

SPORTS

Champions crowned

St. C., SJC girls,
Beallsville boys
claim OVAC
Track hardware

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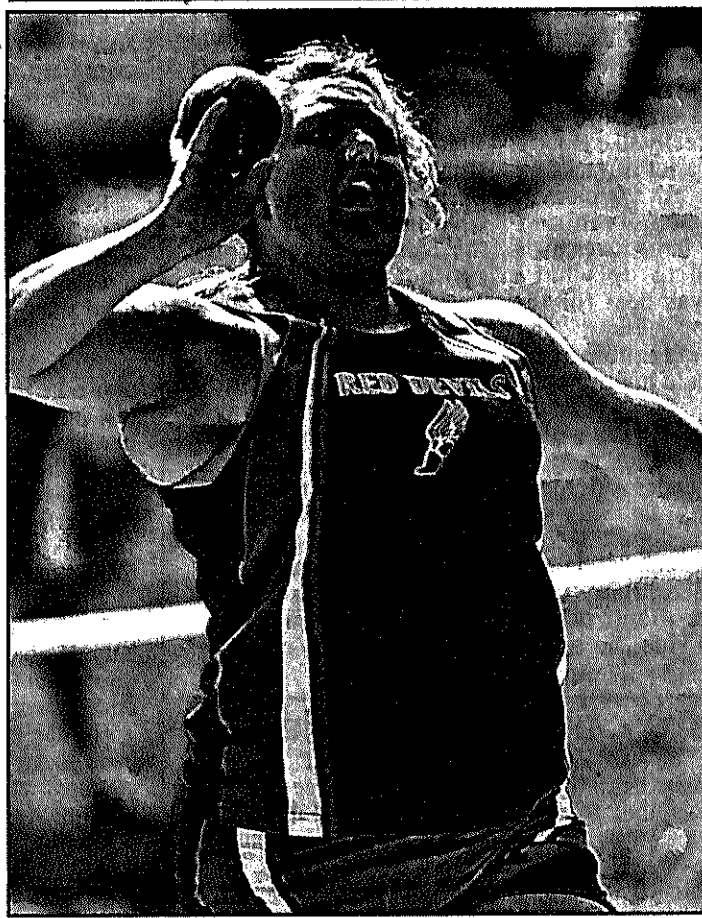
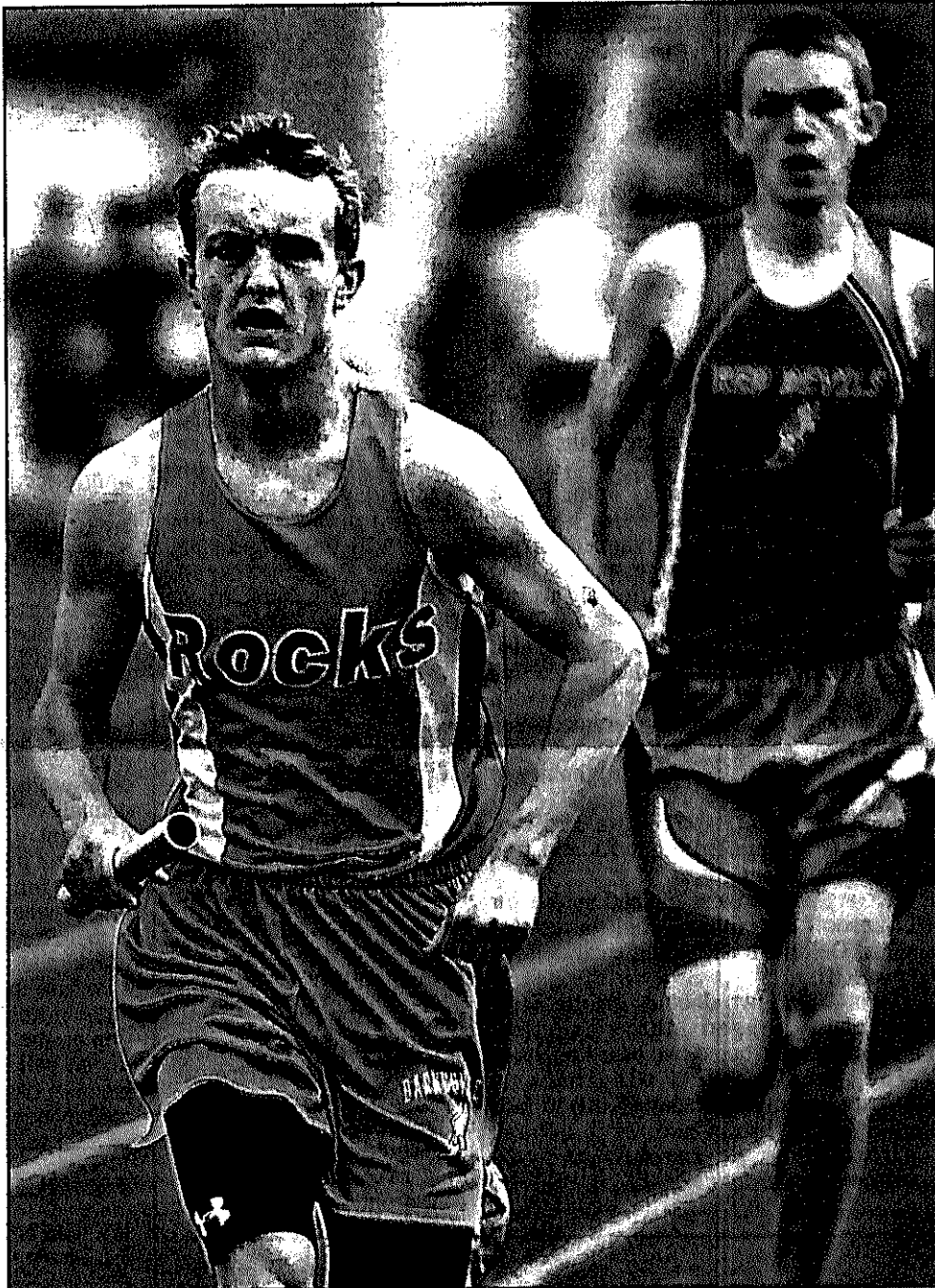
With now three days of competition and the final coming against representatives of all classes, it takes more detailed coaching as well as the usual big-time performances to lift teams to the conference title.

That's what makes what Wheeling Park (boys and girls), St. Clairsville (girls), Magnolia (boys), Steubenville Central (girls), Linsly (boys), Beallsville (boys) and St. John Central (girls) did here Saturday afternoon even more impressive.

Those eight schools are all making room on their gymnasium walls for another OVAC Championship banner after they battled through the grueling field at Meadowbrook High School to claim the respective class titles.

The aforementioned Patriots flexed their muscles early and often en route to the boys' overall title, which is their second straight. Coach Chris Daugherty's team had the title wrapped up early as it finished with 160.5 points, which was 66 better than the Blue Eagles. The Lady Patriots overcame the impressive showing by the Lady Crusaders to snag their first overall banner with 114.75

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ABOVE: Barnesville's Brandon Stephens leads St. Clairsville's Andy Thornburg during the 4x800 relay at Saturday's OVAC Track and Field Championship at Meadowbrook High School.

AT LEFT: St. Clairsville shot putter Emily Skrabak unleashes a put during the competition Saturday morning.

AT FAR LEFT: Linsly junior Ricky Jackson sprints to the 100 meter dash title at the OVAC Meet. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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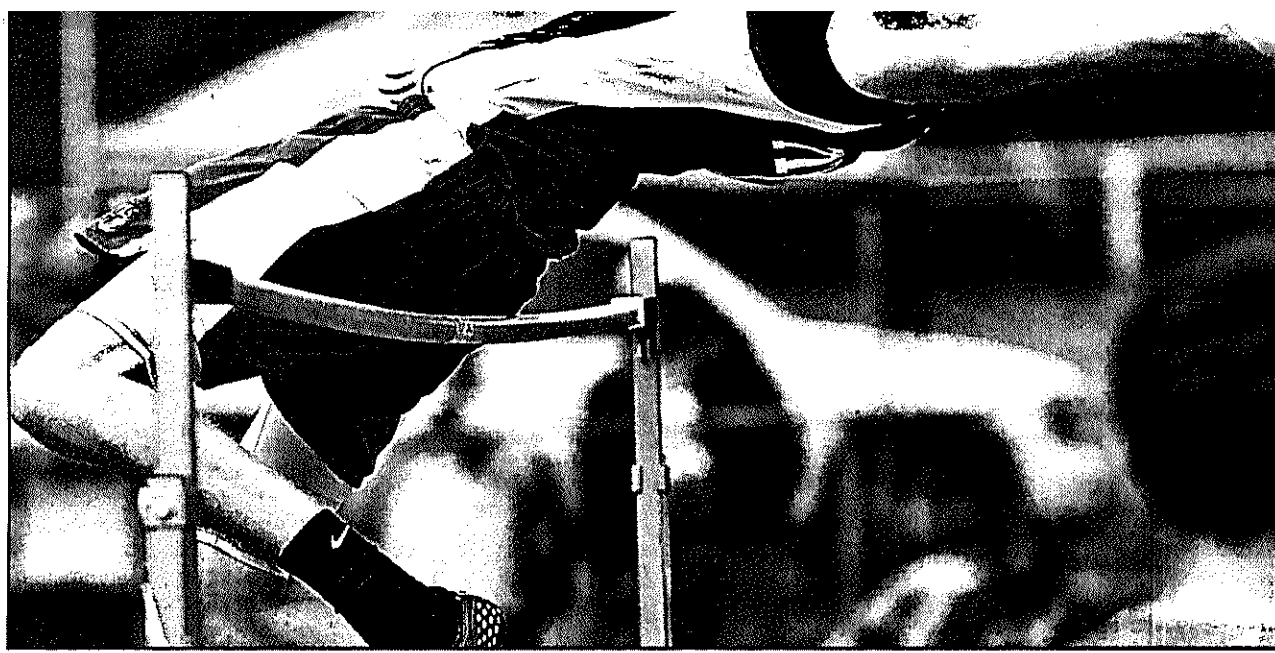
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The Meadowbrook boys scored 16 points, including the 400-meter relay team, sixth (46.2) and the 800-meter relay team, eighth (1:36.7).

The Cambridge girls also took 14th overall with 38.5 points.

Katy Lewis took first in the shot put (37-0.25) and third in the discus (102-3) to lead the Lady 'Cats. Other placers included Kate Fausett in the pole vault, sixth (8-6); the 3200-meter relay team, sixth (10:28.9); and Abbie Orr in the 3200-meter run, eighth (12:30.3).



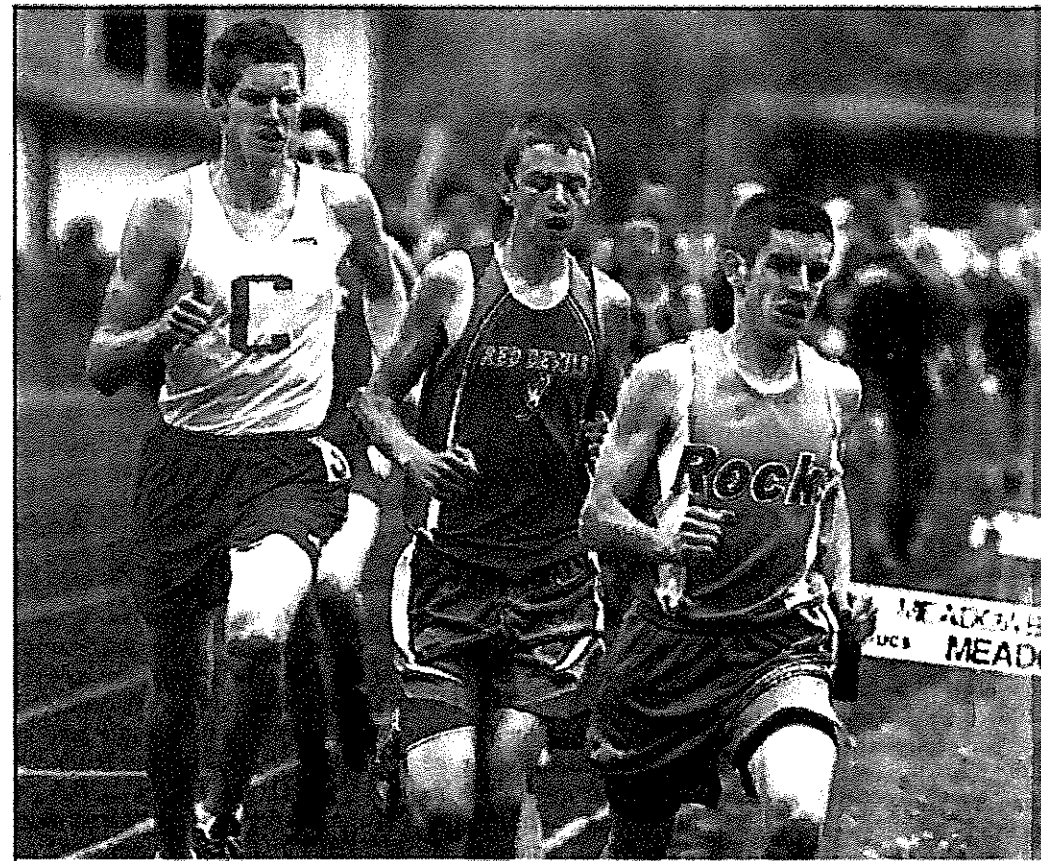
The Caldwell girls took 15th with 36 points, led by Lizzy Nau, who finished second in the shotput (36-10.25) and fifth in the discus (97-11). Also scoring for the Lady Redskins was Jenna Furr, who placed sixth in the 3200-meter run (12:19.6) and seventh in the 1600-meter run (5:37.5).

The Buckeye Trail girls finished 22nd overall with 24.5 points.

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in the 800-meter run (2:26.6) and a sixth place finish in the 400-meter dash (1:03.3). Also placing were Alissa Bodner in the 100-meter hurdles, seventh (16.7) and Nikki Montgomery in the pole vault, seventh (8-0).

The Shenandoah girls' team finished 28th with 11.5 points, but placed no athletes among the top eight.



Caldwell High's Brandon Saling, St. Clairsville's Andy Thornburg and Barnesville's Wesley Lewis (l to r) battle for position during the 1600-meter run at Saturday's OVAC Track Championships in Byesville. Lewis finished second in 4:31.0 and Saling placed fourth in 4:37.



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Meadowbrook High's Mara Cain (left) takes the handoff from teammate Erin Smith during the 4x100-meter relay at Saturday's OVAC Track Championships in Byesville. The Lady Colts' quartet, which included Kelly Delancey and Darien Singleton, won the event with a time of 50.3 seconds. Additional photos can be found on page B-8.

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Wheeling Park won both overall team titles, becoming the Class 4-A champions for the fifth year in a row for the girls (114.75 points) and the eighth consecutive year for the boys (160.5 points) to capture division crowns.

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The girls' meet saw St. Clairsville take the Class

3-A title for the third year running with 81 points, finishing fourth overall; Steubenville Catholic scored 111 points to finish second overall and secure its fourth consecutive Class 2-A championship; and St. John Central won its 10th consecutive Class 1-A title, finishing eighth overall with 52.5 points.

The Lady Colts took second in Class 4-A with 85 points, enough for a third-place overall finish.

Leading MHS was Kelly Delancey with a first place finish in the pole vault (11-3). Also taking first for the Lady Colts was the 400-meter relay team of Delancey, Erin Smith, Darien Singleton and Mara Cain (:50.3). Other placers included Cain in the 100-meter hurdles, second (15.3);

Katherine Jirles in the discus, second (102-4); the 800-meter relay team, second (4:15.2); Cain in the 300-meter hurdles, third (46.4); Singleton in the 300-meter hurdles, third (47); Lacey Kirkman in the long jump, fourth (15-6.5); Lane Browning in the 400-meter dash, fourth (1:02.3); the shuttle hurdle team, sixth (1:11.6); and Jirles in the shot put, eighth (33-0).

The Barnesville boys' team scored 64.5 points, good for a seventh overall finish.

Leading the Shamrocks with first-place finishes were Wesley Lewis in the 3200-meter run (9:48); the 3200-meter relay team of Kyle McIntire, Brennan Delaney, Brandon Stephens and Lewis, 8:09.9; and Delaney in the 800-meter

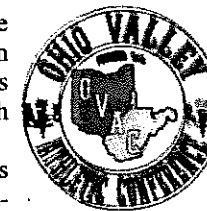
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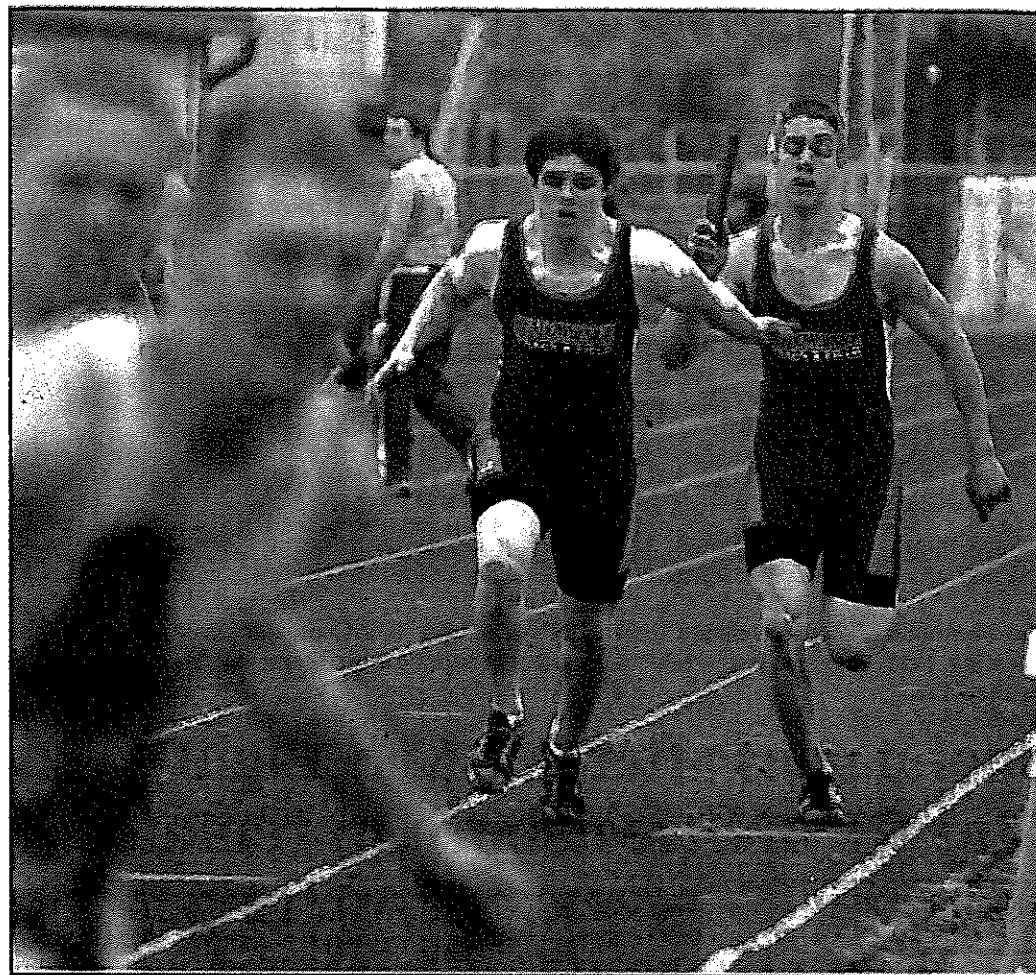


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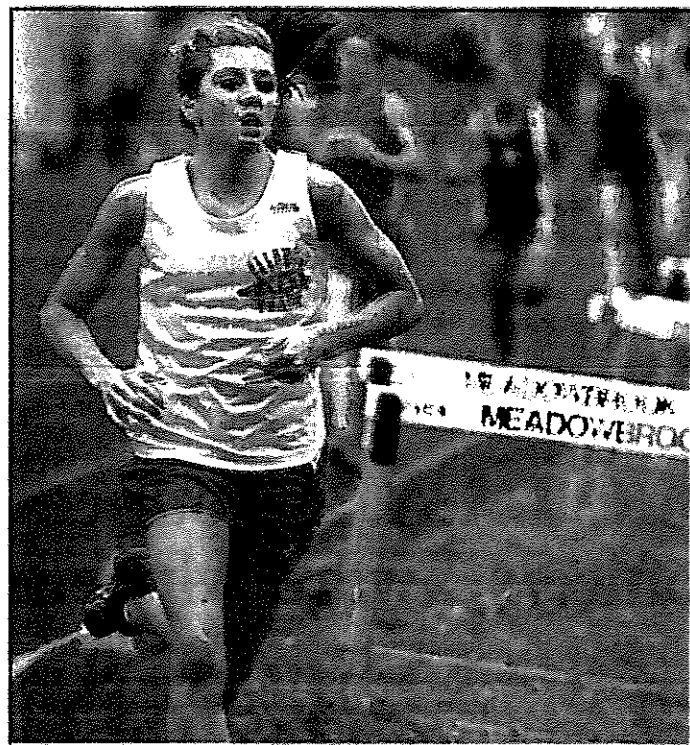
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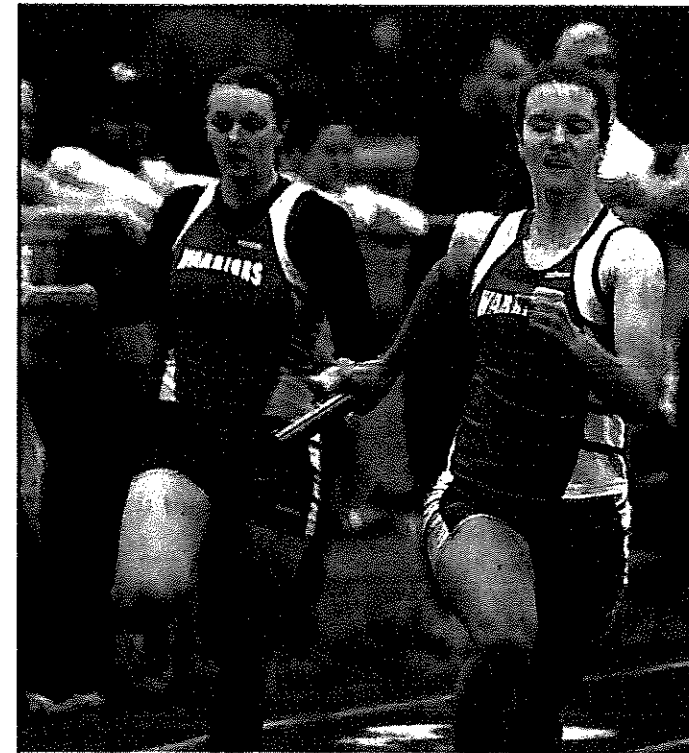
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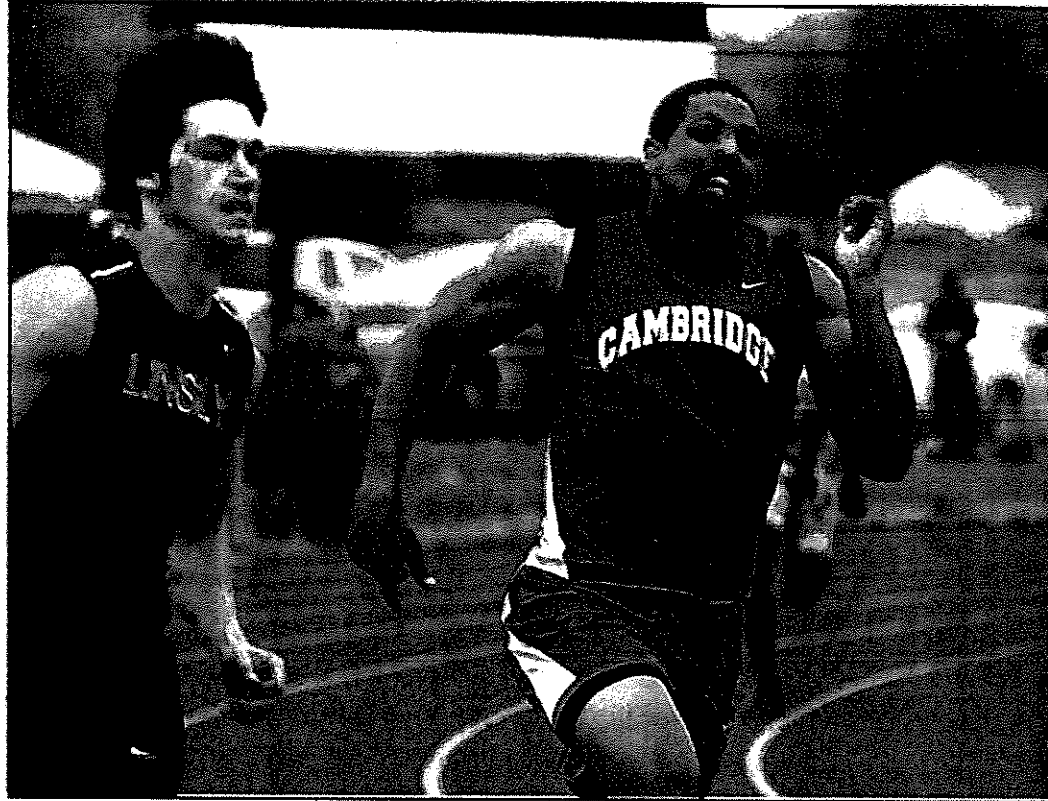


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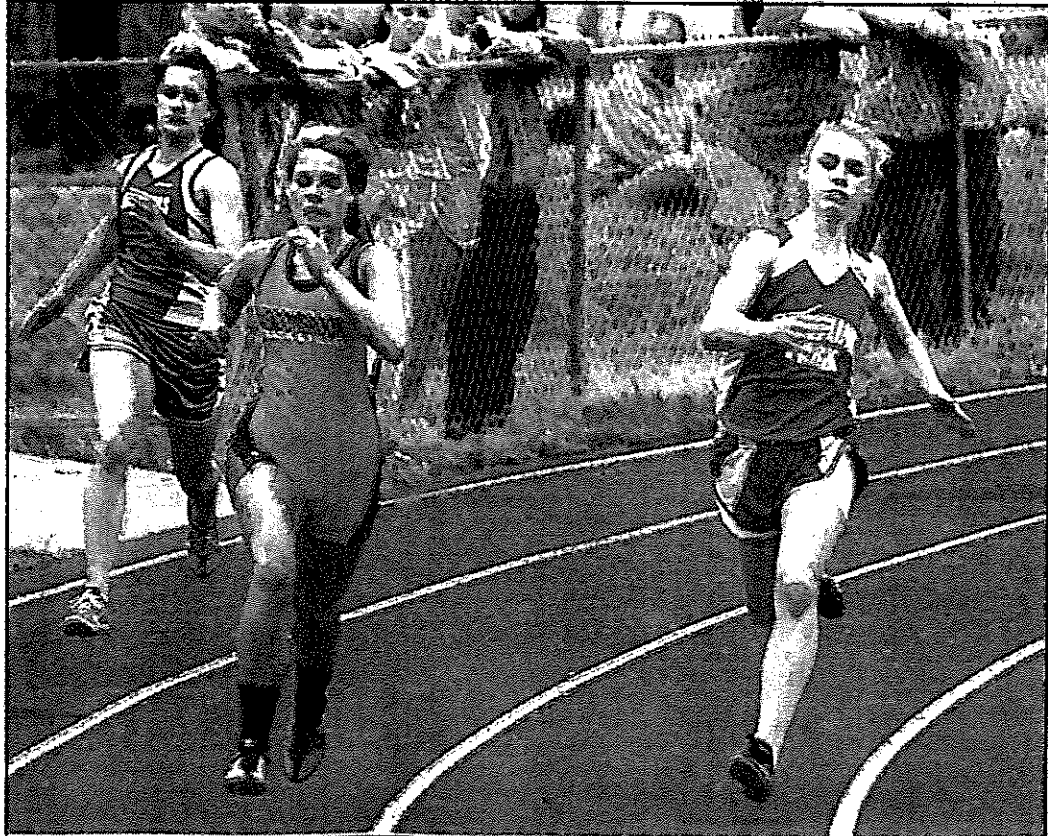
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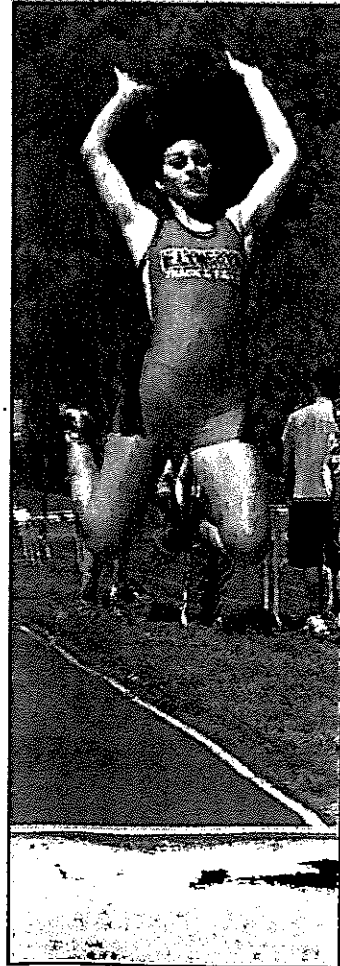
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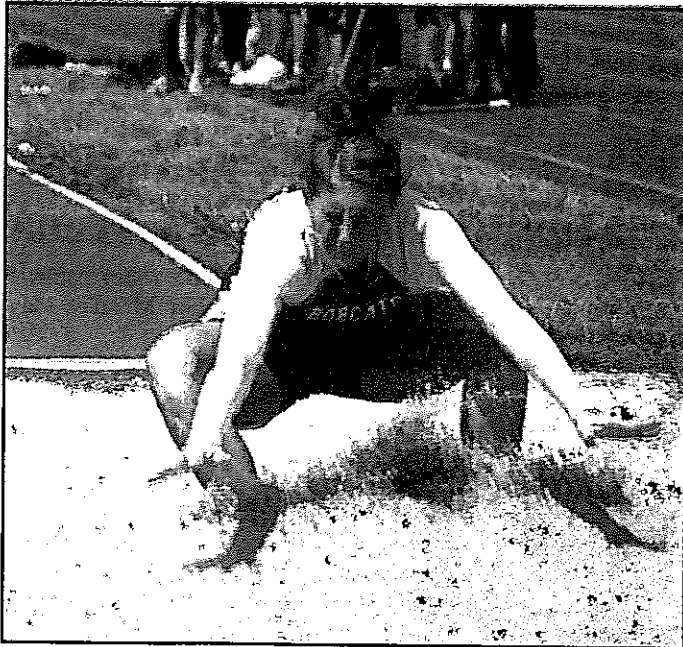
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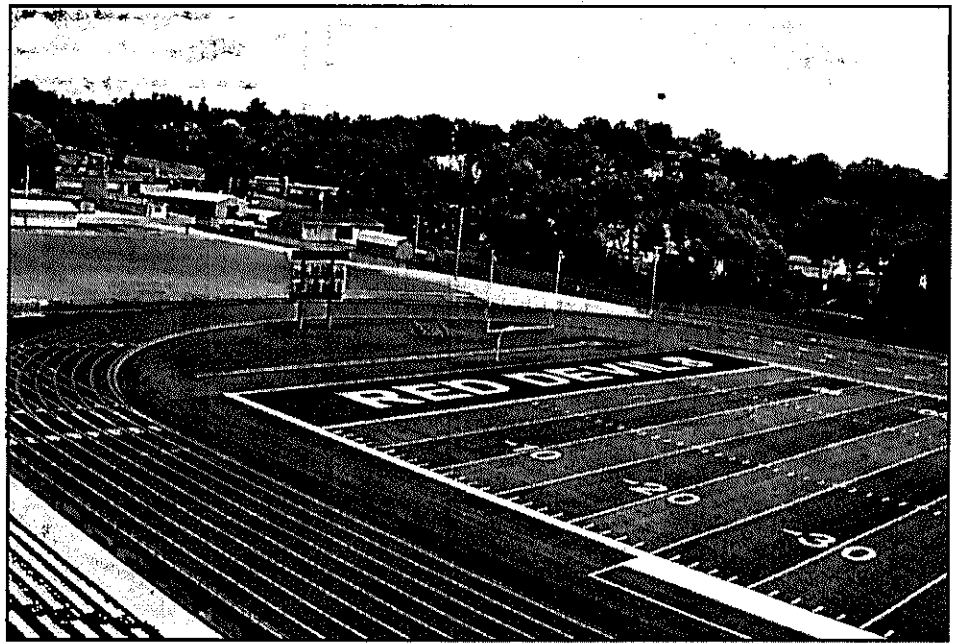
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Red Devil Stadium, which hosted playoff foot-

ball and soccer in the fall, also welcomed the OVAC All-Star Soccer Match last month.

"One of the things we anticipated being able to do with our facility was hosting these types of events," Rine said. "We've got some logistical issues we need to continue to work on such as bus parking, team tent area, etc., but we're confident in our abilities to manage an event of this magnitude."

As a tuneup, St. Clairsville hosted the eight-team Dave Porterfield Memorial in April. Rine indicated the same eight schools plus Buckeye Local, Martins Ferry, Thornville Sheridan and Coshocton are being invited to the 2012 event, which will be held on Thursday, April 5.

The OVAC Championship, which features five days of competition, will be held from

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The OVAC expands to five classes starting in the fall. The conference sold the measure to the membership on the premise that if there were six schools offering a spot in each class, the class would compete by itself.

The OVAC will, in turn, recognize five classes in track and field, which led the committee to its next dilemma.

The 2010 and 2011 format had the top four finishers in each event of each class advance to the championship meet. That will no longer be the case and only the top three will advance, meaning 15 competitors and relay teams will be on hand during Saturday's action.

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That will change each season, i.e., in 2013, Shadyside will host 2-A; Bellaire will host 3-A in 2014 and Class 5-A in 2015. St. Clairsville will always host the class in which it competes each year.

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No other wholesale changes were made through the OVAC Track and Field Committee. The committee is comprised of: Butch and Donna Joseph, Ron White, Jeff Turner, Jerry Narcisi, Wilbur Coates, Jenna Johnson, Shawn Valloric, Ben Frye, Tim Frye, Bob Stanko, Dugan Hill, Dr. Suzanne Govey-Allen, Russell Hutchins and Steve Fox.

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Class AAAA

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Boys

Class AAA

High Jump — Carleton (BT), 6-0; Derusa (St. C.), 5-8; Ogilbee (UL), 5-8; Bailey (UL), 5-8. 200M — Rogalski (Mag), 22.84; Brown (St. C.), 22.94; Phillips (MF), 23.05; Blanchard (HC), 23.10. 1600M — Thornburg (St. C.), 4:45.34; Walker (St. C.), 4:48.65; Pontius (BT), 4:47.76; Feeney (Mag), 4:47.78. 300M LH — Phillips (MF), 39.82; Padyjasek (MF), 42.52; Winesdorffer (St. C.), 43.37; Piargallini (HC), 43.68. 4x100 — St. Clairsville, 44.67; Magnolia, 44.87; Harrison Central, 44.75; Martins Ferry, 46.31. Shot Put — Riggs (Mag), 52-4 3/4; McGee (MF), 49-2; Cupryk (St. C.), 40-7; Applegarth (St. C.), 40-4. 800M — Antolak (St. C.), 2:05.99; Blett (Mag), 2:08.70; Haught (Mag), 2:10.08; Davis (St. C.), 2:10.43. Shuttles — Harrison Central, 1:03.02; Martins Ferry, 1:03.10; Union Local, 1:04.82; Buckeye Trail, 1:05.23. 4x400 — Magnolia, 3:33.87; Harrison Central, 3:37.90; Buckeye Trail, 3:38.90; Union Local, 3:41.04.

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SPORTS



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The big schools can officially make their travel plans to Byesville.

The 3-A/4-A schools wrapped up their qualifying action at chilly Nelson Field in Bellaire with the final tickets being punched to Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Championship Track Meet.

As was the case on Monday, the Patriots — both Wheeling Park and Parkersburg South — qualified well in both the boys and girls in 4-A, while the Meadowbrook girls showed once again it will be right in the thick of things on their home track Saturday.

In Class 3-A, a true battle appears to be unfolding with teams such as Magnolia, Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Oak Glen, Weir and Harrison Central all putting themselves in a position to make a run at the banner.

Wheeling Park's boys began flexing their muscles again early in the day when junior thrower Dewanya Neal marked the iron ball at 47-ft-11 for the top spot in the big-school shot put.

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Martins Ferry's Taylor Jenkins was the top 200 meter dasher in the 3-A field. The speedy frosh posted a 27.75 for her seed.

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Usual Suspects Coming Up Large

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trying to squeeze every possible point out of their distance contingent.

Junior Ramon Nieves was the top small-school 400 dasher in a time of 55.70.

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Beallsville was strong on the track and in the field.

Senior Evan Nieswanger was the top 1-A long jumper with a mark of 18-9.

Bishop Donahue also qualified well. Leading the way for the Bishops is junior Tyler Zahnnow, who ran the 110 high hurdles in 16.64 to set the pace.

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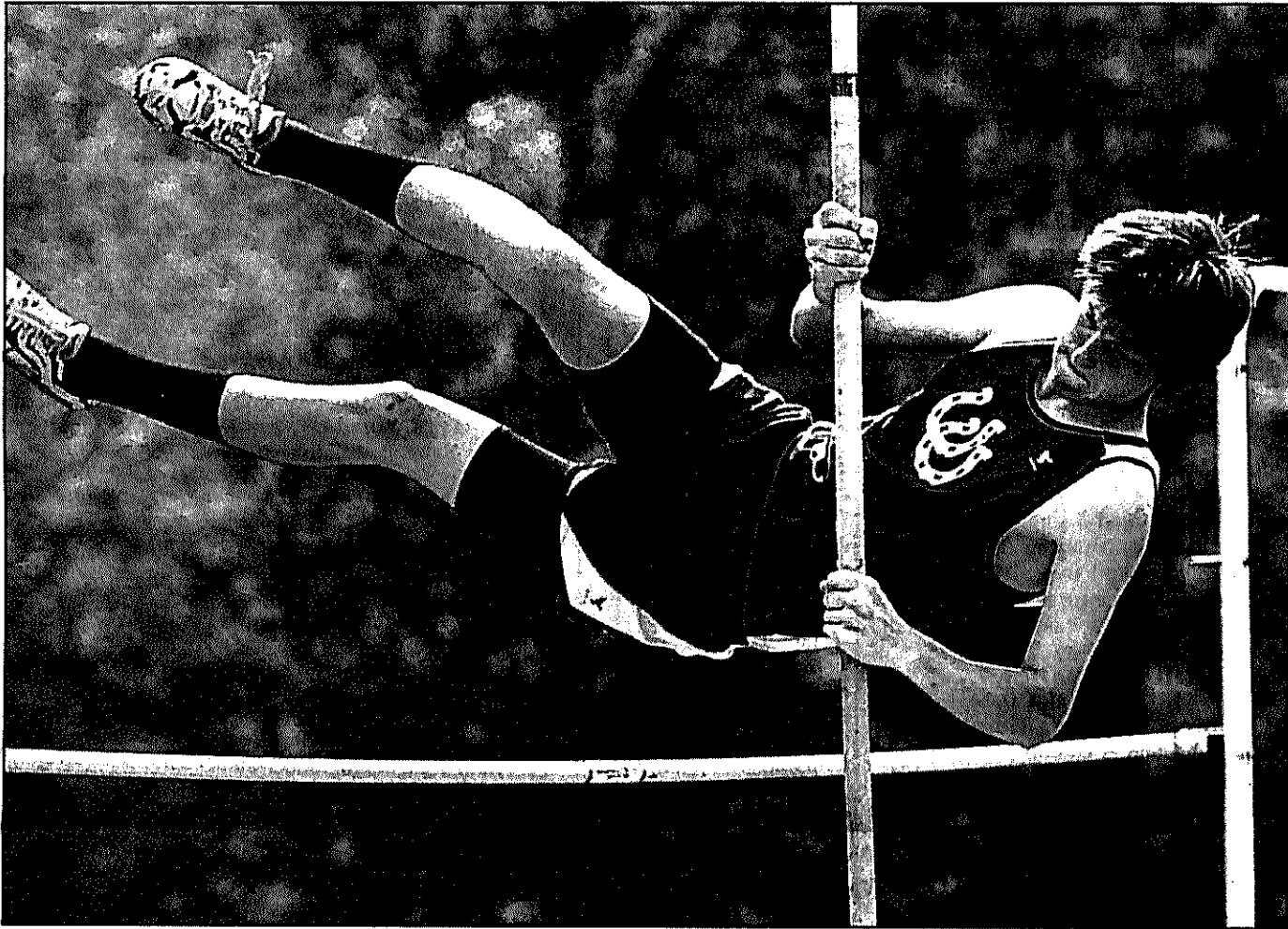
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MARTINS FERRY pole vaulter Luke Rossini clears a height during the pole vault competition held Monday evening at Bellaire's Nelson Field. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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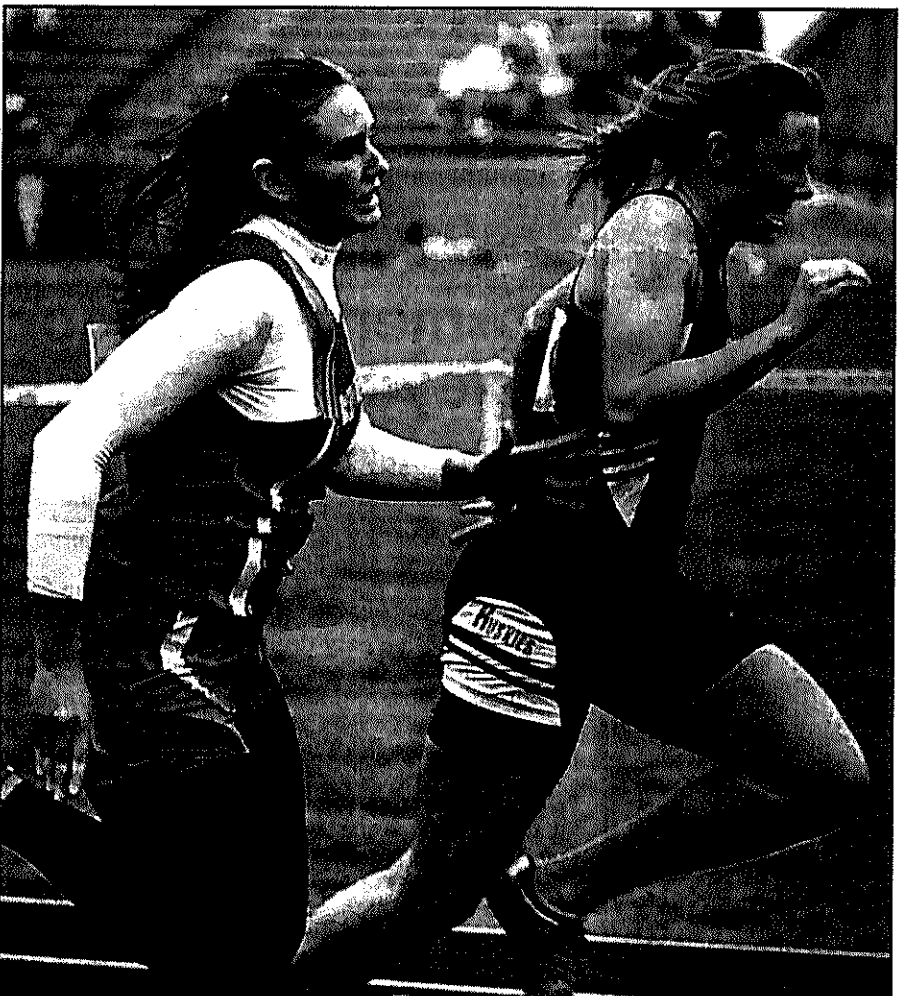
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HARRISON CENTRAL'S Julie Kelley pulls ahead of St. Clairsville's Jamie Matkovich during the qualifying round of the 100 meter dash in the OVAC Class 3-A meet, which got under way Monday in Bellaire. Kelley prevailed in the heat. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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OVAC Track Results

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200M — Jenkins (MF), 27.75; Soukup (St. C.), 27.99; Tran (Ed), 28.55; Bodner (BT), 28.72.
Discus — Green (Bea), 94-0; Reed (Ed), 90-8; Turnbull (Ed), 86-10; Clark (OG), 85-5.
300M LH — Webster (OG), 50.15; Smeardon (OG), 51.28; Beal (HC), 52.05; McClarin (UL), 52.40.
4x100 — St. Clairsville, 52.75; Union Local, 55.00; Magnolia, 55.06; Buckeye Trail, 55.87.
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3200M — Kaufman (Z), 5:22.61; Tarovskiy (WP), 5:24.30; Kirk (PS), 5:37.84; Jamiel (Camb), 5:44.20.
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1600M — Palmer (Beav), 4:40.99; Mullen (Camb), 4:47.19; Kamarec (IC), 4:48.48; Witsberger (WP), 4:48.69.
300M LH — Cain (Meadow), 46.58; Singleton (Meadow), 48.77; Fluharty (PS), 49.71; Hascak (Bk), 51.12.
800M — Elder (Staub), 2:28.60; Tarovskiy (WP), 2:29.67; Kaufman (Zanes), 2:31.84; Kirk (PS), 2:33.73.
Discus — Montes (JM), 107-11; Fisher (WP), 107-9; Lewis (Camb), 105-1; Jirles (Meadow), 100-8.
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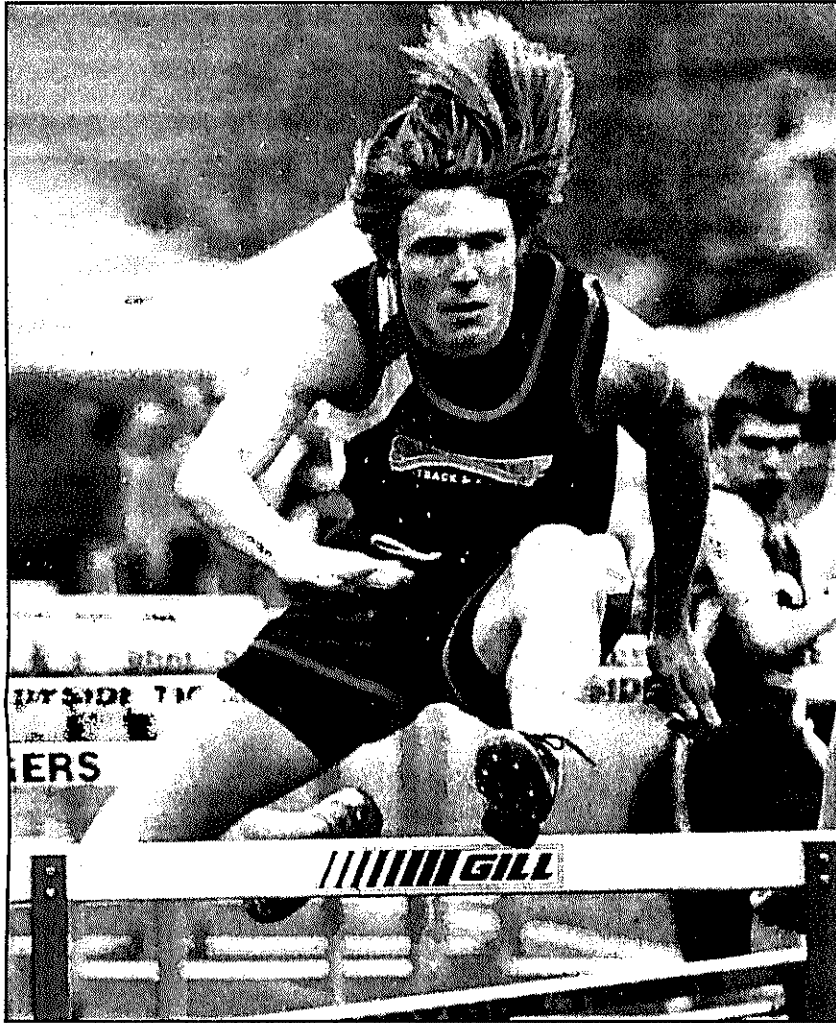
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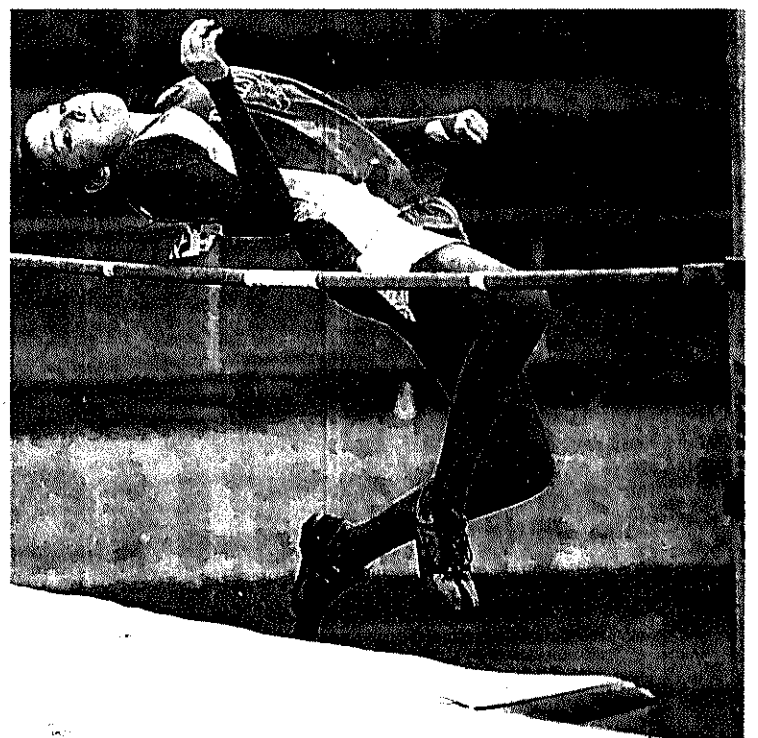
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Where: Nelson Field, Bellaire.
Tickets: Available at the gate.

a 29-6 mark.

St. John also qualified well in the boys' race as it attempts to defend the title it won last season.

The Irish, who are limited on numbers, jockeyed their personnel around, trying to squeeze every possible point out of their distance contingent.

Junior Ramon Nieves was the top small-school 400 dasher in a time of 55.70.

Senior Cory Foster crossed the finish line as the first 3,200 runner from a 1-A school in 11:19.27.

The Irish got it going with a victory in the 3,200. The Irish foursome ran a 9:25.51.

Bellaire was strong on the track and in the field.

Senior Evan Nieswanger was the top 1-A long jumper with a mark of 18-9.

Bishop Donahue also qualified well. Leading the way is junior Tyler Zahnw, who ran the 110 high hurdles in 16.64 to set the pace.

Valley's Casey Pingley ran an 11.67 to lead the 100 meter dashers in class 1-A.

Sophomore Spencer Mason was the top small-school discus thrower when the platter touched down 130-5.

The Lumberjacks' 800 team also set the pace, posting a 1:41.99.

The pole vault competition was postponed until Thursday because of the inclement weather conditions.

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Big Red's 400 relay team came up with the top time, posting a 43.49, which was just .007 of a second off record time.

Wheeling Park's girls, the defending champions, received a good start to the day when senior Alicia Bonar posted a 16-5 1/4 to win the Class AAAA crown by more than a foot.

Park's shuttle team, which has been one of the valley's best all spring, ran a 68.09 for the top spot.

John Marshall's Kiley Defibaugh wrote her name into the OVAC record book when she soared more than 10 feet for the pole vault crown. That equaled a meet record, which is shared by two others.

Junior Alexis Montes also had a strong day in the field. She was the top discus qualifier with a mark of 107-11.

Steubenville's girls posted the top qualifying time in the 400 relay with a 51.57.

Big Red's top individual was sophomore Queen Elder who ran a 2:28.60 for the top 800 qualifying time in her class.

Class AAA

Magnolia, Martins Ferry and St. Clairsville appear headed for an absolute dog-fight on Saturday.

The Blue Eagles were led by sophomore Stephen Rogalski, who set the pace in the 200-meter dash at 22.84.

Senior Matt Riggs added the top qualifying mark in the shot put to his discus mark from Monday. He launched the iron ball to a 52-4 3/4 measure-

ment.

Martins Ferry also had another strong day on the track. Senior Anthony Phillips was the top 300 hurdler in his class at 39.82.

The Red Devils received a strong run from junior Andy Thornburg in the 1,600-meter run, posting a 4:45.34 to lead the qualifiers.

St. Clairsville's strength in distance was further evidenced by Cole Antolak who was the top finisher in the 800 run with a 2:05.99.

The Red Devils' 400 team also produced the top qualifying mark when the foursome crossed the line at 44.67.

Harrison Central's shuttle team was the top hurdle-relay team, finishing in 63.02.

Buckeye Trail freshman Austin Carleton was the top performer in the high jump with a 6-foot clearance.

Defending champion St. Clairsville qualified well, but the only event it had the top mark during Wednesday's round was the 400 relay when the Red Devils posted a 52.75.

Martins Ferry's Taylor Jenkins was tops in the 200-meter dash. The speedy frosh posted a 27.75 for her seed.

Union Local senior Laura Minnich is heading back to Byesville to compete in the pole vault. The two-time all-Ohioan cleared 9 feet for a victory.

Weir senior Tricia Marker set the pace in the 1,600-meter run with a 5:30.87.

OVAC Track Results

- OVAC Girls**
- Class 1-A**
- High Jump — Price (Tor), 4-10; Kelly (Mad), 4-8; Headley (Beals), 4-6; Fluharty (Val), 4-4.
 4x800 — Rosecrans, 11:11.38; St. John, 11:51.83; Cameron, 12:37.66; Bishop Donahue, 13:09.87.
 100M HH — Dobrovich (SJC), 18.77; Parsons (PC), 17.61; Starkey (Val), 18.14; Kelly (Mad), 18.22.
 100M — Hawthorne (SJC), 12.84; Chandler (Rose), 13.77; Wright (CV), 13.81; Finley (BD), 13.88.
 Shot Put — Pavan (Mad), 29-6; Campbell (Beals), 28-2; Beiter (BD), 28-0; Ulecschry (Val), 27-11 1/4.
 4x200 — Rosecrans, 1:55.74; Paden City, 2:01.83; Madonna, 2:02.17; Conotton Valley, 2:02.67.
 3200M — Stauffer (SJC), 12:43.30; O'Connell (SJC), 14:06.78; Ice (Val), 18:02.63.
 400M — Hawthorne (SJC), 68.01; Tenko (SJC), 69.56; Gianessi (Mad), 70.79; Nash (Rose), 73.41.
- Class 2-A**
- 4x800 — Steubenville Central, 10:51.48; Linsly, 10:54.74; River, 11:03.91; Caldwell, 11:06.18.
 100M HH — Maslowski (SCC), 15.06; Rigaud (SCC), 16.00; McCullough (Riv), 16.81; Mallock (WCC), 17.55.
 100M — Blagel (SCC), 13.53; Mason (WCC), 13.77; Gray (Bpl), 13.88; Howell (Shady), 14.03.
 High Jump — Wahl (Barnes), 4-10; Buccon (WCC), 4-10; Stephens (MC), 4-8; Vosteen (SCC), 4-8.
 4x200 — Steubenville Central, 1:50.20; Linsly, 1:55.59; Wheeling Central, 1:59.49; Caldwell, 2:00.42.
 Shot Put — Nau (Cald), 33-5; Smith (Riv), 31-5; Gallner (Lins), 30-10; Goodhart (Shen), 29-7.
 3200M — Furr (Cald), 12:11.55; Tolett (Shady), 12:30.78; Partridge (Barnes), 12:39.85; Wilson (SCC), 13:28.55.
 400M — Zapolnik (SCC), 65.09; Delgado (Lins), 66.48; Doudna (Shen), 67.19; Hobbs (Lins), 67.67.
- Boys**
- Class 1-A**
- 110M — Zahnw (BD), 16.64; Dunn (Cam), 16.69; Richmond (BD), 17.28; Burke (Beals), 17.30.
 Long Jump — Nieswanger (Beals), 18-9; Burke (Beals), 18-0 3/4; Ward (Cam), 17-7 3/4; Dunn (Cam), 15-8 1/2.
 100M — Pingley (Val), 11.67; Hall (Cam), 12.33; Spence (Beals), 12.35; Clary (Beals), 12.64.
 4x800 — St. John, 9:25.81; Rosecrans, 9:33.72; Bealsville, 9:39.82; Bishop Donahue, 10:08.33.
 Discus — Mason (Val), 130-5; Baldrige (Beals), 117-2; Manukin (SJC), 115-7; Thompson (Tor), 114-2.
 4x200 — Valley, 1:41.89; Rosecrans, 1:44.19; Madonna, 1:45.30; Bishop Donahue, 1:46.87.
 400M — Nieves (SJC), 55.70; Hokeback (SJC), 56.43; Heath (Beals), 56.69; Howell (Mad), 56.04.
 3200M — Foster (SJC), 11:19.27; Ruffe (SJC), 11:19.83; Blair (Beals), 11:24.89; Chambers (Cam), 11:25.24.
- Class 2-A**
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 110M HH — Dull (Shady), 16.61; Frey (Bpl), 16.67; Pytlak (Lins), 17.04; Tysz (SCC), 18.18.
 100M — Jordan (Lins), 11.29; Arie (Lins), 12.08; McCann (Riv), 12.25; Ingram (WCC), 12.45.
 4x800 — Barnesville, 8:35.02; Steubenville Central, 8:53.94; Linsly, 8:55.36; Caldwell, 9:13.88.
 4x200 — Linsly, 1:38.51; Shady, 1:39.72; Wheeling Central, 1:40.77; Caldwell, 1:41.74.
 400M — Stephens (L), 51.99; Brown (Shady), 53.23; Abrams (Cald), 54.48; Highman (MC), 55.51.
 3200M — Lewis (Barnes), 10:00.26; Schlich (SCC), 10:06.40; Niswonder (Cald), 10:34.93; Gulash (Shady), 10:34.98.
 Discus — Schneid (WCC), 142-0; Hinkle (Riv), 128-0; Baldrige (Barnes), 119-11; Baggs (Bpl), 114-2.



Photo by Mike Palmer

Magnolia's Matt Riggs had the top throw of the shot in OVAC Class AAA on Wednesday in Bellaire at 52-4.75.

Two Sets of Patriots Strutting Stuff

Wheeling Park, Pksbg. South star at OVACs

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

BELLAIRE — The big schools can officially make their travel plans to Byesville.

The Class AAAA and AAA schools wrapped up their qualifying action at chilly Nelson Field with the final tickets being punched to Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Championship Track Meet.

As was the case Monday, the Patriots — both Wheeling Park and Parkersburg South — qualified well in both the boys' and girls' in Class

AAAA, while the Meadowbrook girls showed once again they will be right in the thick of things on their home track Saturday.

In Class AAA, a true battle appears to be unfolding with teams such as Magnolia, Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Oak Glen, Weir and Harrison Central all putting themselves in a position to make a run at the banner.

Wheeling Park's boys began flexing their muscles early in the day when junior thrower Dewanya Neal marked the iron ball at 47-feet, 11 inches for the top spot in the shot put.

Park junior Mike Mauck led the 800 meters qualifiers in a time of 2:04.65.

The Patriots put together the top

time in the 1,600-meter relay in 3:32.42.

Parkersburg South's Garrett Lynch was the top pole vaulter, clearing 6-4, but Wheeling Park junior Errin Baynes, who cleared 7 feet and a quarter last weekend, cleared 6-2 with ease and didn't attempt another height once he realized he had safely advanced.

Steubenville, which showed its speed time and time again through the first two days of competition, received another strong hurdling run from senior Josh Thompson. He was the top intermediate hurdler with a 39.86.

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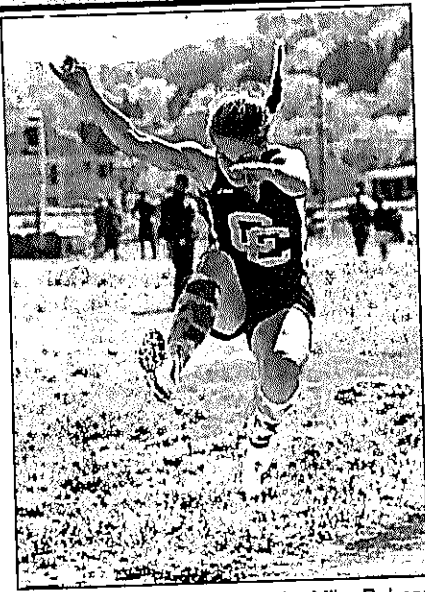


Photo by Mike Palmer

Steubenville Catholic's Teddi Jo Maslowski set the meet record in the long jump Thursday.

Maslowski Sets More Records

Final day of qualifying complete for finals

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

SHADYSIDE — The entire field is set. The invitations have been sent and confirmed and now it's time to shift gears.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's small schools closed out the qualifying under ideal conditions on Thursday at Fleming Field.

Championships and gold medals will be awarded Saturday at Meadowbrook High School in Byesville. Field events begin at 10 a.m. and running events begin at noon.

Before any focus could shift to Guernsey County, small schools had a top-four finish in time to post before they could worry.

After the dust settled, several of the pre-meet favorites — including Steubenville Catholic, Linsly and St. John Central — appear set to make solid runs at the conference titles.

The Steubenville Catholic girls have themselves in position to not only make a run at the Class AA title, but also at a second consecutive overall title.

If the Crusaders are to pull it off, they'll again be riding the back of senior flash Teddi Jo Maslowski.

The Duke signee was the top qualifier in the high hurdles Tuesday and taking advantage of the tranquil weather, Maslowski not only led the qualifying rounds, but did so in record fashion.

She got her day started with an impressive 18-foot-5 marking in the

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long jump, which smashed the old record by more than a foot. She later added the 300 meter low hurdle record, winning her heat by more than two hurdles in a time of 44.28.

The Steubenville Catholic stranglehold on the sprint relays continued when the Crusaders' 400 team posted a 51.88. It's 1,600-team also posted the top mark, running four laps in 4:16.70, while its shuttle team was also the best in its class with a 1:12.62.

Shadyside's lone top entrant came in the 1,600-meter run when Tara Tollett posted a 5:33.84.

River's Cassidy McCullough was the top Class AA qualifier in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 26.68.

Senior Ashley Imhoff was one of two pole vaulters to clear a height (7-6).

Wheeling Central's Emily Bucon was the premier 800-meter runner, posting a time of 2:28.38.

Monroe Central's Demitra Habig was the discus thrower with a mark of 101-4.

Class AA Boys

Linsly's depth, speed and strength make the Cadets the primary favorite.

Junior Ricky Jordan, who was the top qualifier in the 100 on Tuesday, posted a 22.78 to lead the 200 qualifying.

The Cadets set the pace in the shuttles with a time of 60.72.

Steubenville Catholic, which won the boys' title last season, will likely score its fair share of points again Saturday.

Senior Dan Schlich won the 1,600-meter run qualifier, posting a solid time of 4:37.05.

Monroe Central's boys have a top seed in senior Shane Highman, who cleared 6-0 to lead the high jump.

Wheeling Central's Daniel Scott was the top pole vaulter in a condensed field. All four jumpers who cleared a height moved on. Scott led the way by soaring 11-6.

Senior Aaron Schneid, who was the top discus thrower Tuesday, added the top mark in the shot put. The West Virginia state title winner launched his iron ball to a mark of 49-10.

The Maroon Knights' 400 team was the top qualifier after Linsly was disqualified. Central ran a lap in 46.86.

Shadyside's Jake Dull was the top 300 hurdler, posting a 42.04.

Barnesville's distance contingent continued to show it will score well Saturday. Senior Brennan Delaney was the top quali-

er in the 800 with a 2:04.55.

The Shamrocks' 1600-meter team also qualified with the top mark, posting a 3:34.86.

Class A Girls

St. John Central appears primed to make another run toward the conference title.

The Irish followed up Tuesday's solid round of qualifying with yet another and senior Emily Hawthorne led the way, winning the 200-meter dash time trial in 26.53.

Junior Haley Decoy was the lone pole vaulter to clear a height. She cleared the minimum 6-0 starting mark, assuring herself of competing Saturday.

Madonna's girls figure to score some significant points in the race. The Blue Dons were led by junior Kaitlyn Conner, who was the top long jump qualifier with a mark of 15-10 3/4.

Sophomore Taylor Pavan was the top discus thrower with a mark of 95-4.

The Blue Dons' shuttle team was also the best in the field with a 1:11.88.

Paden City's girls have a top seed in junior Taylor Parsons, who won the low hurdles in a time of 50.90.

Class A Boys

If the St. John Central boys are to repeat as OVAC champions, the Irish will need as many points from their distance squad as they can accumulate.

Junior Matt Thomas was the top 1,600 qualifier. The Irishman ran four laps in 5:00.95.

Junior Ramon Nieves led the small-school charge in the 800 by virtue of a 2:08.96.

Beallsville will try to challenge St. John Central for the crown.

The Blue Devils have the top qualifier in the high jump in Matt Burke, clearing 5-4 for his seed.

Valley's Casey Pingley led the 200-meter dash qualifying in a time of 23.62.

Sophomore strongman Spencer Mason will be one of the favorites in the overall chase for the shot put title. The Lumberjack thrower launched the shot to a mark of 49-8.

Valley's 400 team also posted the top mark in the qualifying round by virtue of a 46.72.

Cameron's Jared Dunn was the best qualifier in the intermediate hurdles, skimming eight hurdles in 42.78.

Bishop Donahue's shuttle team was the top qualifier with a 63.87.

Madonna's 1,600-meter relay team crossed the line with a time of 3:49.98.

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Park Captures Team Crowns

Boys claim 2nd straight, girls hold off SCC

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register
BYESVILLE — Winning the track and field championship is an all-out battle under the new format, which celebrated its first anniversary this season.

With three days of competition and the final coming against representatives of all classes, it takes more detailed coaching as well as

the usual big-time performances to lift teams to the conference title.

That's what makes what Wheeling Park (boys and girls), St. Clairsville (girls), Magnolia (boys), Steubenville Catholic (girls), Linsly (boys), Beallsville (boys) and St. John Central (girls) did Saturday afternoon even more impressive.

Those eight schools are all making room on their gymnasium walls for another OVAC Championship banner after they battled through the grueling field at

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Photo by Mike Palmer
Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes wins the high jump during the OVAC Track and Field Championships on Saturday in Byesville.

Patriots' Baynes Keeps Impressing

Junior adds long jump title to his extensive resume

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register
BYESVILLE — To be a successful athlete in any sport you have to be willing to work hard and put in the hours of practice required.

At the same time, there occasionally comes along those special athletes who are willing to put in the time, but just have so much natural ability that the sport itself cannot contain them.

Such is the case with

Wheeling Park junior three-sport standout Errin Baynes, who always seems willing to try new things and also seems to be at the top of his game when he does.

Baynes is coming off a sophomore season in which he began high jumping at the beginning of spring practice and finished the season by clearing the bar at 6-feet, 10 inches and capturing the West Virginia Class AAA championship.

And things have only gone uphill during the 2011 track and field campaign.

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Meadowbrook High School to claim the respective class titles.

The Patriots flexed their muscles early and often en route to the boys' overall title, which is their second straight. Coach Chris Daugherty's team had the title wrapped up early as it finished with 160.5 points, which was 66 better than the Blue Eagles. The Patriots girls' overcame the impressive showing by the Crusaders to snag their first overall banner with 114.75 points. Steubenville Catholic finished with 111 points.

"I am really proud of our guys," Daugherty said. "We talked about trying to uphold our standard because we've done really well the last seven or eight years and these kids know the tradition we're trying to build in track (at Park) and they came out here focused and wanted to make sure they did their part."

The Patriots got off and rolling thanks to the exploits of talented junior Errin Baynes, who continues to show flashes of brilliance.

He claimed the high jump title, soaring more 6-feet-4 and capped his first week of long jumping with a gold medal and a mark of 21-5.5.

The Patriots didn't win another individual event, but their quality wasn't to be overshadowed. Park placed in the top eight in all but two events (1,600 and 3,200) and put the final exclamation point on things with a victory in the shuttles and 1,600-meter relays.

The shuttle team of D.C. Banks, Cameron Allen, Damon Beckett and DaVaughn Palmer cleared 40 timbers in 58.73 for the title.

The Patriots' 1,600 team of Zach Morris, Baynes, Maurice Miller and Palmer posted a 3:30.91 for the victory in the final event.

"We're blessed to have coaches at the shot and disc; at the long jump; at the vault; at the hurdles and at the sprints, so those guys get their guys prepared."

Big Red was led by senior standout Josh Thompson, who left with four gold medals. He won the high and intermediate hurdle titles in blistering times of 13.94 and 38.64, respectively.

He also ran on two winning relay teams where he was joined by Shaq Pette-way, Jonathan Sherrell and Najee Murray. The 400 team ran a sizzling 43.00. The same foursome posted a 1:31.00 for the title in the 800 relay.

John Marshall had a strong showing in the overall event, posting 57.5 points, which was good for fifth overall, but third in the conference's largest class.

The Monarchs were fueled by sophomore Ashley Haught who won the 400 meter dash in a time of 60.39.

She also ran a leg on the victorious 1,600 team. She was joined by Mallory Ball, Maria Tennant and Ashley Haught. The foursome posted a 4:10.13.

Class AAA

A battle developed with the eventual champion Blue Eagles battling it out for 18 events with runner-up Martins Ferry and St. Clairsville.

Magnolia posted two victories during the course of the competition.

Senior Matt Riggs got things going when he won the discus with a mark of 155-2. He finished fourth in the shot put.

Sophomore Stephen Rogalski ran an impressive 49.02 to win the lap dash.

"Stephen is the up-and-coming thing in the Ohio Valley," Magnolia coach Matt Quinnett said. "You don't see times like he ran too often. I think he's the fourth fastest kid in history of the OVAC now. He doesn't realize how much potential he has."

The Blue Eagles were trailing Martins Ferry, but their showing in the 800, 1,600 and 1,600 relay put them over the top. But, Quinnett thinks the more superior team still prevailed. The Red Devils girls did

points and actually led the meet with victories (3).

Senior standout Wesley Lewis continued his brilliant campaign, winning the 3200 meter run in a time of 9:48.56.

Senior Brennan Delaney won the 800 meter run in a time of 2:01.05, which was just ahead of sophomore teammate Brandon Stephens who posted a 2:03.47 for the silver medal.

The Shamrocks were joined by Kyle McIntire for a victory in the 3,200 relay. The team posted a 8:09.96 for the gold.

Steubenville Catholic senior Dan Schlich won the 1,600-meter run in 4:25.86.

The Crusaders girls cruised to their 11th title in school history and fourth in a row. And for the fourth consecutive season, it was Teddi Jo Maslowski leading the way.

Maslowski was up to her same old tricks. For the second straight season, she headed back to Jefferson County with four gold medals around her neck.

She won the high hurdles (14.30), the low hurdles (44.33) and the long jump (17-11). Her most impressive performance may have come when she tracked down the victory in the 4x200.

After legs by Taylor Zapoinik, Margaret Beigel and Katrina Vosteen, Maslowski took matters into her own hands and made up some 30 meters en route to the gold in a time of 1:46.37.

Class A

St. John Central girls' won its 10th straight OVAC title, and own 13 total, which gives the most titles in history.

The Irish was led by senior standout Emily Hawthorne who swept the two short sprints.

She ran sizzling times of 25.45 to capture the 200 and she raced away from the 100 field in a time of 12.05 for the title.

Beallsville won the boys'

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Saturday afternoon Baynes picked up another pair of gold medals at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships at Meadowbrook High School while leading the Patriots' boys to not only the Class AAAA title, but the overall crown as well.

Baynes began his day in fine fashion, once again turning heads and raising eyebrows with his performance in the long jump, and the story that accompanies it.

His 21-5.5 effort was good enough to capture the title, and would have been enough in itself, if not for the fact that Baynes has just been long jumping for a little more a week and was competing in the event for just the THIRD time.

"We just started long jumping last week and he has already jumped over 21 feet twice, but sat down in the sand both times," Wheeling Park coach Chris Daugherty said. "There is no question when we get that problem fixed he will be able to go 22 or 23 feet."

Just a little more than a week ago, Baynes joined a short list of former local high jumpers, which includes the likes of former Cleveland State basketball standout Anthony Reed, Ohio State University alum Otis Winston and former Olympian Aric Long, in the prestigious 7-foot club.

Baynes, who could have gone for a record and another shot at 7 feet Saturday but decided not to, jumped 7.25 last Friday at the Mars (Pa.) Invitational to win that event.

"He was amazing," Daugherty said. "It was a stadium record there and it was such a neat atmosphere. They shut down the entire meet while Errin was going for 7 feet so everyone could go watch him jump."

"He actually also cleared the bar at 7-1 with his hip after he set the record, but caught it with his calf. Along with being a great, natural athlete, he is just such a remarkable kid and great team player and that is a great tribute to his family and how he was raised."

"He very easily could have kept jumping (Saturday) and maybe set another record, but he decided he wanted to be ready to run the 4x200 with his teammates so he took his gold medal and stopped."

"Most kids would have asked if the coach could find someone else to run the relay while they kept going, but not Errin, he didn't feel that was what was best for his team."

"I can honestly tell you that some college coach is going to get a great kid with a ton of God-given ability."

"As for (Saturday), I know people are disappointed not being able to see him go for 7 feet again, but I am convinced he will do well at states and would not be at all shocked to see he go as high as 7-3."

The soft-spoken Baynes has goals of his

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of them, and is also, by chance the West Virginia state record.

"I just started last year and went 6-10, so I expected to go at least 7 feet this year," he admitted. "I want that state record and if I can't get it this year, I will get it next year."

"Currently I am ranked third nationally and I am looking forward when the high school season is over to going to the New Balance Outdoor National meet in Greensboro, N.C. in June."

"I know that I am blessed with ability, and I work hard also, but it also means a lot to me for my teammates and fans to support my efforts. I know I could have done more (Saturday), but my coaches told me they would support my decision and my teammates are always here for me and I wanted to be in that 4X200 with them. No matter where we are, or how I do, there is always fans there to shake my hand at the end and congratulate me."

"It really makes you feel good and helps you keep your spirits raised to have that."

And while it may seem that Baynes is at the top of his game, there is always room for improvement and always new heights to obtain. He has a final high school goal in mind, and he is not afraid to put it out there.

"I think finishing my high school career at 7-5 next year sounds pretty good," he said.

Daugherty, meanwhile, knows that having a kid like Baynes around is a good thing not only for a coach, but also for the team.

"He is just so humble and so fun to be around," Daugherty said. "And the kids all want to be around him also. You would never guess just looking at him or talking to him that he can do what he does."

"He never walks around with his chest out and he never brags about his accomplishments. He just knows how to handle himself so well and you can't ask for more than that."

Baynes was also a part of Wheeling Park's winning 1,600-meter sprint relay unit, which closed Saturday's meet and put the finishing touches on the Patriots' title, as well as helping the 800-meter unit fin-

