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cross country season has reached one of its uportant weekends. al harriers, just one week short of Ohio ason competition, will run for a conference week short of Ohio I run for a conference

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross y championships will be held at wbrook High School in Byesville. The is slated to get under way at 10 a.m. with urday.

d East Liverpool (4-A), Bellaire (3-A) and ta ll Steubenville Central (1-A/2-A). C, The Lady Shamrocks and Potters cap-tured the overall crowns a year ago. Entering the meet, there appear to be sev-eral contenders in each of the three divi-sions in both the boys and girls meets. th ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, the 3-A race fit appears to be one of the most entertaining

girls enter as the favorites after enjoy-successful early season, winning invimatchups. Bellaire's g ig a highly s'



ing a J running. o Some 36 schools will be taking part in the conference meet which features three individual classes. S Cast in the role of defending champions to the girls' side are: John Marshall (4-A), Barnesville (3-A) and St. John Central (1-A/2-A). the Seeking their second consecutive boys title are: in

d tational titles at Cal Pokas, Meadowbrook, Cambridge and last weekend's OVCCL. "Our girls have been consistent all year and we really feel like we are capable of competing for the overall title," said Bellaire head coach Chris Arno. '- Th a big meet like the OVAC there are a lot of things that can happen, but hopefully when the final results come out we are right up there." "The Lady Big Reds, who are seeking their first-ever OVAC girls cross country title, are led by jun-

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ior ace Aimee Vavrek, sophomore Jade Tuttle and freshman Audra Frizzi.

One team that always figures in the OVAC team race is Mark Brown's Lady Shamrocks of Barnesville.

battled injuries thus far in 2002, are seeking yet another OVAC title, after capturing the last seven conference championships.

'At the start of the season, I would have liked our chances of winning another championship, but we have had a lot of injuries, but I still think we can have a decent showing," Brown admitted.

western Belmont The Countians have lost Molly Morgan to injury and also Sarah Anderson who was solid a season ago.

The Lady 'Rocks will enter the meet with the odds on favorite for the individual title. Freshman sensation Jenny Morgan, who has dominated the field all fall will seek her first conference title this weekend.

Barnesville's number two and three runners include Kris Schuerle and Angie Kemp.

Martins Ferry is another squad which could make some noise as junior Amy Bruney leads the Lady Riders.

The 1-A/2-A girls race also appears to be quite interesting with defending champion St. John Central and defending runner-up Shadyside again battling for the title.

The Lady Irish have been running well all season, including titles at Cambridge and Newcomerstown.

"Our girls have ran well all year despite some injuries, but Saturday will be the first time since Newcomerstown that we will run with everyone," said Lady Irish head coach Dennis Delbert. "Being the defending champion makes us a target and Shadyside is running well, so our division should be exciting.

The Green gang is led by junior ace Brianne Cattran and junior Courtney Ogilbee. Senior Marri Kajfez and sophomore Andrea Zeno round out the top four for the Guernsey Street gang

The Lady Tigers have been quite solid all season and capfured the team title at the Zanesville Invitational last week.

"I think it should be a very competitive meet with as many as three teams capable of winning," Shadyside mentor Joel Joseph said. "It is going to be a very close meet."

Leading the Lady Tigers' charge is sophomore Shayla Park.

Holenka, sophomore Whitney Sketel and senior Whitney Brown.

THE BOYS' race should be as competitive as the girls races in both the 3-A and 1-A/2-A.

IN 3-A, defending champion The Lady 'Rocks, who have Bellaire will receive a stern test from St. Clairsville which has been the area's premier team thus far.

The Red Devils -- of head coach Tony Ciroli -- have captured titles at the Belmont County, OVCCL, Watkins Memorial and Cambridge already this season.

The Devils are led by senior Bobby Fink, junior Allen Loy, senior Zac Brown and senior Eddie Sargus.

"I think it is anyone's game," said Ciroli. "We think we have a good chance, but we need our fourth and fifth runners to perform. We know Oak Glen, Bellaire and Meadowbrook are all capable of running well."

Bellaire, meanwhile, has been dealing with some injury problems, but should be in the hunt when all the scores are tallied.

'We think that St. Clairsville is the favorite, but we feel we can fit in somewhere in the mix and make some noise," Arno said. "We have taken a few on the chin the past couple of weeks and we need some people to step up for us to be contenders.

The Reds will be led into battle by the immediate area's premier male distance runner in senior standout Jed Perko.

Juniors Phil Green and Chris Marling have also been running well for Arno's army.

Another team which could be factor is Oak Glen who legitimately could have two runners near the front of the pack in seniors Justin and Josh Simpson. Justin is the defending champion in the race and also the defending West Virginia state champion.

In the 1-A/2-A boys race, St. John's and Caldwell appear to be the two teams to watch in the field.

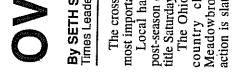
The Fighting Irish is led by sophomore Jared Wilson.

The entire OVAC Cross

Country field looks like this: 1-A/2-A -- Mount DeChantal, Cameron, Bridgeport, St. John's, Linsly, Shadyside, Wellsville, River, Wheeling Central, Steubenville Central and Caldwell.

3-A -- Barnesville, Shenandoah, Martins Ferry, Bellaire, Union Local, Magnolia, Harrison Central, St. Clairsville, Oak Glen, Indian Creek and Meadowbrook. 4-A -- Steubenville, Buckeye

ocal, Weir, Cambridge, Beaver, Edison, East Liverpool, Zanesville, Brooke, John Marshall and Wheeling





Simpson, Morgan Win **OVAC** Titles

Oak Glen veteran Justin Simpson and Barnesville freshman sensation Jenny Ireshman sensation Jenny Morgan were each victorious in the overall boys' and girls's races Saturday at the Ohio Valley Athletic Confer-ence Cross Country Champi-onships at Meadowbrook High School.

Simpson, who picked up his second consecutive victory at the 3.1-mile Byesville course, finished almost nine seconds ahead of his brother, Josh, in the individual event with a time of 15:27.65.

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not enough to claim a Class AAA cham-

pionship. St. Clairsville took home that honor by placing five runners in the top 20. The Red Devils were paced by Bobby Fink, who finished sixth overall with a time of 17:05,57

East Liverpool's boys repeated as Class AAAA kings by outrunning Wheeling Park, who was a distant second. Caldwell claimed the AA/A championship. In addition to Simpson,

who won the AAA individual crown, other individual championships went to East Liverpool's Mark Montgomery (Class AAAA) and Cald-well's David Hesson (Class AA/A).

Morgan picked up where her sister, Molly, left off after last season, dominating her event in a time of 18:30.64, almost a half-minute faster than teammate Kris Schuerle.

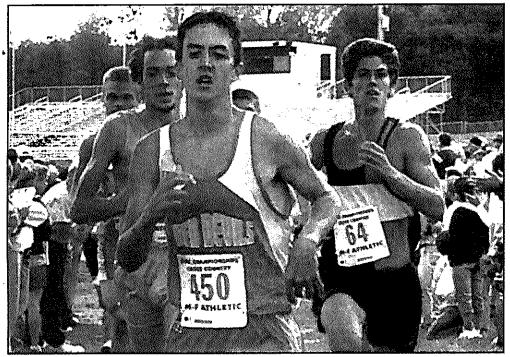
Despite having the top two runners in the girls' event, the Shamrocks were denied a fifth consecutive team title as Bellaire placed five runners in. top 20 to run away with the Class AAA title.

Bellaire St. John captured its second straight Class AA/A title on the girls side, with Caldwell a distant second. Class AAAA honors went to Zanesville, a 158point winner over John Marshall.

BOYS Team Scoring Class AAAA 1. East Liverpool 191; 2. Wheeling Park 237; 3. Buckeye Local 299; 4. Cambridge 398; 5. John Marshall 401; 6. Edison 492; 7. Steubenville 642; 8. Brooke 671. Class AAA 1. St. Clairsville 67; 2. Oak Glen 9; 3. Bellairs 113; 4. Meadowbrook 137; 5. Martins Ferry 155; 6. Herri-son Central 327; 7. Barnesville 418; 8. Unlon Local 452; 9. Shenandoah 507; 10. Indian Creek 574. Class AA/A 1. Caldwell 162; 2. Bellaire St. John 265; 3. Wheeling Central 371; 4. Shadyside 386; 5. River 408; 6. Steub, Catholic 516; 7. Wellsville 676; 8. Linsly 727. 2002 All-OVAC Team (Top 20 Overall) 1. Justin Simpson (OG) 15:36.84; 3. Mark Montgomery (EL) 16:36.06; 4. David Hesson (Cald) 16:48.85; 5. Jed Perko (Bel) 17:01.24; 6. Bobby Fink (St. C) 17:05.57; 7. Seth Hauser (OG) 17:08.70; 8. Jake Kinsey (EL) 17:25.45; 13. Kohler Tipton (Mead) 17:24.61; 12. Zack Brown (St. C) 17:26.29; 14. Mark Foster (MF) 17:26.55; 15. Eddle Sargus (St. C) 17:31.85; 16. Allen Loy (St. C) 17:34.72; 17. Chad Becca (MF) 17:35.27; 18. Sam Vujnovic (St. C) 17:45.20; 19. Seith Rogers (Mead) 17:45.20;

17:40.12; 19, Keith Hogers (Mead) 17:42.35; 20. Sean Ganos (OG) 17:45.52. GIRLS Team Scoring Class AAAA 1. Zanesville 120; 2. John Mar-shall 268; 3. Wheeling Park 276; 4. Wair 291; 5. Buckeys Local 496. Class AAA 1. Bellaire 44; 2. Barnesville 112; 3. Martins Ferry 182; 4. Magnolia 310; 5. Tyler Consolidated 342; 6. Oak Glen 353; 7. Meadowbrook 371; 8. Indian Creek 424; 9. Harrison Cen-tral 449; 10. Shenandoah 478. Class AA/A 1. Bellaire 51. John 110; 2. Cald-Weil 163; 3. Shadyside 164; 4. Wheeling Central 241; 5. Linsly 324. 2002 All-OVAC Team (Top 20 Overall) 1. Jenny Morgan (Bar) 18:30.64; 2. Kris Schuerle (Bar) 20:05.56; 3. Aimee Vavrek (Bel) 20:19, 12; 4. Jada Tuttle (Bel) 20:21.46; 5. Brianne Cat-tran (St. John) 20:26.26; 6. Lindsey Mackail (Wel) 20:34.47; 7. Audra Frizzi (Bel) 20:41.64; 8. Army Bruney (MF) 20:42.90; 9. Megan Miller (Zan) 20:59.06; 10. Jeasla Teska (Cam) 21:06.79; 11. Henna Robinson (Cam) 21:11.40; 12. Courtney Oglibee (St. John) 21:11.87; 13. Mindy McNabb (Caid) 21:12.24; 14. Marisa Matanzo (SCC) 21:21.09; 16. Brittany Zumpetta (Bro)21:30.99; 16. Marissa Ronner (MF) 21:31.26; 17. Katle Antonik (Bel) 21:32.51; 18. Lakyn Bendle (Edi) 21:32.51; 18. Lakyn Bendle (Edi) 21:32.51; 18. Lakyn Bendle (Edi) 21:346.82; 20. Sara Gasser (IC) 21:48.05.

Bellaire St. John's Brianne Cattran took individial honors in Class AA/A, while Zanesville's Megan Miller was tops in Class AAAA.



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Zac Brown (450 navigates the course as Oak Glen's Seth Hauser (left) and Bellaire's Jed Perko (right) trail during early action Saturday in the OVAC Cross Country Championship at Byesville. Hauser finished seventh and Perko was fifth.

Bellaire girls, St. C. boys win **OVAC** crowns

By SETH STASKEY **Times Leader Sports Writer**

Except for respective state competitions in both Ohio and West Virginia, local cross country teams' most important meet took place Saturday morning in Byesville.

Under overcast skies with ideal running temperatures, local harriers ran for conference titles as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference championship took place at Meadowbrook High School.

The Bellaire girls -- who have been the area's premier team all season -- kept that going, rolling to both the overall and 3-A championship. The Lady Big Reds closed with an impressive 44 markers.

The area's premier boys team -- St. Clairsville -- kept its fine season going, winning the overall title with 67 points and in the process captured its second OVAC 3-A title in the last three years.

St. John Central's girls, who have followed Bellaire all sea-

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OVAC Cross Country Results

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- Lakyn Bendle (Edison), 21:39.
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son, captured their second straight girls' conference title, scoring 110 points, which was good for second overall.

Caldwell's always-formidable boys' outfit captured the 1-A/2-A title, while East Liverpool's boys joined the Lady Irish in the back-to-back mode capturing the 4-A crown. Zanesville's girls took the top honor in the conference's biggest class.

IN GIRLS' 3-A, the Lady Big Reds and Coach Chris Arno reign supreme after placing all five of their scoring runners into the top 25 overall.

"It was just a great effort by all of our girls' today," said an elated Arno. "We had five

girls under 22 (minutes) and we really rose to the occassion and stepped up today.'

Arno attributed much of his girls' success from a strong team chem-

istry. "This is really a big step for our program and I think some of it stems from how well the girls get a long with each other and if one doesn't run well another one steps it up and that is what they have been doing all year," Arno explained.

The Lady Reds were once again led by junior ace Aimee Vavrek who finished third overall with a time of 20:19.

Sterling sophomore Jade Tuttle continued her fine campaign with a fourth place effort and a 20:21 clocking.

Freshman Audra Frizzi was the team's third runner and was seventh overall in 20:41.

Another freshman, Katie Antonik, was the Lady Reds fourth runner to cross the line. She did so in 17th place and a time of 21:32.

Junior Chelsey Taylor rounded out the scoring for the Lady Reds, placing 25th overall in a time of 21:56.

"I told the kids coming in that if we could put three in the top 10 and all five in the top 25, that we had a very good chance of being on top and everyone came through," Arno offered.

Barnesville, which in year's past had been the team to beat in the OVAC, settled for second

race in 12th place with a time Harrison Central had one forgan, who has been the val-43rd and senior Marri Kajfez ley's best distance runner all finished 48th in 22:38 and of 17:25. runner earn all-conference as season, captured her first 22:52, respectively. Senior Eddie Sargus and junsenior Matt Kidd placed 10th ior Allen Loy went 15th and overall in 17:23. IN THE BOYS' COMPETI-OVAC crown and in the 16th overall, running times of Oak Glen's Justin and Josh process kept the championship TION, St. Clairsville continued Simpson put on a running clinic its ultra-successful season with 17:31 and 17:34, respectively. in the family. Senior Sam Vujonovic was in going one and two, respecan overall OVAC title. "Winning this meet means a 'Our kids ran very well and I 18th in a time of $1\overline{7}$:40. tively. Justin captured his seclot to me as only a freshman, ond straight conference title "These kids wanted it and, but I am still looking at the state love the fact that we got all five of our kids in the top 20," said they went out and got it. Now an elated Tcny Ciroli of his we are just going to start worrywith a time of 15:27, while meet and qualifying to nation-Josh turned in a solid 15:36. als," Morgan said.

Jenny's sister, Molly, won the title a season ago, but was unable to participate Saturday due to an injury.

As for Jenny's performance, it was definitely an impressive one, seeing that she ran the 3.1 mile race in a time of 18:30. That clocking was some 1:35 faster than her nearest competi-

tor. " I was kind of surprised with my time because about a month ago, I ran 19:08 here Meadowbrook (for the Invitational), but it was a good day to run," Morgan explained. "I went out the same pace that I did here before, but I ran better on the second and third miles."

> Finishing just behind Morgan was sophomore standout Kris Schuerle who turned in a quick 20:05 for the silver medal.

Martins Ferry, which finished third in 3-A, saw two of its girls crack the top 20 and earn all-conference acco-

lades. Junior ace Amy Bruney

closed her 3.1 mile jaunt in eighth place with a time of 20:42, while freshman Marissa Runner was 16th overall in a time of 21:31.

IN 1-A, St. John Central knew coming in that it would receive stern tests from both Caldwell and Shadyside, but in the end the Lady Irish's depth at the top helped Coach Dennis Delbert and company to their second straight conference banner.

"We didn't have our best day, but it was good enough and we will take it," Delbert -said.

good start in the scoring column finished fifth overall in a time of 20:26.

Classmate Courtney Ogilbee also earned all-OVAC, crossing the line in 12th place overall with a time of 21:11.

In a big meet when you have two kids who run up near the front, you can really hurt people who have middle of the pack runners. If those up front perform, then the rest of kids can run even because you have a lead," Delbert explained.

in 3-A with 112 points. The remainder of the Lady The Lady Shamrocks did Irish's top five included sopho-The remainder of the Lady again led by senior standout Bobby Fink who continued his ence. Senior Mark Foster was strong season with a fifth place 14th overall in a time of 17:28. more Andrea Zeno who placed however produce the meet's top Chad Becca finished 17th overtwo finishers. 31st in a time of 22:12. finish and a time of 17:05. Senior Zac Brown closed the all with a 17:35. Sophomore Annie Wiater was Freshman sensation Jenny

BARNESVILLE'S Jenny Morgan cruises to the finish on her way to victory in the girls' OVAC race Saturday at Byesville. Morgan's time was 18:30. The Lady Irish got off to a Devils. "We got strong per- ing about these races one week

formances from a lot of people when junior Brianne Cattran that we needed good efforts from.

The Devils accumulated just 67 points, which was 25 better than Oak Glen. Bellaire and Meadowbrook finished third and fourth, respectively overall as well as in the 3-A battle.

"I felt confident coming in that we had a very good chance of winning, but I didn't let on to my kids that I felt like that until today and the kids went out and performed." Ciroli said.

The Red Devils were once

at a time starting with next week's district meet," Ciroli admitted.

Bellaire, the defending champions who came into the meet ranked fourth in Ohio's Division II state poll, closed with 113 points.

Arno's army was led by senior standout Jed Perko who finished fifth overall in a time of 17:01.

Martins Ferry finished sixth overall and fourth in its class with 155 markers.

The Purple Riders saw two of their runners earn all confer-

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