jumped to the first-day lead.

In single A, Bridgeport's boys and Paden City's girls got out of the blocks quickly and assumed a first-day lead.

THE 2-A BOYS' race appears that it could come down to the meet's final event, Friday evening.

The 4X400 meter relay could be the deciding factor as River, Barnesville and Shadyside are all within striking distance.

The Pilots ended the first day with 33 points, while the Shamrocks were second with 24 and Shadyside rounded out the top three with 19 markers.

Coach Tim Frye's Pilots grabbed the early lead thanks to a strong showing in the pole vault.

Coach Frye's son, Tom, captured the Hannibal-based school's sixth straight 2-A pole vault.

Tom Frye went over the bar as it rested at 13-ft-3, which established a new OVAC standard.

"It means a lot to be the OVAC champion. We have had the champion for the last six years and I just wanted to keep that going. My goal today was to break the school record," the modest Frye said.

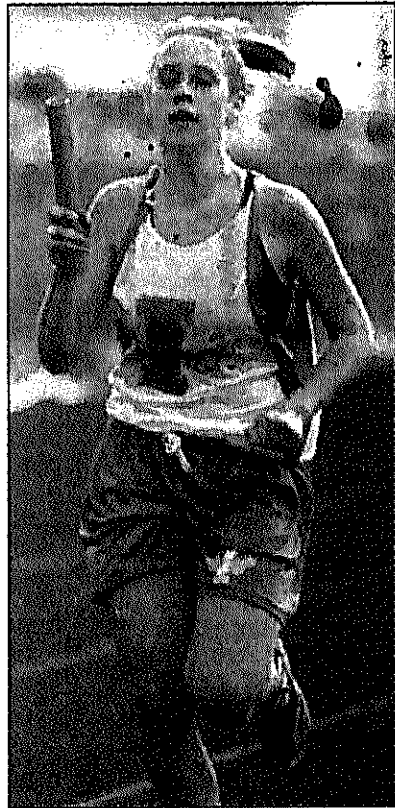
Freshman Eric Doty played his role as he placed second in the long jump with a mark of 20-ft-1, while senior Tim Price went 19-ft-9 to earn the third place award.

Freshman Pat McGuire added a third place in the 3200 meter run as he ran eight laps in 10:05.1.

Ryan Potts placed fifth in the pole vault, while Jeremy Lude added a sixth place award in the discus.

Barnesville was led by junior-ace Chris Perun who captured the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:48.4.

The Shamrocks also received
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RIVER'S Eric Doty (top left) leaps to a second place finish in the OVAC 2-A long jump competition Wednesday at Fleming Field in Shadyside. Lady Pilot senior standout **Jessica Gehrig** (top right) vaulted to an OVAC record 9-feet-1 to win the event. Barnesville freshman **Molly Morgan** (bottom left) prevailed in the 2-A 3200-meter run. St. John Central frosh **Brianne Cattran** (bottom right), won the 1-A 3200-meter run as well as helping the Lady Irish to a second place finish in the 4X800 relay.

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key points from Chad Barker and Nate Smith as they placed third and fourth, respectively.

Sean McCrate's western Belmont Countians also received a fourth place finish in the 10:12.5.

Shadyside, which did a good job of qualifying runners into Friday's finals, received a pair of second place finishes on the opening night.

Coach Joel Joseph's team was led by the senior combination of Andrew Lewis and Donnie Van Dyke.

Lewis placed second in the 3200 with a time of 10:04.2, while Van Dyke added a second in the pole vault. He cleared 12-ft-6.

Freshman Shane Bickmeir added a sixth place in the pole vault, while junior Mike Kernik placed fifth in the long jump.

Andy Kidwell of Toronto and Richie Sloan of Wellsville captured the two other final events of the opening day. Kidwell won the discus with a toss of 145-0.5, while Sloan leaped off the board to a mark of 21-0 to win the long jump.

THE 1-A BOYS race also appears to be wide open after the first day of action.

Bridgeport used a strong hold in the field events to grab the first day lead.

Donnie Wilson won the discus as he heaved the plate 127-1, while Greg Honecker placed second in the discus with a mark of 118-10.

The 'Dogs also won the 3200 meter relay in a time of 9:13.0.

St. John Central, which qualified several runners into the finals, were led by a third place finish in the 4X8 with a time of 9:48.3.

The Irish also saw Jason Timko and Eric Strauss place in the discus, while Matt Carlier was fourth in the long jump.

Beallsville also captured a first-day title as the Blue Devils Jimmy Bable won the long jump with a mark of 19-ft-9.

Valley also produced a OVAC champion as the Lumberjacks' Randy Streets was the only pole vaulter to clear a height. He went over seven feet for the win.

THE 2-A GIRLS meet appears to be a two-team race as Barnesville, which racked up 46 points and Shadyside, which closed with 35, appear to be running away and hiding from the rest of the field.

The Lady Shamrocks produced two winners as the distance contingent continued to produce.

Freshman-ace Molly Morgan got the Lady 'Rocks off to a strong start as she won the 3200 meter run in a time of 12:11.2.

"I wasn't really happy with my

time, but I still won the race and helped the team, so I guess it doesn't matter," the personable Morgan said.

The Lady Shamrocks' 4X800 team set a new meet record along with winning the title.

The quartet turned in an impressive time of 9:56.9, which broke the old mark, which stood for 15 years.

Barnesville also received a second-place finish in the shot put as Ashley Brown heaved the iron ball 31-ft-8 for the silver medal.

Freshman Emily Bilyeu placed third in the high jump, while Liza Anderson was third in the pole vault.

Katie Welch was fourth in the shot put, while Angie Kemp was fifth in the 3200.

Shadyside combated the Barnesville titles with a quartet of second-place finishes.

Senior-standout Ashley Holenka was runnerup in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:37.1.

Sophomore Jody Gavlick was second in the pole vault with a leap of eight feet.

The Lady Tigers' 4X8 team of Tristin Miracle, Jessica Melanko, Andrea Lewis and Holenka also placed second in a time of 10:30.4

Sophomore Jenna Johnson added a second place award in the high jump as she cleared 4-ft-10.

River continued its stronghold in the pole vault on the girls' side.

Senior-standout Jessica Gehrig also set a new record in the pole as she cleared 9-ft-1 for the OVAC title.

"I was pretty happy with what I did. It was my personal best and a new meet record. I just felt really good today. My goal was nine foot and I got it, so I am now going to go for 10," Gehrig said.

THE 1-A GIRLS is also far from over as St. John Central and Bridgeport will both receive a ton of points when action resumes on the track Friday evening.

St. John Central was led by its distance running on the opening day. Freshman-phenom Briannie Cattran captured the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:22.1, while junior Natalie Kozel placed second with a 13:41.3.

The Lady Irish 4X8 team of Cattran, Kozel, Maran Kajfez and Marri Kajfez placed second with a time of 10:58.4.

The Lady Bulldogs, which closed with 26 points, also had a champion as senior-standout Valerie Reed heaved the iron ball 39-ft-4 to win the shot put competition.

OVAC Meet Opens

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

The stage has been set for some potential Friday night fireworks at Fleming Field in Shadyside as action got underway in the small-school Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track championships Wednesday night.

In Class AA, River has jumped out to the early lead in boys action, scoring 33 points yesterday with Barnesville in second at 24 and the host Tigers third with 19. Meanwhile, the Lady Shamrocks own a 46-35 upperhand on Shadyside on the distaff side with the Pilots a distant third with 16.

In Class A, Paden City tallied 44 first day points in the boy's meet with St. John's second at 31 and Bridgeport third with 26. The Bulldogs impressed with 29 points on the girl's side with Paden City second at 17 and Valley and the Fighting Irish knotted at 16.

Tom Frye led River's opening-day assault, establishing a record in the pole vault with a 13-3 effort while Wellsville's Rich Sloan soared 21 feet to take the long jump title. Toronto's Andy Kidwell provided the Red Knights with 10 markers, twirling the discus 145-1/2.

Barnesville's Chris Perun impressed with a 9:48.4 clocking to take the 3,200 meter run.

The Shamrocks, who should pile up the points in the remaining distance events Friday along with Jennie Castle in the 400, watched Mollie Morgan break the tape in the 3,200 in 12:11.2. Barnesville also eased to victory in the 4X800 in 9:56.9, over a

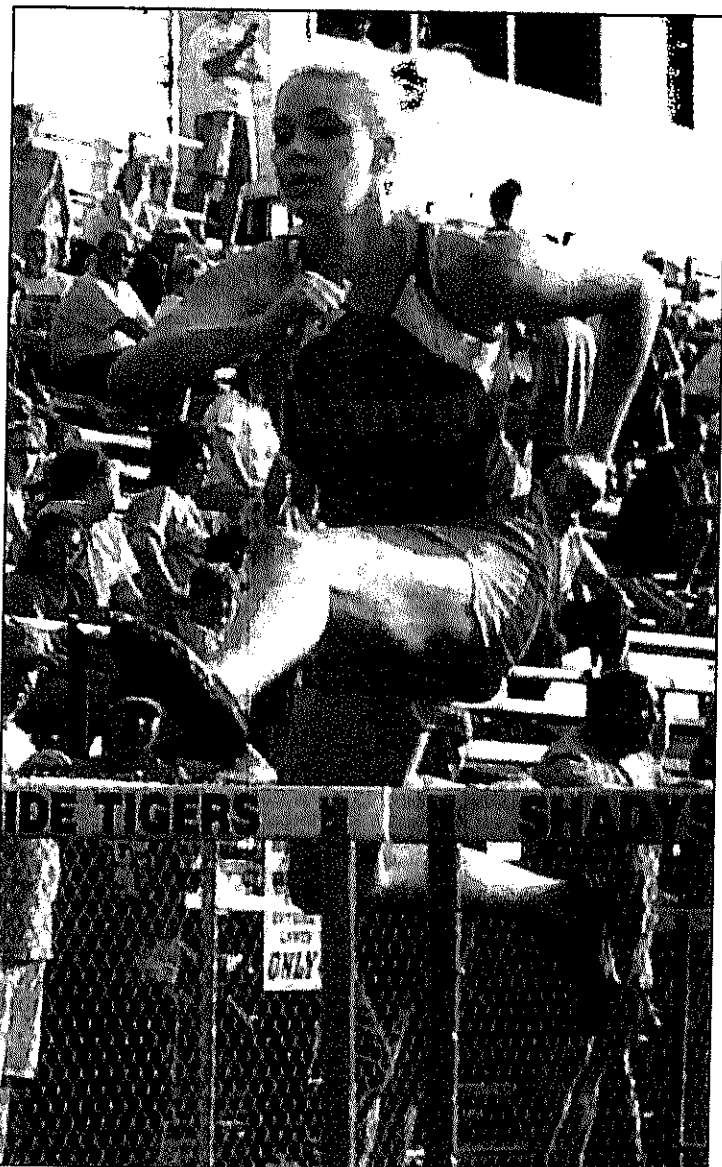


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

River's Leighann Fry flies over a hurdle during the OVAC Class AA-A Track Championships at Shadyside's Fleming Field on Wednesday. The small school meet concludes on Friday, while the Class AAAA-AAA Championships begin today at Brooke Memorial Stadium in Wellsville.

half-minute faster than runner-up Shadyside.

Toronto's Jamie Keenan, who could make some noise in both hurdle finals, won the high jump with a 5 ft. effort while River's Jessica Gehrig established a meet mark in the pole vault with

a 9-1 vault. Paden City, Bridgeport and St. John's, which all received individual victories Wednesday, could provide a bang-bang finish for the team title Friday night.

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The boys AAAA only had four events finalized as the pole vault was postponed due to darkness.

Ben Bolock of Buckeye Local won the 3200 in a time of 9:45.75. Tony Jones of Steubenville's throw of 133-7 in the discus earned him the win while Chris Starkey of Zanesville edged teammate Harry Garland in the long jump.

The finals will take place on Saturday at Brooke Memorial Stadium, with the field events set to get underway at 10:30 a.m., while the running events will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bellaire sweeps

• Reds capture both AAA championships

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference put the lid on its 2001 Track and Field Championships as the 3-A and 4-A final round was staged at Brooke High under warm conditions.

Bellaire made it a clean sweep in the 3-A division as the Lady Big Reds closed with 92 points and narrowly held off a charge from both St. Clairsville and Martins Ferry.

The Big Reds' boys ended the two-day event with 115.5 points, while Magnolia was second with 102 points.

Wheeling Park's boys and Cambridge's girls won the 4-A trophies as the Patriots ended with 131 points, followed by Buckeye Local, which had 80 markers.

The Lady Bobcats tallied 150 points, while Wheeling Park mustered only 90 for the second place award.

THE 3-A BOYS' race was a nip-and-tuck battle throughout as neither Bellaire nor Magnolia was able to ever really gain an upperhand heading into the last few events.

"We got key efforts from everybody. It was a total team effort. We pretty much did what we expected to do. Magnolia gave us a heck of a run," veteran Bellaire coach Monte Miller said.

The Big Reds got the day rolling in the right direction as senior-standout Courtney Redman captured the 100 meter dash in a time of 11.63.

Senior Matt Materkoski earned a gold medal in the 110 meter high hurdles as he turned in a 15.42.

"We knew we were strong in the sprints and the hurdles, and that really set the tone and we just seemed to rollercoaster on," Miller said.

Freshman-phenom Adam Lucci won his first OVAC title as he captured the shot put with a heave of 47-ft-3.

The Big Reds' 4X200 team of Redman, Josh Baldwin, Maurice Jeffries and Brock Redman teamed for the 3-A title and a time of 1:33.27.

The Big Reds also captured the 4X100 as the same foursome of the 800 relay teamed up again for a time of 44.69 and the title.

Senior Donald Abbuhl placed second in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and the Bellaire shuttle team of

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MARTINS FERRY senior Susan Suriano prepares for her discus throw during Saturday's OVAC Class AAA/AAAA Track & Field Championships at Brooke High School. Suriano captured first place in the event with an effort of 108-feet-3-inches.

OVAC CLASS AAAA-AAA TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

OVAC AAAA/AAA Track Championships (At Brooke Memorial Stadium, Wellsburg)

Boys AAAA

Team Scoring (Through Four Events)
1. East Liverpool 32; 2. Zanesville 28; 3. Steubenville 20; 4. Buckeye Local 14; 5. Brooke 12; 6. Wheeling Park 9; 7. John Marshall 7; 8. Cambridge 2

Finals
3200: Ben Bolock (BuL) 9:45.75; Justin Campbell (EL) 10:14.00; Mark Montgomery (EL) 10:14.75; Ryan Smith (Brk) 10:16.00; Corey Neal (JM) 10:17.32; Mike Lyons (WP) 10:24.92

4x800: East Liverpool (Chris Campbell, Mark Montgomery, Jake Kinsey, Justin Campbell) 8:27.71; Wheeling Park 8:35.60; Steubenville 8:36.10; Buckeye Local 8:44.06; John Marshall 8:44.98; Cambridge 8:54.91

100: Disc: Tony Jones (Ste) 133-07; Shawn Walton (EL) 132-09; Jason Hasor (Z) 130-09; Kyle Woerner (Z) 121-06; Matt Rhome (JM) 119-04; Rick Maine (JM) 119-01

LJ: Chris Starkey (Z) 20-10.6; Harry Garland (Z) 20-06.0; Mike Mathess (Brk) 19-10.5; Cori Morrow (Ste) 19-02.0; Matt Crawford (Brk) 18-08.0; Travis Brown (Cam) 18-04.0

Qualifying Times
100: Dino Cardinali (WP) 11.28; Dustin Leeper (Cam) 11.44; Clint Falduto (WVP) 11.63; Daton Feaster (Ste) 11.67; David Archie (Weir) 11.72; Chris Starkey (Z) 11.99; Anthony Folden (Brk) 12.11; Troy Chisom (EL) 12.16

200: Dino Cardinali (WP) 22.19; Dustin Leeper (Cam) 23.26; Clint Falduto (WVP) 23.26; Clint Jones (Cam) 23.82; David Archie (Weir) 23.66; Stavan Howard (EL) 24.06; Troy Chisom (EL) 24.09; Doug Closser (BuL) 24.53

110HH: Josh Wade (JM) 15.77; Kyle Twardoski (BL) 15.98; Jason Ritchie (BL) 16.66; William Carman (WVP) 16.70; Craig Owens (Brk) 17.18; Nick Stefanow (WVP) 17.17; Kevin Searie (Z) 17.26; Craig Saft (C) 17.27

Girls AAAA

Team Scores (Through Five Events)
1. Cambridge 45; 2. Wheeling Park 25; 3. Steubenville 15; 4. Weir 14; 5. (tie) Edison, Brooke 13; 7. (tie) Zanesville, East Liverpool, John Marshall 8; 10. Buckeye Local 6

Finals

3200: Ashley Dunigan (Cam) 11:42.08; Brittany Zumpetta (Brk) 12:56.27; Nicole Lemal (Weir) 13:01.84; Mandi Robb (Z) 13:13.23; Jeanne Schreck (S) 13:16.34; Mallory Roadman (Brk) 13:22.16

4x800: Steubenville (Jeanne Schreck, Jessica Salonica, Amber Dorony, Tysha Wesley) 10:37.80; John Marshall 10:41.46; East Liverpool 10:43.41; Brooke 10:47.20; Zanesville 10:52.93; Wheeling Park 10:53.32

Shot: Rachael Clifford (Cam) 34-08; Jamie Byers (Cam) 34-05; Emily Ingole (Ed) 33-11; Emilee Rutledge (Ed) 33-04; Tashia Wigal (Z) 31-10; Katie Smith (EL) 28-10

HJ: Ashley Hollins (Cam) 5-4; Nicole Flora (Weir) 5-0; Brianna Kosar (WP) 4-10; Jamie Guillen (Ste) 4-8; Natalee Noche (Cam) 4-8; Katie Smith (EL) 4-8

PV: Stephanie Shaffer (WP) 8-0; Kristen Husted (WP) 8-0; Courtney Cefus (BuL) 7-0; Brandi Hollins (Cam) 7-0; Shana Keenan (Ed) 6-6; Sarah Mills (Ed) 6-6

Qualifying Times
100: Tynetta Anderson (EL) 12.91; Victoria Hamilton (Cam) 13.08; Lacy Kolkedy (BuL) 13.14; Yvonne Hamilton (Cam) 13.28; Kaci Francis (JM) 13.46; Mechall-Lee Sachini (Brk) 13.67; Mocha Blangor (Ste) 13.70; Alicia Strong (WP) 13.81

200: Tynetta Anderson (EL) 25.90; Yvonne Hamilton (Cam) 26.46; Lacy Kolkedy (BuL) 27.27; Jesamyn Fuscardo (Brk) 27.81; Kaci Francis (JM) 26.87; Jessica Snyder (Ste) 27.64; Mocha Blangor (Ste) 27.88; Natalee Noche (Cam) 28.17

100HH: Kristie Lengyel (BuL) 16.36; Annie Blake (JM) 16.50; Brooke Walker (ELL) 16.83; Sarah Gurskey (Weir) 16.86; Andi Rose (WVP) 16.87; Stephanie Straganac (JM) 17.16; Shana Keenan (Ed) 17.60; Ashley Hollins (Cam) 17.71

Shot: Rachael Clifford (Cam) 34-08; Jamie Byers (Cam) 34-05; Emily Ingole (Ed) 33-11; Emilee Rutledge (Ed) 33-04; Tashia Wigal (Z) 31-10; Katie Smith (EL) 28-10

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Brandi Hollins (Cam) 7-0; Shana Keenan (Ed) 6-6; Sarah Mills (Ed) 6-6

AAA Boys

Team Scores (Through Five Events)
1. Magnolia 30; 2. St. Clairsville 19.5; 3. Oak Glen 18; 4. Bellaire 17.5; 5. (tie) Tyler Consolidated, Martins Ferry 16; 7. Meadowbrook 13; 8. Union Local 10; 9. Indian Creek 9; 10. Beaver Local 5; 11. Harrison Central 1

Finals
3200: Justin Simpson (OG) 9:57.20; Jed Perko (Bel) 9:59.54; Todd Casey (Med) 10:17.02; Jim Craig (Bvrl) 10:19.02; Matt Quinlet (Mag) 10:23.83; Matt Kidd (HC) 10:24.58

4x800: St. Clairsville (Cody Creamer, Brett Jordan, Ola Dalhen, Drew Turner) 8:14.18; Magnolia 8:25.47; Martins Ferry 8:42.22; Oak Glen 8:43.37; Indian Creek 8:47.03; Meadowbrook 8:47.83

Disc: David Blair (Mag) 152-04; Luke Mehl (StC) 151-02; Patrick Hickman (IC) 146-08; Nick Stankovich (MF) 135-04; Jason Neff (Med) 133-00; David Kinsey (Bvrl) 132-00

LJ: David Thomas (UL) 21-0; Aaron Long (Mag) 20-10; Chris Meeker (MF) 20-04; Curt Simcox (OG) 20-00; Jason Baxter (Mag) 19-09; Robert Christian (IC) 18-10

PV: Andrew Mercer (TC) 12-00; Brandon Lodi (Bel) 11-00; Justin Gaiser (TC) 10-06; Jeremy Leacock (Med) 9-06; Andy Bresiger (Bel) 9-0; Scott Bertolo (StC) 9-0

Qualifying Times
100: Paul Gabel (Med) 11.28; B. Redman (Bel) 11.61; Robert Christian (IC) 11.73; Brian Cave (OG) 11.87; Luke Snyder (BT) 11.96; Josh Able (UL) 11.72; John Yoder (MF) 11.51; Courtney Redman (Bel) 11.62

200: Paul Gabel (Med) 22.86; Luke Snyder (BT) 23.54; John Yoder (MF) 23.60; Courtney Redman (Bel) 23.81; Rance Everly (OG) 23.65; Josh Able (UL) 23.84; Aaron Long (Mag) 23.96; Dennis Valentine (Med) 24.11

110HH: Curt Simcox (OG) 15.54; Don Abbuhl (Bel) 15.75; Justin Krise (Med) 15.99; Josh Natali (Mag) 16.41; Matt Materkoski (Bel) 15.68; Andrew Mercer (TC) 16.53; Duatin Eubanka (Med) 16.64; Greg Davison (StC) 17.57

AAA Girls

Team Scores (Through Five Events)
1. Martins Ferry 38; 2. St. Clairsville 30; 3. Oak Glen 11.5; 4. Bellaire 11; 5. Meadowbrook 10; 6. (tie) Magnolia, Buckeye Trail 8; 8. Union Local 7; 9. Beaver Local 1.5; 10. Indian Creek 1-

Finals
3200: Mandy Bruney (MF) 11:41.73; Arny Bruney (MF) 12:19.21; Katie Bradshaw (BT) 12:36.87; Ann Chaney (OG) 12:46.87; Cara DaPalma (StC) 13:00.35; Leigh Ann Workman (Bel) 13:11.69

4x800: Martins Ferry (Amy Bruney, Jessica Hale, Mandy Bruney, Katrina Jones) 10:08.55; Magnolia High School 10:12.99; Meadowbrook 10:37.35; Oak Glen 10:48.46; Buckeye Trail 10:53.18; Union Local 10:57.24

Shot: Lindsay Piccolini (StC) 34-07; Susan Sirlanto (MF) 33-11; Vanessa Norris (UL) 33-02; Ashley Flanagan (Bel) 31-07; Megan Allison (OG) 31-03; Alicia Culp (IC) 29-03

HJ: Bethany Piccolini (StC) 5-8; Lindsay Piccolini 5-4; Kacie Vavrek (Bel) 5-2; Heidi Sichini (Med) 5-2; Paula Ferry (Bvrl) 4-8; Casey Kunkel (OG) 4-8

PV: Missy Bethel (UL) 7-08; Mandy Thompson (Med) 7-0; Julie Miller (Bel) 7-0; Jocelyn Huston (Bel) 7-0; Keisha Feaster (UL) 6-06; Arlie Aetnyler (Mag) 6-06

Qualifying Times
100: Kayla Johnson (Bel) 13.17; Amanda Mercer (UL) 13.35; Ashley Reline (StC) 13.71; Emily Williams (Bvrl) 13.77; Lauren Cenkus (StC) 13.70; Karley Yoder (MF) 13.78; Esther Hardwick (IC) 13.90; Jessilyn Secrest (Med) 14.23

200: Amanda Mercer (UL) 27.27; Brittany Hegerty (T) 27.71; Emily Williams (Bvrl) 27.87; Kayla Johnson (Bel) 28.07; Cassie Cunningham (TC) 28.36; Nikki Wilson (Bvrl) 28.44; Shyla Krupinski (HC) 28.49; Ashley Reline (StC) 28.53

100HH: Kacie Vavrek (Bel) 15.78; Ashley Bruney (MF) 17.02; Kelly Singleton (Med) 17.16; Sarah Phillips (UL) 17.74; Lindsey Sinoski (StC) 17.29; Reyna Thomas (UL) 17.77; Stefanie Starcher (T) 17.82; Arlie Detnyler (Mag) 18.12

OVAC big school crowns at stake

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The four-day Ohio Valley Athletic Conference carnival of track reached its midway point Thursday evening.

Classes 3-A and 4-A began their runs towards an OVAC banner in Wellsburg at the Brooke High oval.

Magnolia grabbed the lead in the boys' 3-A division, while Martins Ferry paced the competition after five events on the girls' side.

In 4-A, the Cambridge girls have built a huge lead, while the Zanesville boys are holding the top spot entering Saturday's final.

IN CLASS 3-A, the Blue Eagles have accumulated 30 points through five events, while St. Clairsville is second with 19.5.

The Blue Eagles were led by David Blair who won the discus with a toss of 152-4.

The Red Devils received a champion in the early going as the Red Devils' crack 4X8 team of Cody Creamer, Brett Jordan, Ola Dahlen and Drew Turner combined their two-lap talents for a time of 8:14.18 and the OVAC title.

Senior Luke Mehl placed second in the discus throw with a heave of 151-ft-2 to aid the Devils' scoring.

Bellaire, which coming in was one of the favorites, got off to a solid start as the Big Reds tallied 17.5 points and are currently sitting in fourth place.

The Big Reds were led by solid-sophomore Jed Perko who placed second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:59.54.

Brandon Lodi placed second in the pole vault as he soared over the bar resting at 11-feet.

Union Local closed the first day with 10 points and are in eighth place.

Junior-standout David Thomas continued his dominance in the local long jump scene as he prevailed with a mark of 21-feet.

"I just tried to keep concentrating when I was jumping. It is exciting to win the OVAC title. I felt good today," Thomas said.

THE 3-A GIRLS meet appears that it could come down to the wire with the Lady Purple Riders, St. Clairsville and Bellaire all in the hunt when Saturday's competition begins.

The Lady Riders are sitting at the top thanks to a strong showing in the distance races.

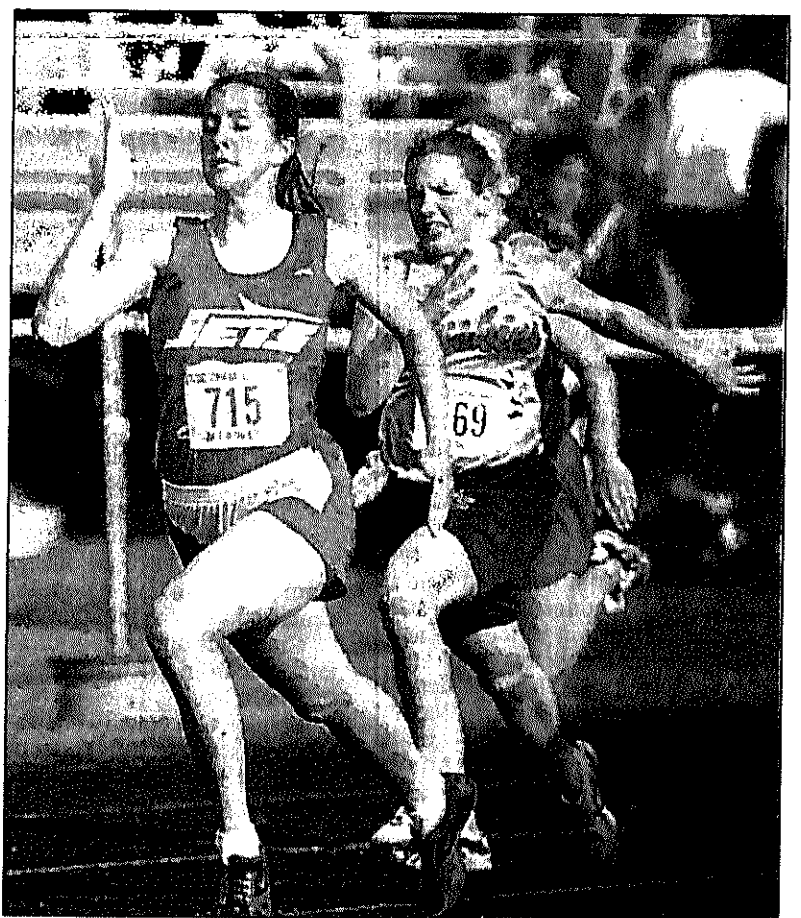
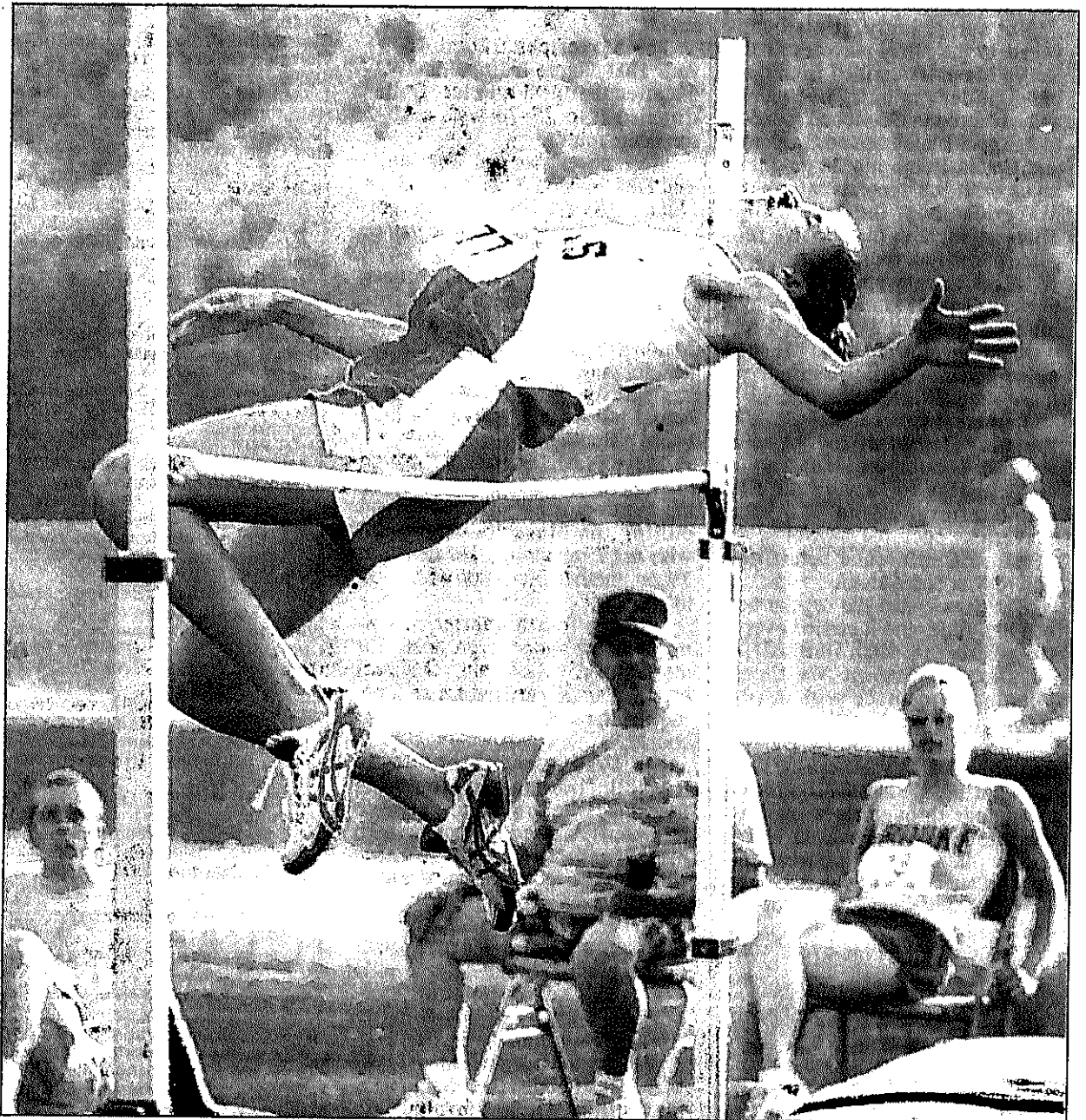
The Purple received yet another 3200 meter run title from senior-standout Mandy Bruney.

Bruney actually captured her fourth straight Class 3-A eight-lap title. She did it in impressive fashion as she turned in a season's best clocking of 11:41.73.

"I felt really good. I lost about 10 pounds in about a month and I feel a lot better. I thought I could run faster than I did. I am happy that I am running better now because I did not want my senior year to end with me not running well," the personable Bruney said.

The Lady Riders also prevailed in the 4X8 as the team of Bruney, Amy Bruney, Jessica Hale and Katrina Jones all teamed up for an impressive time of 10:08.55.

Amy Bruney, Mandy's younger



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Bethany Piccolini (top photo) soars to an OVAC 3-A record 5-foot-8 in the high jump during Thursday's big school track championship at Brooke High School. Martins Ferry's Mandy Bruney (bottom left photo) runs her leg on the Lady Purple Riders victorious 4X800 relay team. She also won the 3200-meter run. Union Local's Amanda Mercer (bottom right photo) qualified for the final in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes.

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sister, placed second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:19.21.

Senior-standout Susan Suriano earned the silver medal in the shot put as she launched the iron ball some 33-ft-11.

St. Clairsville used a strong opening day in the field events and the Lady Red Devils are not done in the field.

The Lady Devils were led by

once again, the Piccolini sisters, Bethany and Lindsay.

Bethany Piccolini, the Division II state long jump champion, continued her area dominance in the high jump. She remained unbeaten and did so in record fashion.

Piccolini soared over the bar at 5-ft-8, which broke both the meet and Brooke High stadium record.

"I really like this pit and I was

happy to get 5-ft-8 again. I hadn't gotten it in a while and I was a little down. I am feeling a lot better now. I thought I had peaked already, but this helped. I am hoping to go for personal best Saturday in the long jump," a smiling Piccolini said.

Lindsay Piccolini, who is a junior, would not let her older sister

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OVAC 3-A Results

Girls Team Scoring

Martins Ferry, 36; St. Clairsville, 30; Bellaire, 22; Union Local, 19; Meadowbrook, 17; Oak Glen, 11.5; Magnolia, 9; Buckeye Trail, 8; Beaver Local, 1.5; Indian Creek, 1.

3,200M RUN

1. Mandy Bruney, Martins Ferry 11:41.73; 2. Amy Bruney, Martins Ferry 12:19.21; 3. Katie Bradshaw, Buckeye Trail 12:35.87; 4. Ann Chaney, Oak Glen 12:46.67; 5. Cara DePalma, St. Clairsville 13:00.35; 6. Leigh Ann Workman, Bellaire 13:11.69.

4X800

1. Martins Ferry (M. Bruney, A. Bruney, Hale, Jones) 10:08.55; 2. Magnolia 10:12.99; 3. Meadowbrook 10:37.35; 4. Oak Glen 10:48.46; 5. Buckeye Trail 10:53.18; 6. Union Local 10:57.24.

HIGH JUMP

1. Bethany Piccolini, St. Clairsville 5-08; 2. Lindsay Piccolini, St. Clairsville, 5-4; 3. Kacie Vavrek, Bellaire 5-02; 4. Heidi Sichina, Meadowbrook 5-02; 5. Paula Ferry, Beaver Local 4-08; 5. Casey Kunkel, Oak Glen 4-08.

POLE VAULT

1. Missy Bethel, Union Local 7-06; 2. Mandy Thompson, Meadowbrook 7-0; 2. Julie Miller, Bellaire 7-0; 4. Jocelyn Huston, Bellaire 7-0; 5. Keisha Feaster, Union Local 6-06; 6. Arlie Detnyler, Magnolia 6-06.

SHOT PUT

1. Lindsay Piccolini, St. Clairsville 34-07; 2. Susan Suriano, Martins Ferry 33-11; 3. Vanessa Norris, Union Local 33-02.50; 4. Ashley Flanagan, Bellaire 31-07.50; 5. Megan Allison, Oak Glen 31-03; 6. Alicia Culp, Indian Creek 29-03.

QUALIFYING TO FINALS

100M — Johnson (Bellaire); Mercer (Union Local); Reline (St. Clairsville); Williams (Beaver Local); Cenkus (St. Clairsville); Yoder (Martins Ferry); Hardwick (Indian Creek); Secrest (Meadowbrook).

200M — Mercer (Union Local); Hagerty (Tyler); Williams (Beaver); Johnson (Bellaire); Cunningham (Tyler); Wilson (Beaver); Krupinski (Harrison); Reline (St. Clairsville).

100M HH — Vavrek (Bellaire); Bruney (Martins Ferry); Singleton (Meadowbrook); Phillips (Union Local); Sinoski (St. Clairsville); Thomas (Union Local); Starcher (Tyler); Detnyler

(Magnolia).

Boys Team Scoring

Magnolia, 30; St. Clairsville, 19.5; Oak Glen, 18; Bellaire 17.5; Martins Ferry, 16; Tyler Consolidated, 16; Meadowbrook, 13; Union Local, 10; Indian Creek, 9; Beaver Local, 5; Harrison Central, 1.

3,200M RUN

1. Justin Simpson, Oak Glen 9:57.20; 2. Jed Perko, Bellaire 9:59.54; 3. Todri Casey, Meadowbrook 10:17.02; 4. Jim Craig, Beaver Local 10:19.86; 5. Matt Quinet, Magnolia 10:23.83; 6. Matt Kidd, Harrison Cen 10:24.58.

4X800

1. St. Clairsville (Turner, Dahlen, Jordan, Creamer) 8:14.18; 2. Magnolia 8:25.47; 3. Martins Ferry 8:42.22; 4. Oak Glen 8:43.37; 5. Indian Creek 8:47.03; 6. Meadowbrook 8:47.83.

POLE VAULT

1. Andrew Mercer, Tyler Consol 12-0; 2. Brandon Lodi, Bellaire 11-0; 3. Justin Gaiser, Tyler Consol 10-06; 4. Jeremy Lestock, Meadowbrook 9-06; 5. Scott Bartolo, St. Clairsvi 9-0; 5. Andy Bresiger, Bellaire 9-0.

LONG JUMP

1. David Thomas, Union Local 21-0; 2. Aaron Long, Magnolia, 20-10.75; 3. Chris Moeke, Martins Ferr 20-04; 4. Curt Simcox, Oak Glen 20-00.50; 5. Jason Baxter, Magnolia 19-09; 6. Robert Christian, Indian Creek 18-10.

DISCUS THROW

1. David Blair, Magnolia Hig 152-04; 2. Luke Mohl, St. Clairsville, 151-02; 3. Patrick Hickman, Indian Creek 146-08; 4. Nick Stankovich, Martins Ferr 135-04; 5. Jason Neff, Meadowbrook 133-0; 6. David Kinsey, Beaver Local 132-0.

QUALIFYING TO FINALS

100M — Gabel (Meadowbrook), Yoder (Martins Ferry); Snyder (Trail); Christian (Indian Creek); B. Redman (Bellaire); C. Redman (Bellaire); Abel (Union Local); Cave (Oak Glen).

200M — Gabel (Meadowbrook); Snyder (Trail); Yoder (Martins Ferry); C. Redman (Bellaire); Everly (Oak Glen); Abel (Union Local); Long (Magnolia); Valentine (Meadowbrook).

110M HH — Simcox (Oak Glen); Abuh (Bellaire); Krise (Meadowbrook); Natal (Magnolia); Materkoski (Bellaire); Mercer (Tyler); Eubanks (Meadowbrook); Davison (St. Clairsville).

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out-shine her as she tallied 18 points on the evening.

Lindsay, who placed in the Division II state high jump competition, placed second in that event as she cleared 5-ft-4.

Lindsay really helped the Lady Devils when she heaved the shot put 34-ft-7 and captured the 2001 OVAC 3-A title.

"I have been working on shot put really hard and it is the one thing I wanted to win. I am really happy, but I really think I can throw further. My form is horrible, but I am getting there," the younger Piccolini said.

St. Clairsville also received much-needed scoring from Cara DePalma in the 3200 meter run as she placed fifth.

Bellaire tallied 22 points during the opening day, but has serious points in its future when the running events start Saturday morning.

Junior-standout Kacie Vavrek, who ran to the fastest time in the high hurdles, placed third in the high jump as she cleared 5-ft-2.

Freshman Julie Miller, who is

head coach Monte Miller's daughter, placed second in the pole vault as she cleared 7-feet. Sophomore Jocelyn Huston earned the fourth place award in the pole vault.

Union Local is in fourth place with 19 points and the Lady Jets also qualified several runners into Saturday's final.

The Lady Jets were led on Thursday by Missy Bethel in the pole vault. Bethel earned the OVAC title as she cleared 7-ft-6.

Vanessa Norris added a third place finish in the shot put with a heave of 33-ft-2.5.

IN 4-A, Buckeye Local was well-represented during the first day as the Panthers closed with 14 points.

Senior-standout Ben Bolock had a hand in all of those.

Bolock captured the 3200 meter run as he ran eight laps in a time of 9:45.75.

The Panthers' 4X8 team placed fourth in a time of 8:44.06.

Courtney Cefus led the Lady Panthers as she placed third in the pole vault with a height of 7-feet.

OVAC 4-A Results

Girls Team Scoring

Cambridge, 45; Wheeling Park, 25; Steubenville, 15; Weirton, 14; Edison, 13; Brooke, 13; Zanesville, 8; East Liverpool, 8; John Marshall, 8; Buckeye Local, 6.

3,200 M RUN

1. Ashley Dunigan, Cambridge 11:42.08; 2. Brittany Zumpetta, Brooke 12:56.27; 3. Nicole Lemal, Weir H.S. 13:01.84; 4. Mandi Robb, Zanesville 13:13.23; 5. Jeanne Schreck, Steubenville 13:15.34; 6. Mallory Roadman, Brooke 13:22.16.

4X800

1. Steubenville 10:37.80; 2. John Marshal 10:41.46; 3. East Liverpo 10:43.41; 4. Brooke 10:47.20; 5. Zanesville 10:52.93; 6. Wheeling Park 10:53.32.

HIGH JUMP

1. Ashley Hollins, Cambridge 5-04; 2. Nicole Flora, Weir H.S. 5-0; 3. Brianne Kosar, Wheeling Par 4-10; 4. Natalee Noche, Cambridge 4-08; 4. Jamie Gullen, Steubenville 4-08; 6. Katie Smith, East Liverpo 4-08.

POLE VAULT

1. Stephanie Shaffer, Wheeling Par 8-0; 2. Kristin Hustead, Wheeling Par 8-0; 3. Courtney Cefus, Buckey Local 7-0; 4. Brandi Hollins, Cambridge 7-0; 5. Shana Keenan, Edison 6-06; 6. Sarah Mills, Edison 6-06.

SHOT PUT

1. Rachel Clifford, Cambridge 34-08; 2. Jamie Byers, Cambridge 34-05.50; 3. Emily Ingole, Edison 33-11; 4. Emilee Rutledge, Edison 33-04; 5. Tashia Wigal, Zanesville H 31-10; 6. Katie Smith, East Liverpo 31-08.50.

QUALIFYING TO FINALS

100M — Anderson (East Liverpool); Hamilton (Cambridge); Kolkedy (Buckeye Local); Hamilton (Cambridge); Francis (John Marshall); Sachini (Brooke); Blangor (Steubenville); Strong (Wheeling Park).

200M — Anderson (East Liverpool); Hamilton (Cambridge); Kolkedy (Buckeye Local); Fuscardo (Brooke); Francis (John Marshall); Snyder (Steubenville); Blangor (Steubenville); Noche (Cambridge).

100M HH — Lengyel (Buckeye Local);

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Boys Team Scoring

Zanesville, 36; East Liverpool, 28; Steubenville, 20; Buckeye Local, 14; Brooke, 12; Wheeling Park, 9; John Marshall, 7; Cambridge, 2.

3,200M RUN

1. Ben Bolock, Buckey Local 9:45.75; 2. Justin Campbell, East Liverpo 10:14.00; 3. Mark Montgomery, East Liverpo 10:14.75; 4. Ryan Smith, Brooke 10:15.00; 5. Corey Neal, John Marshal 10:17.32; 6. Mike Lyons, Wheeling Par 10:24.92.

4X800 METER RELAY

1. East Liverpo 8:27.71; 2. Wheeling Par 8:35.60; 3. Steubenville 8:36.10; 4. Buckey Local 8:44.06; 5. John Marshal 8:44.98; 6. Cambridge 8:54.91.

LONG JUMP

1. Chris Starkey, Zanesville 20-05.2; Harry Garland, Zanesville 0-06; 3. Mike Mathess, Brooke 19-10.50; 4. Cori Morrow, Steubenville 19-02; 5. Matt Crawford, Brooke 18-06; 6. Travis Brown, Cambridge 18-04.

DISCUS

1. Tony Jones, Steubenville 133-07; 2. Shawn Walton, East Liverpo 132-09; 3. Jason Haser, Zanesville H 130-05; 4. Kyle Woerner, Zanesville 121-06; 5. Matt Rhome, John Marshal 119-04; 6. Rick Maine, John Marshall 119-01.

QUALIFYING TO FINALS

100M — Cardinelli (Park); Leeper (Cambridge); Falduto (Park); Feaster (Steubenville); Archie (Weir); Starkey (Zanesville); Falden (Brooke); Chisom (E. Liverpool).

200M — Cardinelli (Park); Leeper (Cambridge); Falduto (Park); Jones (Cambridge); Archie (Weir); Howard (E. Liverpool); Chisom (E. Liverpool); Closser (Buckeye Local).

110M HH — Wade (John Marshall); Twardoski (Buckeye Local); Ritchie (Buckeye Local); Carman (Park); Stefanow (Park); Owens (Brooke); Saarie (Zanesville); Saft (Cambridge).

Park Boys, Cambridge Girls Lay Claim to 'AAAA' Titles

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register

A balanced Wheeling Park High boys' track squad, led by speedsters Dino Cardinali and Clint Falduto, piled up 131 total markers Saturday as the Patriots ran away with the overall team title during the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA boys' championships at Brooke Memorial Stadium.

Buckeye Local took home second with 80 points while Cambridge finished third with 76 and Zanesville rounded out the top four with 61 tallies.

The distaff side of the big-school meet turned into nothing more than the Ashley Dunigan show as Cambridge rolled up 150 points to easily outdistance runner-up Wheeling Park, which finished with 90 markers. The host Lady Bruins were third with 68 and East Liverpool ended with 56.

On the boy's side, Cardinali and Falduto combined for 57 total points, more than six of the 10 teams involved in the AAAA meet, to lead the Patriots to victory.

Cardinali did most of the damage, breaking the tape in the 100 (11.44), 200 (22.77) and 400 (50.58) meter dashes. Falduto, meanwhile, was second in the 200 and 400 and third in the 100. The pair later teamed with Jermaine Lucious and Ryan Lucki for a victory in the 4x400 meter relay (3:35.06).

Park also took home the 4x100 title with Lucious and Lucki combining with Tray Martin and Nick Stefanow in 45.34.

Buckeye Local distance standout Ben Bolock was victorious in the 1,600 (4:35.55) while finishing sec-



Wheeling Park's Dino Cardinali won the boys' 200-meter dash in 22.77 seconds in the OVAC Class AAAA track meet at Brooke High School.

ond behind Weir High's Matt Apesos in the 800 meter run (2:01.89). Panther teammate Kyle Twardoski won the 300 intermediate hurdles, skimming over the wooden planks in 42.94 and took the 110 high runner-up slot behind John Marshall's Josh Wade (15.52).

Cambridge was the 4x200 meter

relay winner in 1:34.79 while Buckeye, led by Twardoski, broke the tape in the shuttle hurdle relay.

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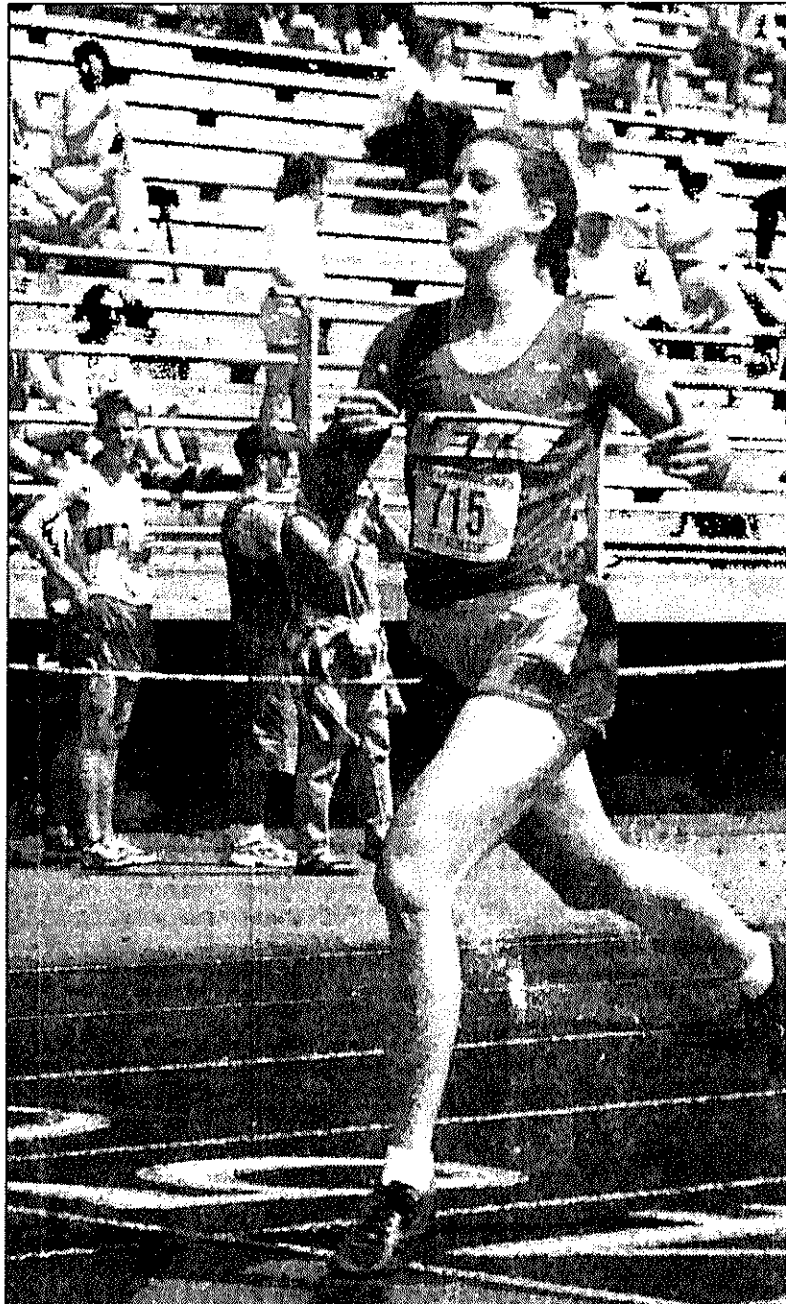
While the Bobcats' Dunigan wasn't the whole show for the AAAA girl's champs, she most certainly led the way to victory. After winning the 3,200 on Thursday, yesterday she added titles in the 800 (2:24.11), 1,600 (5:24.67) and anchored Cambridge's winning 4x400 relay unit which capped the day with victory in 4:16.67.

East Liverpool's Tynetta Anderson was a double-winner in the sprints, cruising to the 100 meter title in 12.71 and taking the 200 in 26.39 while Brooke High's Jesamyn Fuscardo clocked 1:01.19 to outdistance the 400 meter field.

Jessica Lynn added another individual title for the 'Cats, taking the 300 low hurdles in 48.66 while Buckeye Local's Kristie Lengyel won the 100 highs in 16.90.

Before winning the 4x400, Cambridge had earlier won the 4x100 (51.93) and the 4x200 (1:48.03), led in both baton-passing events by sisters Victoria and Yvonne Hamilton. John Marshall's shuttle hurdle relay squad established a meet record with Angeline Burrall, Nisha Maniar, Stephanie Strganac and Annie Blake topping the timber in 1:08.69.

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Union Local's Amanda Mercer, left, races to the finish line ahead of the girls' 200-meter dash during the OVAC Class AAAA Saturday.

Bellaire Boys, Girls Rule 'AAA' Field

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA girls' track championships turned into a Belmont County war Saturday afternoon at Brooke Memorial Stadium as three-time defending champion Martins Ferry went to the wire with county rivals Bellaire and St. Clairsville.

Unfortunately for the Purple Riders, their championship streak would not reach four as the Big Reds tallied 92 points to edge the Red Devils (90) and Ferry (87) for the top team hardware.

Meanwhile, Bellaire's boys made it a clean sweep, holding off Magnolia by a 115.5 to 102 margin with Oak Glen finishing third with 65.

St. Clairsville may have had to settle for the runner-up team trophy, but behind senior standout Bethany Piccolini, the Red Devils did manage to establish the only new meet records in the meet. After leaping 5-8 to establish the high jump mark on Thursday, Piccolini turned to her specialty yesterday.

The defending Ohio Division II long jump champion did not disappoint, soaring 18 feet 6 inches, to break the previous record (17-1) by a foot-and-a-half. It was also a personal high for the senior leaper, who had

jumped 18-5 earlier this season.

Bethany later teamed with sister Lindsay, Ashley Reline and Lauren Cenkus to break the 4x200 meter relay record with a 1:47.77 clocking.

Union Local's Amanda Mercer was a two-time sprint champion, snapping the 200 meter tape in 26.90 and winning the 400 in 59.79, just ahead of Bethany Piccolini who took second. Kayla Johnson, meanwhile, won the 100 in 13.32 and took second to Mercer in the 200.

Ferry won a pair of distance events with Katrina Jones beating teammate Amy Bruney to win the 800 (2:26.64) while the Riders' Mandy Bruney just edged Oak Glen's Ann Chaney (5:33.35 - 5:33.46) to take the 1,600.

Bellaire's Kacie Vavrek continued her mastery of the 100 meter high hurdles, clocking 15.15 while also leading the Lady Reds to victory in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:10.86). Vavrek and Johnson also teamed with Tara Uchbar and Jennifer Liberati for a 4x100 meter title (52.86).

Beaver Local's Aleece Harris took the 300 low hurdle title in 47.89 while the Magnolia foursome of Kari Wilson, Laura Peard, Vanessa Baxter and Shelly Smith won the 4x400 in 4:19.51. Ferry's Susan Suriano spun

the iron platter 108-3 for a victory.

In the boy's meet, Courtney Redman was the man in charge for the Redmen, winning the 100 in 11.63, taking second behind Meadowbrook's Paul Gabel in the 200, and leading off his squad's 4x100 (44.69) and 4x200 (1:33.27) meter relay teams. Redman was joined by Maurice Jeffreys, Josh Baldwin and Brock Redman on both of those title winners.

Matt Materkoski was the other individual champion for Bellaire on the track, taking the 110 meter high hurdles in 15.42, while freshman Adam Lucci won the first of what could be many shot put crowns with a 47-3 put.

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Oak Glen's Rance Everly captured the 400 in 51.73 while Golden Bear teammate Curt Simcox shot over the 300 intermediate hurdles in 40.11. Magnolia's Greg Preston won the high jump with a 6-4 leap while Indian Creek was the 4x400 meter relay champion.

OVAC TRACK RESULTS

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference
Class AAA-AAAA
(at Brooke Memorial Stadium)
Class AAAA

Boys
Team Scoring: 1. Wheeling Park 131; 2. Buckeye Local 80; 3. Cambridge 76; 4. Zanesville 61; 5. East Liverpool 58; 6. John Marshall 46.5; 7. Steubenville 40; 8. Weir 29; 9. Brooke 28; 10. Edison 10.5.
Shot Put — 1. Jason Haser (Zanes.), 51-11.75 (Meet record); 2. Davenport (Camb.), 50-5.50; 3. Young (WP), 43-11.75; 4. Jones (Steub.), 43-1.50; 5. Mail (Zanes.), 43-0; 6. Ludwig (EL), 42-9. High Jump — 1. Travis Brown (Camb.), 5-10; 2. Kerr (Camb.), 5-10; 3. Morgan (BL), 5-10; 4. Morrow (Steub.), 5-8; 5. Wade (JM), 5-8; 6. Swope (Zanes.), 5-8. Pole Vault — 1. Adam Albaugh (WP), 12-0; 2. High (Camb.), 11-6; 3. Salt (Camb.), 11-6; 4. Morgan (JM), 11-6; 5. Riggs (JM), 10-6; 6. Skidmore (Ed.), 10-6. 100 — 1. Dino Cardinali (WP), 11.44; 2. Leeper (Camb.), 11.69; 3. Falduto (WP), 11.91; 4. Archie (Weir), 12.12; 5. Starkey (Zanes.), 12.17; 6. Feaster (Steub.), 12.19. 200 — 1. Dino Cardinali (WP), 22.77; 2. Falduto (WP), 23.61; 3. Archie (Weir), 23.81; 4. Laeper (Camb.), 23.92; 5. Jones (Camb.), 24.26; 6. Chisom (EL), 24.60. 400 — 1. Dino Cardinali (WP), 50.58; 2. Falduto (WP), 52.08; 3. Archie (Weir), 52.47; 4. Haggerty (BL), 53.04; 5. Abbott (Steub.), 53.75; 6. Rodgers (Camb.), 53.95.
800 — 1. Matt Apesos (Weir), 2:01.89; 2. Bolock (BL), 2:03.13; 3. Clark (WP), 2:04.46; 4. Kinsey (EL), 2:04.88; 5. Oakley (Zanes.), 2:06.6; 6. West (Steub.), 2:06.86. 1,600 — 1. Ben Bolock (BL), 4:35.55; 2. Montgomery (EL), 4:41.29; 3. Jones (JM), 4:45.11; 4. Breda (Weir), 4:45.11; 5. Jones (JM), 4:45.11; 6. Breda (Weir), 4:45.11.



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CAPTURING THE OVAC Class 3-A boys title was this team from Bellaire. Front row is Percy McGhee. Second row, from left, are Matt Materkoski, Sean Huston, Donald Abbul, Courtney Redman, Jed Perko and Chris Marling. Second row, from left, are assistant coach Ed Miller, Ryan Padgett, Brock Redman, Josh Baldwin, Ryan Keyser and Adam Lucci. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Dave Ice, head coach Monte Miller, Maurice Jeffries, Aaron Agnew, assistant coach Chris Amo and David Holden.