

# SPORTS

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Photos by Mike Palmer

Top: Wheeling Central's Anna Pockl, right, and Martins Ferry's Rikki Allen are neck-and-neck during the shuttle hurdles. Bottom: Park's Josh Garrett runs the anchor leg on the 3,200 relay.



## Ferry Girls Capture An Overall Title

Materkoski's team has been focused all season

By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — When the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference went to the championship-style track and field meet three years ago, it had a mental picture of what it could look like.

It was pretty close to ideal Saturday at Red Devil Stadium as the overall and five class champions were crowned.

Martins Ferry had been the premier girls' team all season. However, each week coach Rich Materkoski professed to his club that bigger goals were still ahead. The message got across loud and clear and neither Morgantown — nor the prom — could slow the Riders.

Ferry claimed the OVAC Class 3A

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## Patriots Boys Prevail

Magnolia gains Class 3A crown

By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Wheeling Park notched its 23rd OVAC title Saturday, but coach Chris Daugherty realizes the competition is coming on strong.

Park fought off overall and 4A runner-up Cambridge for the title, posting 92.5 points. Cambridge settled for second with 77.5.

The Patriots' depth came to the forefront especially when you consider that Errin Baynes — the USC high jumping recruit — didn't take part in the meet.

The Patriots only won two events overall, the 3,200 relay and shuttles.

The 3,200 squad of Michael Mauck, Zach Witsberger, Albert Shrimp and Josh Garrett posted a 8:24.97 for a meet record and the gold medal.

The shuttle team of D.C. Banks, Cole Bertol, Chase Bonar and Austin Farley teamed their hurdling talents for a time of 59.77.

Park got things going when Banks won the big-school portion of the long jump at 20-feet, 6 3/4-inches. Dewanya Neal was the top shot putter in the big-school meet with a mark of 49-3.

Banks moved to the oval and was the top 5A intermediate hurdles in 41.44.

### CLASS 4A

St. Clairsville captured the 4A crown by focusing on the distance events.

Senior standout Andy

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## FERRY

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championship for the first time since 2000. The school also won the overall title.

"I don't think, in our wildest dreams, we thought we'd come out here and win the overall title," Materkoski said. "We told the girls to come out and take care of business. I didn't hear one word about the prom this week in practice, so I knew they were motivated and focused. To win the overall against schools that probably have 600 or so more girls than we have, really tells you something about these kids."

Ferry didn't win an overall event, but under the format, everyone participating in the championship meet aided the Purple Riders who had 13 individuals on hand.

The Riders were fueled by a runner-up finish in the long jump by sophomore Sarah Applegarth, who jumped 15-feet, 7-inches. She was also third in the 400-meter dash.

The Ferry shuttle team of Nikki Allen, Courtney Crolley, Ashley Griffith and Rikki Allen finished second overall in a time of 69.07.

Junior standout Sunshine Wrenn finished third overall in the 800, posting a 2:24.54.

### CLASS 5A

Morgantown and Wheeling Park locked up in an all-out battle as they, along with the Riders, scored points in bunches to move up the overall team scoring list.

The Mohigans eventually outlasted the Patriots by three points, 94-91, for the 5A class title, which is their first.

Morgantown, which is coached by

Shadyside High graduate Steven Blinco, captured five events for a quick 50 points.

Wheeling Park, meanwhile, had more depth across the board because it won just three overall events.

The lone Patriots individual to claim a gold was speedy junior Ashley Grove, who posted a meet-record time of 59.05 for the title.

Park's 800 team of Grove, RaKendra Webb, Nakysa McGee and Natasha Whitaker blazed two laps in 1:45.36.

The Patriots also captured the meet's final event, the 1,600 relay. The team of Grove, Webb, Whitaker and Lauren Tarovisky turned in a meet-record 4:07.65 for the gold.

### CLASS 4A

Steubenville, led by coach Jason Kernahan, earned its first title since 1990. The school was led by junior Toschchel Demus, who was the class champion in the high hurdles, posting a 15.74.

Sophomore Paige Phillips was the champion in 4A in the 400 and 200. Carly Moro did her part in the 300 hurdles, beating all other 4A entrants with a 50.21.

Runner-up Edison was fueled by senior Nhung Tran, who was eighth overall, but first amongst her class in the 100.

St. Clairsville, which finished third in the team chase, was fueled by junior standout Alyssa Robinson. She remained undefeated in the shot put with a meet-record mark of 40-5.5.

### CLASS 2A

Steubenville Catholic had its hands full from the start in the from of

River, which finished second by 2.5 points, 51.5-49.

SCC was led by 2A shot put and discus champion Rachel Rigaud. Her discus mark of 92-9 was good enough for sixth place overall. Michaela Gotta was the 2A champion in the long jump at 14-10 3/4.

River was led by junior standout Cassidy McCullough, who finished no lower than third in any of her four open events.

She's been the dominant low hurdler all season and continued that trend, breezing to the title by nearly 2 full seconds. She skimmed eight hurdles in 45.82.

Shadyside's Tara Tollet was the lone Tiger representative on hand, and she didn't disappoint. She was the OVAC champion in the 3,200 meter run, smashing the record with a time of 11:11.37.

Wheeling Central's impressive shuttle team of Emily Bucon, Adeline Schneid, Anna Pockl and Bailey Clark raced past Martins Ferry for the overall title in a meet-record time of 67.50.

### CLASS 1A

St. John Central notched its 11th consecutive 1A crown and did so without much of a challenge.

The Irish rode the legs of freshman standout Fallon Doyle to the title. She was second overall in both the 1,600 and 800. She posted a solid 5:07.43 to win the 1A title in the longer race and a 2:24.49 in the two-lap race.

Bishop Donahue was led by the small-school shot put title of Becky Beiter, the high jump crown by Elasyia Hill, and the shuttle victory.

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Thornburg was the only double winner on the boys' side. He claimed the 1,600 in 4:28.99. He then came back a short time later with a 9:58.44 to win the 3,200.

Buckeye Local's Jordan Piergallini continued his fine season. He got his day started with a championship in the long jump for the 4A class. He marked the sand at 20-5 1/4.

Piergallini then shifted to the track where he continued his impressive sprints in the 100. He posted a 10.91 to win the. He was also the 4A champion and second overall in the 200, breezing to a 22.23.

Oak Glen's Ethan Delekta set a meet record in winning the discus with a throw of 158-8.

### CLASS 3A

Magnolia kept battling and stayed patient as it watched Martins Ferry's big-ticket events come off the board. Eventually, Magnolia, the defending Class AA West Virginia State champion, pulled ahead for good late thanks to a strength in distance events.

The Blue Eagles were led to the

title by junior speedster Stephen Rogalski, who gave Magnolia its only overall winner. He ran a 49.67 to claim the 400.

Martins Ferry, which finished second, was fueled by a double victory by strongman Sean McGee. He won the overall crown in the shot put with a mark of 53-10 1/2 and captured the class title in the discus with a mark of 142-1.

Bellaire had a very strong meet, led by senior speedster Juwaun Whetstone. He was the 3A champion and overall runner-up in the 100 at 11.21.

### CLASS 2A

Linsly captured its 18th OVAC track and field title with a strong day by senior standout Chris Stephens.

Stephens won the 200 in a meet-record time of 21.90. Senior Akil Blount won the high jump in 2A, soaring over 5-10. Senior strongman Mark Dodd was the top shot putter in this class with a put of 49-7. Mike Hammond was the top 2A runner at 800 (2:07.47).

Linsly also won the 3,200 relay

with a 8:38.68. It also captured the 400 relay in 45.14 and the 1,600 relay in 3:36.44.

Wheeling Central's Daniel Scott led the vaulters in the 2A class, clearing 13-6.

### CLASS 1A

Valley was sparked to its first title in boys' track and field by junior strongman Spencer Mason, who won the discus and shot put in the small-school meet. He twirled the platter to a mark of 132-8 and put the shot to a measurement of 49-11, which was good enough for second overall.

Senior speedster Casey Pingley was fourth overall in the 100, but first in 1A with a 11.34. He was also the top 200 sprinter in his class, running a 22.93.

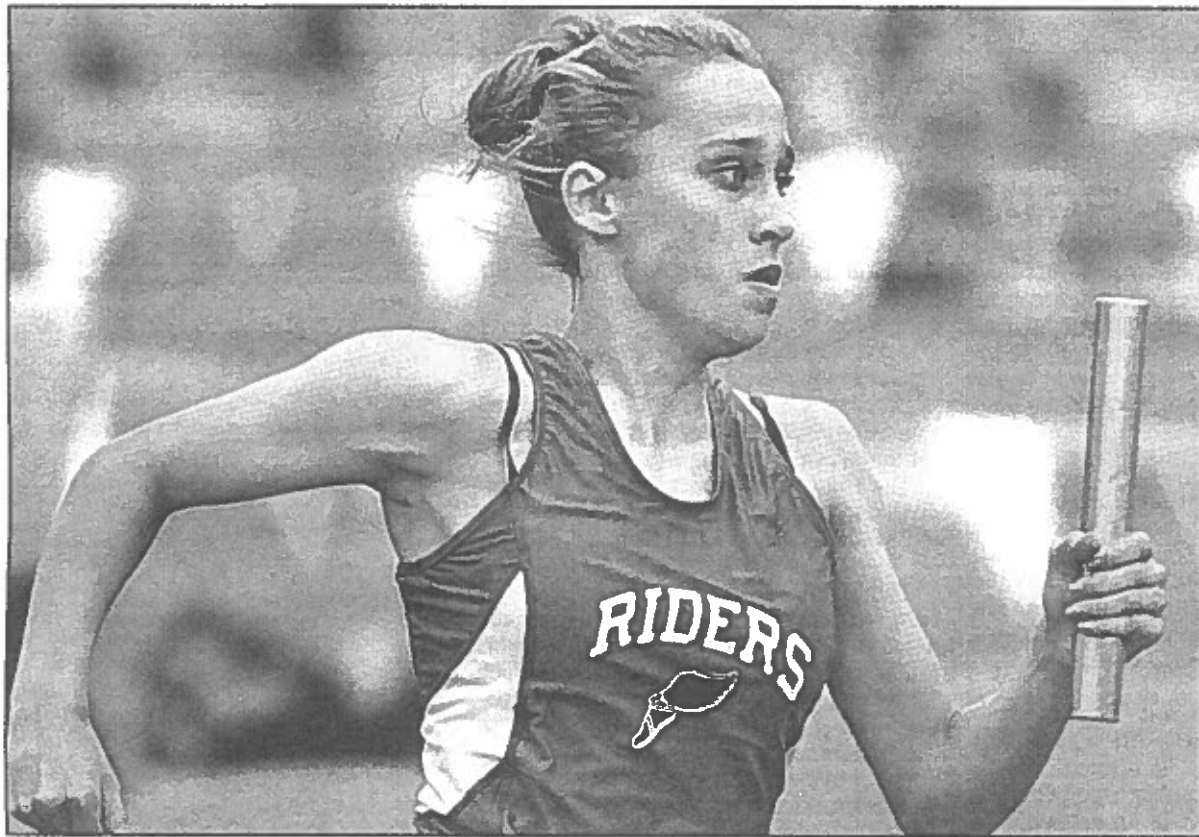
St. John Central was fueled by the 1A title in the 1600 by Aaron Ebbert. Garrett Holubeck was eighth overall and the top 400 dasher in Class A with a 52.93.

Bishop Donahue prevailed in the 1A 3,200 relay with a time of 9:27.51. The Bishops' hurdle relay team also won the 1A race.

# SPORTS

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## OVAC Track and Field Championships



**MARTINS FERRY'S** Sarah Applegarth runs in the 4x200 meter relay during Saturday's OVAC Championship meet. She was second in the long jump, third in the 400 and led the Lady Riders to the overall and Class 3A OVAC titles. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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## Purple reign at OVAC track

• Ferry girls win overall and 3A title; SJC girls win 1A crown

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

When the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference went to the championship style track and field meet three years ago, it had a mental picture of what it could look like.

It was pretty close to ideal Saturday afternoon at sun-drenched Red Devil Stadium as the overall and five class champions received their hardware, bringing the championship year to a close for the OVAC.

Martins Ferry had been the premier girls team in the immediate area all season. The Lady Riders had captured the Bellaire Early Bird, Martins Ferry Relays, Shadyside Relays and Buckeye 8 titles already this season.

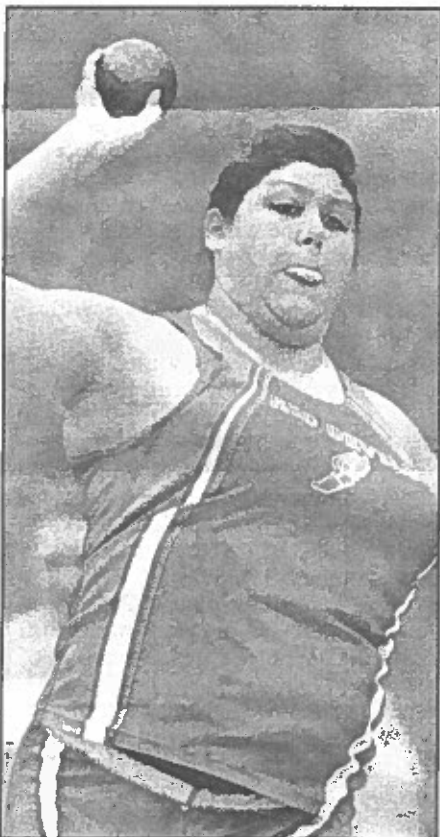
However, each week head coach Rich Materkoski professed to his Lady Riders that the bigger goals were still ahead.

The message got across loud and clear and neither Morgantown, nor the prom, could slow down the Lady Riders of accomplishing the ultimate goal.

Ferry is making room in its trophy case for OVAC Class 3A championship trophy for the first time since 2000. And while cleaning a spot for the trophy, it will need to make room on a wall for the school's first overall title and the banner that goes along with it.

"I don't think, in our wildest dreams,

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Alyssa Robinson throws the shot put toward a record-setting victory during Saturday's OVAC Championship held at Red Devil Stadium.



**SHADYSIDE'S** Tara Tollett runs toward a victory and a meet-record in the OVAC 3200 meter run Saturday afternoon at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

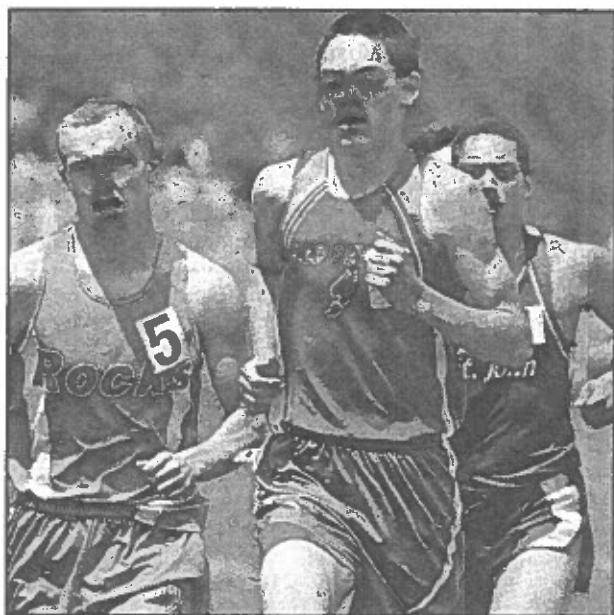
## Distance sparks St. C. to 4A boys title

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

The St. Clairsville Red Devils just seem to find a way when it comes time for the OVAC meet. Battling injuries in their sprints, Coach Ben Frye's Devils turned to the distance contingent.

"We had a lot of kids step up and fill in for some places where we were a little bit weaker," Frye said. "Our distance guys did a great job. We had some kids who were willing to step in even though they were in a lot of pain. It was a good team effort."

Senior standout Andy Thornburg was the only double winner on the boys' side. He claimed the 1600 meter run with a furious charge down the home-stretch for a 4:28.99. He then came back a short-time later with a 9:58.44 to win the 3200 meter



**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Drake Walker leads a pack of area runners, including Barnesville's Brandon



**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Andy Thornburg was named a

## Bellaire holds off UL, 4-3

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**CAMBRIDGE** — Since day one, John Patrone asked his team to be aggressive baserunners.

In their Sectional tournament debut Saturday afternoon, Patrone's Bellaire Big Reds took it to another level.

No fewer than six Bellaire runners were cut down on the basepaths against Union Local. Fortunately for Patrone, his Reds managed to scratch out a 4-3 victory and advance in the Division III event.

"We were probably a little too aggressive today," Patrone smiled after the Big Reds held on. "Sometimes, guys have to do a little better job using their heads out there."

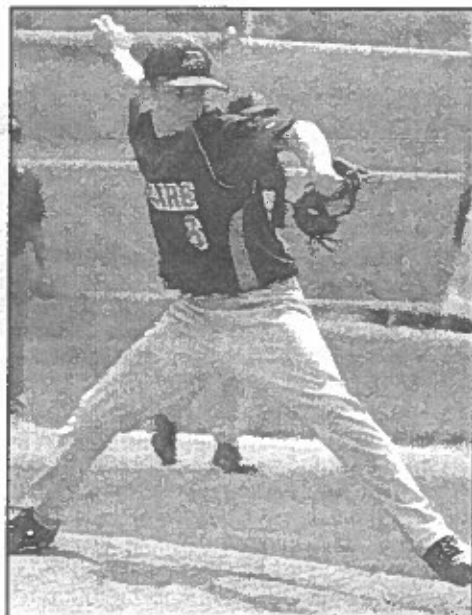
Bellaire, now 16-9, moves on to a Wednesday semifinal encounter against Monroe Central, a 5-4 second game survivor vs. Martins Ferry.

**WHILE** Union Local was coughing up six errors over the first four innings, Bellaire was mounting a 4-1 upperhand. Rich Mercer's Jets rallied for two tallies in the sixth but could get no closer.

"We made some plays today but the ones we didn't definitely hurt," Mercer disclosed. "We end up 7-18 and that record is not indicative of the type team we were."

Patrone agreed. "We knew UL was a quality opponent. They played us down to

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T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

**BELLAIRE'S** Nick Patrone delivers to the plate during Saturday's Division III sectional opener against Union Local at Cambridge City Park.

## Monroe rallies past Ferry, 5-4

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**CAMBRIDGE** — Two-time losers during a regular season doubleheader at Martins Ferry, Ryan Rosnick's Monroe Central Seminoles made amends in a big way Saturday afternoon at Don Coss Field.

Rosnick's Noles needed a dramatic two-run seventh inning rally to pull off a 5-4 victory over the Purple in Division III Sectional action.

It appeared Anthony Reasbeck's Riders were destined for victory after staging a three-run sixth inning comeback to go ahead 4-3.

Monroe, however, pulled even in the top of the seventh, then scored the go-ahead

we thought we'd come out here and win the overall title," Materkoski said. "We told the girls to come out and take care of business. I didn't hear one word about the prom this week in practice, so I knew they were motivated and focused. To win the overall against schools that probably have 600 or so more girls than we have really tells you something about these kids."

The interesting thing about Ferry's victory is the fact that it prevailed and didn't win an overall event, but under the format, everyone participating in the championship meet, which aided the Lady Purple, who had 13 individuals on hand.

"All of our girls are doing four events, so we had some tired kids toward the time when it got to the shuttles and the 4x4, but we told them to suck it up and run," Materkoski said.

The Lady Riders were fueled by a runner-up finish in the long jump by sophomore Sarah Applegarth, who marked the sand at 15-ft-7. She was also third in the 400 at 59.97.

The Ferry shuttle team of Nikki Allen, Courtney Crolley, Ashley Griffith and Rikki Allen finished second overall in a time of 69.07.

Junior standout Sunshine Wrenn finished third overall in the 800 meter run, posting a 2:24.54.

Crolley was the top 3A pole vaulter at 9-feet, while the Ferrians' 4x800 team was third overall and tops in 3A with a time of 10:16.25. She was also the top high hurdler at 16.87.

The Lady Riders' 4x200 and 4x400 teams were tops in their division as well, posting a 1:50.71 and a 4:22.76, respectively.

Jamie Truchan was the 3A winner in the 1600 meter run with a 5:44.93.

Monroe Central's Kayley Stephens had an impressive showing of 5-feet in the high jump, which was good enough for third overall.

Bellaire's Myleah Green was impressive, finishing second overall in the shot put (35-ft-8) and fifth overall in the discus (97-1). Both were tops in her class.

Bridgeport's Brianna Massey had a strong showing. She was impressive in the 200 meter dash, posting a top finish in the class and fourth overall at 26.80. She also led the class in the 100 (12.94).

Barnesville's Lina Partridge was the top 3200 meter runner in her class, posting a 12:52.85.

#### CLASS 1A

In the small-school class, it was just more of the same for the St. John Central Lady Irish. The Green gals notched their 11th consecutive 1A crown and did so without much of a challenge.

"We had a good performance from Fallon (Doyle) in the distance races, our young throwers came through and our seniors came up big, too," said SJC head coach Paul Xenakis. "We weren't sure what was going to happen after qualifying, but things worked out for us."

The champion Lady Irish rode the legs of freshman standout Fallon Doyle to the title. She was second overall in both the 1600 and 800 meter runs. She posted a solid 5:07.43 to win the 1A title in the longer race and a 2:24.49 in the two-lap race.

Senior Lindy Stauffer was the top 1A runner in the 3200 meter run, posting a 12:44.72.

Beallsville's Hayley Campbell brought the small-school discus title back to Monroe County with a mark of 98-ft-4. She was fourth overall.

**ST. JOHN'S** Lindy Stauffer runs in the 3200M run during Saturday's OVAC Meet. She was the top 1A finisher.



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#### CLASS 4A

St. Clairsville, which finished third in the team chase behind Steubenville and Edison, respectively, was fueled by junior standout Alyssa Robinson. She remained undefeated in the shot put with a meet-record mark of 40-ft-5 1/2.

Senior Taryne Soukup was the 4A champion in the long jump with a mark of 15-ft-0 1/2.

Junior Julianna Madzia was the top 4A finisher in the 800 meter run (2:29.73). Amanda Hoffman was the 4A discus winner with a mark of 82-ft-5.

Union Local's Arika Kemp was the top pole vaulter in the second biggest class, clearing 9-ft-6.

#### CLASS 2A

The last several years, the OVAC meet has almost been a walk in the park for Steubenville Central's Lady Crusaders, but they had their hands full from the word go from River's Lady Pilots, which finished second by 2.5 points, 51.5-49.

River was led by junior standout Cassidy McCullough, who finished no lower than third in any of her four open events.

She's been the dominant low hurdler all season and continued that trend, breezing to the title by nearly two full seconds. She skimmed eight hurdles in 45.82.

She was also runnerup in the 100 (12.59) and 200 (26.53), while logging third place in the high hurdles.

The Lady Pilots' shuttle team also won its class in 1:16.87.

Shadyside's Tara Tollet was the lone Lady Tiger representative on hand. She didn't disappoint. She was the OVAC champion in the 3200 meter run, smashing the



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

**MONROE CENTRAL'S** Corey Piatt works to the plate during Saturday's Division III sectional tournament against Martins Ferry.

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only error of the game.

"It should never have come down to that," Reasbeck stressed. "We left 12 runners on base and missed numerous opportunities to win this one earlier."

Echoed Monroe's Rosnick. "It was a weird game," he offered. "I mean, our number nine batter gets two RBIs on a couple hits that didn't go 100 feet."

The now 8-15 Seminoles received a clutch mound effort from senior mainstay Corey Piatt who recorded 114 pitches during a complete game outing.

"Korey's been a bulldog (out there) all season," Rosnick advised. "I think his velocity was at its highest in the seventh inning. He really wanted to finish the job."

Piatt fanned four and walked a like number. Ferry's Tyler Strama was equally sharp, allowing just five hits before Jonathan Carlier came on in the seventh. Strama struck out seven and walked four.

"We didn't finish with a winning record but our seniors are the essence of what Martins Ferry baseball is all about," Reasbeck disclosed. "Today, we played a number of juniors and underclassmen. We'll be back."

Ferry took a 4-3 lead to the top of the seventh before Monroe's Bryan Duffy and Kordell Antill reached via walks.

That brought on center-fielder Jacob Black who drilled a game-tying double to the gap, knocking out Strama.

Reasbeck ordered an intentional pass to Piatt filling the sacks with none out. Carlier came on and induced consecutive ground balls resulting in force outs at home.

But with freshman DH Seth Alleman at the plate, an errant return throw to Carlier permitted Piatt to dash home and score what proved the game-winner.

Ferry's Robert Vargo and Marcus Sutton reached in the last of the seventh before Piatt recorded a clutch K, then ended it on an infield grounder.

"We felt this was a good match-up and it was," Rosnick related. "We haven't faced Bellaire but our kids will be excited to return here Wednesday."

Sophomore second baseman Eric Ward singled and doubled for the Seminoles. Duffy donated two runs batted in.

Sutton, the Purple's sophomore, doubled and singled twice. Strama and Vargo collected two singles apiece. Freshman Jeremy

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"You can't say enough about Andy," Frye said. "He's a special kid. He's one of those kids who doesn't come around very often. He's got a tremendous work ethic and a lot of natural ability."

Junior middle distance dandy Drake Walker notched the overall 800 meter run title, running a solid 2:00.18.

Buckeye Local's impressive senior, Jordan Piergallini, continued his fine season. He got his day started with a championship in the long jump for the 4A class. He marked the sand at 20-ft-5 1/4.

Piergallini then shifted to the track where he continued his impressive sprints in the 100 meter dash. He posted a 10.91 to win the 100 meter overall title. He was also the 4A champion and second overall in the 200, breezing to a 22.23.

Buckeye Local's shuttle team was tops in its class with a 63.01.

Union Local's Kurtis Ogilbee was the top high jumper in this division. He soared over 6-feet.

Austin Kemp was the top 4A pole vaulter thanks to a 11-ft-6 clearance.

Harrison Central's 4x800 team finished seventh overall, but that was good enough for the 4A title, posting a time of 8:41.51.

The Huskies' Terrance Lindsey finished sixth overall, but first in 4A in the intermediate hurdles. He ran a 42.46.

#### CLASS 3A

The Magnolia Blue Eagles just keep battling and stayed patient as they watched Martins Ferry's big-ticket events come off the board one-by-one. Eventually, Coach Matt Quinett's squad, which is the defending Class AA West Virginia state champions, pulled ahead for good late thanks to a strength in distance events.

The Blue Eagles were led to the title by junior speedster Stephen Rogalski, who gave Magnolia its only overall winner of the meet. He ran a blistering 49.67 to claim the 400 meter dash.

Martins Ferry, which finished second in the class, was fueled by a double victory by strongman Sean McGee. He won the overall crown in the shot put with a mark of (53-ft-10 1/2) and he won the class title in the discus with a mark of 142-ft-1.

The Purple Riders' second overall title came in the 110M high hurdles when senior talent Richie Padyjasek prevailed in a solid time of 14.75. He was also second overall in the long jump.

Senior pole vaulter Travis Jenkins was third overall and the winner in the 3A division with a vault of 12-ft-6.

The Riders' shuttle team was second overall and the best in Class 3A with a solid 60.56.

Bellaire had a very strong meet. Coach Shawn Valloric's team was led by an impressive meet by senior speedster Juwawn Whetstone. He was the 3A champion and overall runnerup in the 100 at 11.21. Whetstone was the top 200 sprinter in his class, posting a solid 23.07 clocking.

The Big Reds' 4x100 team was tops in its class, running a 45.48.

Bridgeport hurdling dandy Cody Frey continued his fine season. He won the 300 meter hurdles in an impressive effort of 39.48.

Barnesville's 4x800 team was the premier squad in Class 3A with a time of 8:32.93. That was good enough for fourth overall.

Junior Brandon Stephens was the top 3A 800 meter runner and finished second overall in a time of 2:01.12.

Buckeye Trail's Austin Carleton won the overall title in the long jump, marking the sand at 21-ft-6, which was an inch-and-a-half further than Padyjasek. He was also the class champion in the high jump.

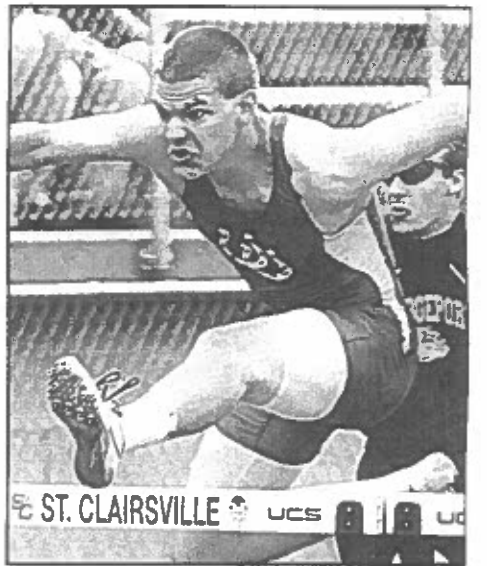
#### CLASS 2A

It's been a big year for the Linsly Cadets, who put a ribbon on it by winning their eighth OVAC title of the school year.

"We had our backs to the wall with Ricky (Jordan) not running (due to injury)," said Cadets' head coach James Cowart. "As a team, we stepped up. We qualified well on Thursday. We fought through today."

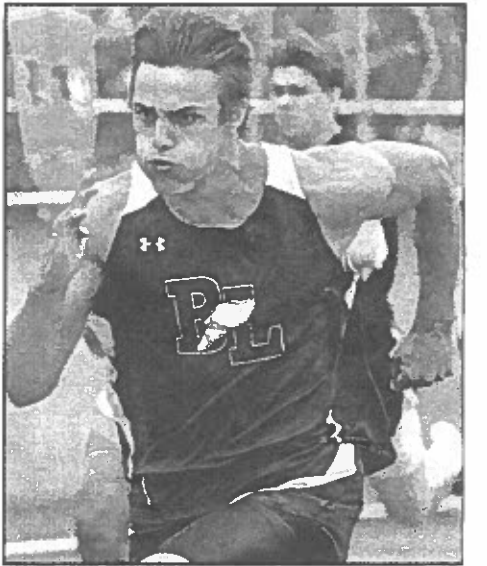
Depth and talent won out for the Cadets. Throw in a strong day by senior standout Chris Stephens and it adds up to the 18th OVAC track and field title for the Wheeling-based private school.

Stephens was a stud for the Cadets. He



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**MARTINS FERRY'S** Richie Padyjasek clears the last hurdle en route to the 110M high hurdle OVAC crown Saturday afternoon in St. Clairsville.



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**BUCKEYE LOCAL'S** Jordan Piergallini sprints toward the victory in the 100M dash during Saturday's OVAC Championship Meet.

won the 200 meter dash title in a meet-record time of 21.90. Just a few minutes earlier, he ran a sizzling 49.76 in the 400, which was good enough for second overall and the gold in 2A.

"I didn't think Chris had that (200) in him because of the way he ran the 400," Cowart admitted. "But, he stepped up and came up huge. He came right back and proved why he's a star in his own right."

Senior Akil Blount won the high jump in 2A, soaring over 5-ft-10. Senior strongman Mark Dodd was the top shot putter in this class with a put of 49-ft-7. Mike Hammond was the top 2A runner at 800 meters (2:07.47).

Linsly also won the 3200 meter relay with a 8:38.68. It also captured the 400 relay in 45.14 and the 1600 relay in 3:36.44.

Shadyside's Jake Dull was the 2A champion in 300M intermediate hurdles, posting a time of 40.38, which was good enough for second to Frey.

River's Jared Hinkle was fifth overall and the top 2A shot putter. He launched the iron ball to a mark of 48-ft-3. The Pilots' 4x200 team also captured the class crown with a 1:37.21.

#### CLASS 1A

St. John Central was the top area finisher in the team standings. It recorded the 1A title in the 1600 meter run by Aaron Ebbert. Garrett Holubeck was eighth overall and the top 400 meter dasher in Class A with a 52.93.

Irish senior Ramon Nieves claimed the 800 meter 1A title in a tiem of 2:03.37, which was good enough for fourth overall.

The Irish's overall leader and highest individual finisher was junior Corey Leasure. He was second overall and tops in 1A with a 10:00.44.

Beallsville's Matthew Burke was the premier high jumper in the small-school division, clearing 6-ft-2. He was also the top long jumper with a mark of 18-ft-8 3/4.

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the wire all three times we met this spring. We're just happy to be moving on."

A Dalton Conroy RBI single coupled with a UL error enabled the Reds to take an early 2-0 upper-hand.

Number nine hitter

another Jet bobble in the second later came around to score for a 3-0 lighting

Jets' senior Tyler McGary singled home McGary Tater Blake in the third but Bellaire answered on a Ray run-scoring base knock and it was 4-1

But Spencer Badia, coming on for starter and winner Nick Patrone, recorded a seventh inning save.

Badia and Hunter Westlake collected a single and double apiece. Patrone, who struck out six and walked four, aided his

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Monday,  
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## OVAC Track qualifying begins today

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There are just 10 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions left to be crowned during the 2011-12 school year.

The road to those titles begins tonight both at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville and Fleming Field in Shadyside.

The annual Cal Giffin OVAC Track and

Field Championships get under way with the Class 1A schools making their familiar trek to Shadyside and the 3A and 5A schools heading to Red Devil Stadium for the first time.

Those three divisions will wrap up their qualifying on Wednesday.

The 2A and 4A schools begin their meet on Tuesday with qualifying concluding on Thursday afternoon.



Once the top three finishers in all 18 events are settled during the week, all 15 competitors or teams will return to Red Devil Stadium for the OVAC Championship Meet on Saturday.

The meet begins for both divisions with field events at 4 p.m. and the running action gets under way at 5 p.m.

This marks the third time the OVAC has

brought its top qualifiers from each class together on Saturday for a true OVAC Championship Meet. The first two years were held at Meadowbrook High School.

All of the scoring for the team titles is done on Saturday. All 15 competitors will score a point for their teams. However, only the top eight overall will receive an award, but the individual class champion

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will receive a special award.

For example, an athlete can finish 13th overall, but if he or she is the top finisher in his respective the respective class, he or she will receive an award as class champion.

Under the current system, the athletes will run their respective races just once and the top three times in short sprints and hurdles – regardless of heat – will advance. The top three finishers in distance races and relays will qualify to the championship run. The top three marks in the field events will also qualify.

The running events ticketed for the first day of competition are as follows: 4x800, high hurdles, 100M, 4x200, 3200M and 400. The field events, which will consist of four throws, will feature boys' discus, girls' high jump, boys' long jump, girls' shot put and both boys and girls' pole vault.

The remaining running and field events will qualify on the second day of competition.

Schools not competing in the OVAC meet this year include: Wellsville, Fort Frye, Tyler Consolidated, East Liverpool and Frontier.

## HEAT, PACERS WIN

The Miami Heat takes a 2-0 lead on the New York Knicks, while the Indiana Pacers even things with the Orlando Magic/18

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Photo by Mike Palmer

Wheeling Park's Chase Bonar competes in the pole vault during Monday's OVAC Track and Field Championships qualifying.

## Eagles, Riders Start Strong

### TRAC having its way in Class 5A

By **SETH STASKEY**  
For The Intelligencer  
**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — The quest for an OVAC Track and Field championship is under way.

The annual Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship got started in its new home at Red Devil Stadium on Monday evening when Classes 3A and 5A ran under ideal weather conditions and punched tickets to Saturday's championship meet, which will also be held on the 2-year old track at Red Devil Stadium.

Action resumes at St. C. this

afternoon as the 2A and 4A classes begin their qualifying meets. Field events begin at 4 p.m. and running at 5 p.m.

#### Class 3A

Two of the pre-meet favorites Martins Ferry girls and Magnolia boys had a strong opening day of qualifying action.

The Purple Riders own the top time in Class 3A in five events of the eight contested.

Sophomore speedsters Taylor Jenkins (100) and Sarah Applegarth (400) set the tempo in their respective sprint races. Jenkins posted a 13.52 and Applegarth circled the oval in 62.01.

Hurdling sophomore Nikki Allen skimmed 10 hurdles

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quicker than anyone else in the 3A field. She ran a 16.92.

Ferry's 800-relay team of Jenkins, Applegarth, Sunshine Wrenn and Allen ran a 1:51.29, which was more than 5 seconds better than Bridgeport.

The Ferry 3,200-relay team of Wrenn, Brenna Becca, Alyssa Smith and Jamie Truchan posted a 10:43.26, which was 39 seconds ahead of Magnolia.

Monroe Central's Kayley Stephens set standard in the high jump, soaring 4-foot-10.

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## EAGLES

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Bellaire's Myleah Green continued her strong season in the shot put. She was the top 3A qualifier with a put of 35-9.

Barnesville's Lina Partridge turned in a time of 12:40.73 to lead the 3,200 runners.

The Blue Eagles boys, who soared to the conference and state titles last season, got off to a strong start.

Stephen Rogalski posted a blazing 50.98 to lead the qualifying in both divisions in the 400-meter dash. Alec Hinerman ran a 10:22.03 to lead the 3,200 meter charge in both classes.

The Blue Eagles' 800 relay team of Drew Estep, Rogalski, Kage Rohde and Alex Pancake ran two laps in 1:33.63.

Martins Ferry could give the Blue Eagles a battle Saturday. The Purple Riders had three top individual marks.

Senior Richie Padyjasek was the top high hurdler in the field with a 15.41. Senior Travis Jenkins soared more than 13 feet to lead the pole vault qualifying in 3A and junior strongman Sean McGee got back on track in the discus. He twirled the platter to a mark of 143 feet to lead the way.

Barnesville's 3,200-relay team of Abel Broomhall, Kyle McIntire, Katlin Grimes and Brandon Stephens posted the top 3200 meter relay time at 8:40.33.

Buckeye Trail's Austin Carleton put forth maybe the most impressive mark of the opening day when he marked the sand at 22-3 to lead the long jump qualifying. His mark was just three quarters of an inch off the meet record.

#### Class 5A

The meet is shaping up

like the Two Rivers Athletic Conference Meet Part II as Wheeling Park, Morgantown, University and Parkersburg South are all aligning themselves for an 18-event joust Saturday in both the girls' side and throw in Cambridge, which was impressive in the boys' qualifying.

On the girls' side, Wheeling had a strong opening day, posting the top mark in two events.

Junior Ashley Grove ran a solid 60.04 to lead the 400-meter dashers.

The 800-relay team of Grove, RaKedra Webb, NaKysha McGhee and Natasha Whitaker ran an impressive 1:45.99 to set the pace.

John Marshall's Alexis Montes set the standard in the shot put with a heave of 35-11.

Brooke's Ali Crawford was the top high hurdler in qualifying with a time of 15.85.

On the boys' side, Cambridge led the qualifying in four events.

Sophomore Eric Fox produced an impressive height in the pole vault by clearing 14-7 3/4.

Freshman Errik Snell was the top high hurdler in a time of 15.80. Sophomore Ivan Gadson produced the top time in the 100 at 11.64. Junior Derrick Stevens ran a lap in 53.26, which was the fastest in the big-school field.

The Bobcats' 800-relay team also set the standard with a 1:30.80.

Wheeling Park's Dewanya Neal put forth his best mark of the season when he threw the discus to a measurement of 152-7.

Indian Creek's Frank Kamarec was the top 3200 meter runner with a time of 10:32.89.

# Big Red, Devils Set for Battle

Linsly, SCC looking strong

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — All five classes have officially begun the journey toward an OVAC Track and Field Championship.

The 2A and 4A classes got into the act Tuesday afternoon at Red Devil Stadium and completed the field in nine events for Saturday's title runs.

The 3A and 5A members will reconvene in St.

Clairsville this afternoon with remaining field events set to begin at 4 p.m. and running at 5 p.m. The 1A meet will also wrap up today at Shadyside's Fleming Field.

## CLASS 4A

Steubenville and St. Clairsville appear primed to wage an all-out battle Saturday after qualifying action.

The defending champion in 3A Red Devils and Big Red, which has been chasing Wheeling Park in the big-school field, both paced two events in the qualifying round.

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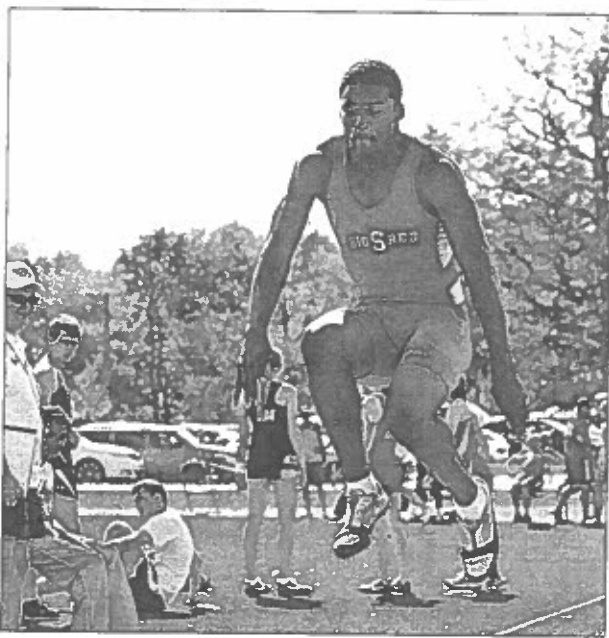


Photo by Mike Palmer

Steubenville's Malik Richmond had the farthest distance in the long jump during Class 4A meet.

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Freshman dandy Malik Richmond of Big Red led the long jump field with a mark of 20-feet-11 3/4.

Steubenville's crack 800-relay team of Jaquan Lavender, Robert Hayden, Tayari Lavender and Najee Murray posted a 1:32.37, which was more than a second better than the Red Devils.

The Red Devils, meanwhile, were led by senior distance dandy Andy Thornburg who paced the 3200-meter field. He circled his home track eight times in 9:52.91.

Sophomore pole vaulter Michael Eaton soared more than 12 feet to lead the vault qualifying.

Union Local's Collin Jones led the 4A field in the high hurdles. He posted a 16.28, which was one hundredth better than Big Red's Joey Nodianos.

Buckeye Local senior speedster showed once again that his effort at last week's Buckeye 8 championship was no fluke. He led the 4A qualifying with a blistering 10.86, which was just a hundredth off his time from a week ago.

Oak Glen's Ethan Delekta took the first step toward the discus crown by qualifying with the top mark in the competition of all divisions. He twirled the platter to 158-4.

Edison senior Kyle Minger led the way in the 400 meter dash in a time of 51.10.

The seemingly wide-open 4A girls field had five different schools earn the top mark in an event.

Edison led the way with three top marks in qualifying.

Sophomore Ashley Borsch posted a 16.38 to edge Big Red's Toshchel Demus by two hundredths of a second for the top spot in the high hurdles.

Katelyn Pollock cleared 4-10 for the top high jump spot in the next-to-biggest class, while Nhung Tran ran down the fontstretch in 13.15 to lead the 100 meter marks.

Weir capitalized on the two distance events staged.

The Red Riders' 3,200 team of Alexis Virtue, Chantelle Harper, Rachel Marker and Kristen Mastrantoni posted a 10:12.89.

Mastrantoni was also the top 3,200 meter runner in the field, posting an 11:53.80.

Steubenville sophomore Paige Phillips ran a lap in 61.07 to lead the 400 dashers. Big Red's 800 team of Demus, Phillips, Nyasha Jones and Queen Elder ran two laps in 1:47.99.

St. Clairsville's top qualifier was junior Alyssa Robinson who set the only female meet record of the day. She pre-

vailed in the shot put with a heave of 43-3/4, which was nearly 4 feet further than the previous record, which had stood since 2010.

Union Local's Arika Kemp was the top pole vault qualifier. She cleared 9-6 to advance to Saturday's action.

## CLASS 2A

Linsly and Steubenville Catholic both demonstrated they could be factors in Saturday's meet.

No one had a better individual day than Steubenville Catholic's Doug Maslowski. The younger brother of Central icon Teddi Jo Maslowski, Doug raced to the top mark in the 100 meters (11.60), the high hurdles (15.41) and the long jump (20-ft-2 1/2).

Linsly, which was without the services of senior speedster Ricky Jordan on the opening day, qualified with the top time in the 800 and 3,200.

The Cadets' 800 relay team of Chinelo Oparanozie, Jamal Ebanks, Robert Felton and Chris Stephens ran a 1:34.96.

Their 3,200 relay team of Luke Miller, Justin Lee, Stan Borrell and Mike Hammond ran eight laps in 8:53.03.

Toronto's Aaron Thompson was the top entrant in the discus with a twirl of 128-7.

Wheeling Central's Daniel Scott was the lone vaulter to clear a height and he did so in record fashion. He cleared 14 feet, breaking the former mark of 13-3.

The Steubenville Catholic girls showed they are not going to let the 2A title they've owned for the past four seasons go without a fight.

Monica Rigaud paced the high hurdles in 16.13, while Rachel Rigaud was the top shot putter with a mark of 31-2.

The Crusaders, who won the Division III state title last season, also qualified tops in the 800. The team of Monica Rigaud, Michaela Gotta, Taylor Bednar and Taylor Zapolnik ran a 1:49.38 to lead the way.

River, which finished second in the 2A race last season to Steubenville Catholic, was led by talented junior Cassidy McCullough, who led the 100 meter dash qualifying with a time of 13.08.

Shadyside distance dandy Tara Tollett ran the best 3,200 meter time by nearly a minute. She crossed the line in 11:22.01.

Toronto's Emily Price cleared 5 feet to top the high jump field.

Linsly's 3,200 team of Krista Emch, Abby Petho, Melanie Knight and Carolyn Tolbert ran a 10:54.58.

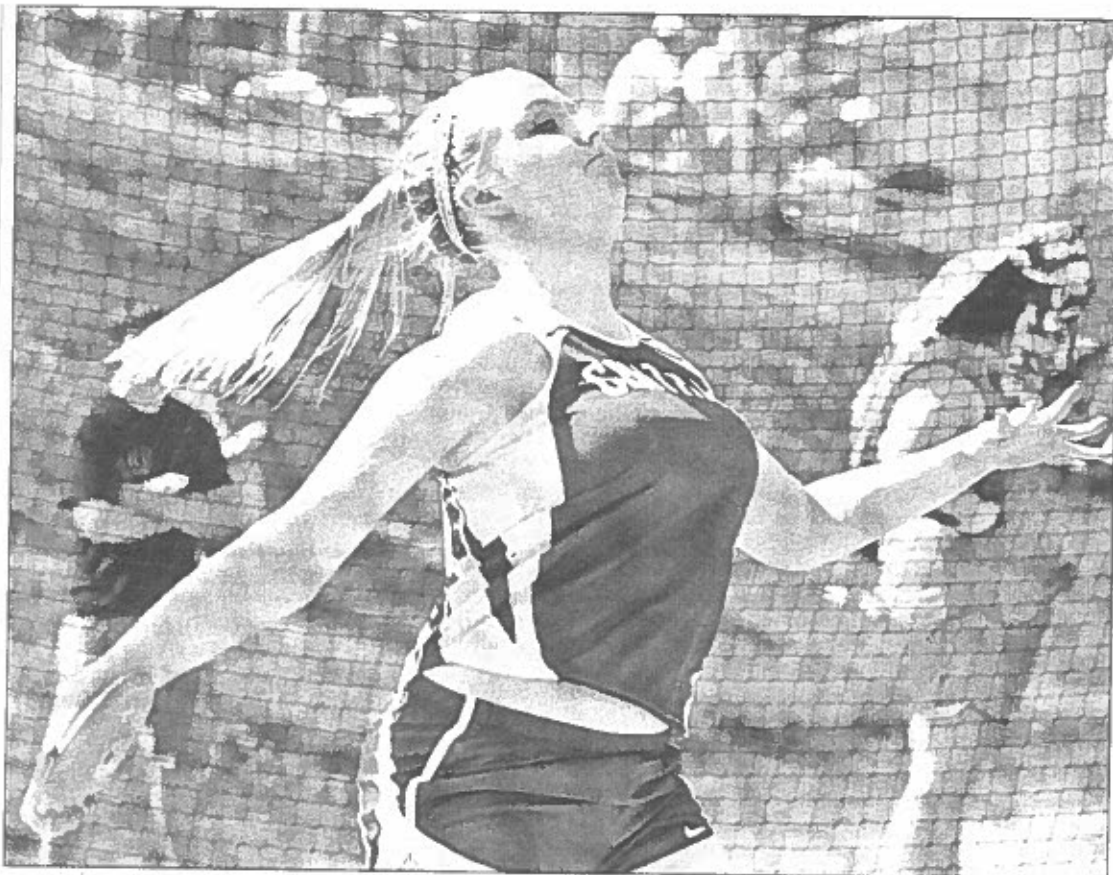


Photo by Mike Palmer

Wheeling Central's Sarah Nolan gets ready to twirl the discus during Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Track and Field Championship qualifying Thursday in St. Clairsville.

## OVAC Track and Field Finals Have Been Set

### Big Red makes a case in Class 4A

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St. Clairsville's strength in distance events was evidenced by senior Andy Thornburg and junior Drake Walker posting the top times in the 1,600- and 800-meter runs, respectively.

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4:43.42 and Walker ran half as many laps in 2:02.74.

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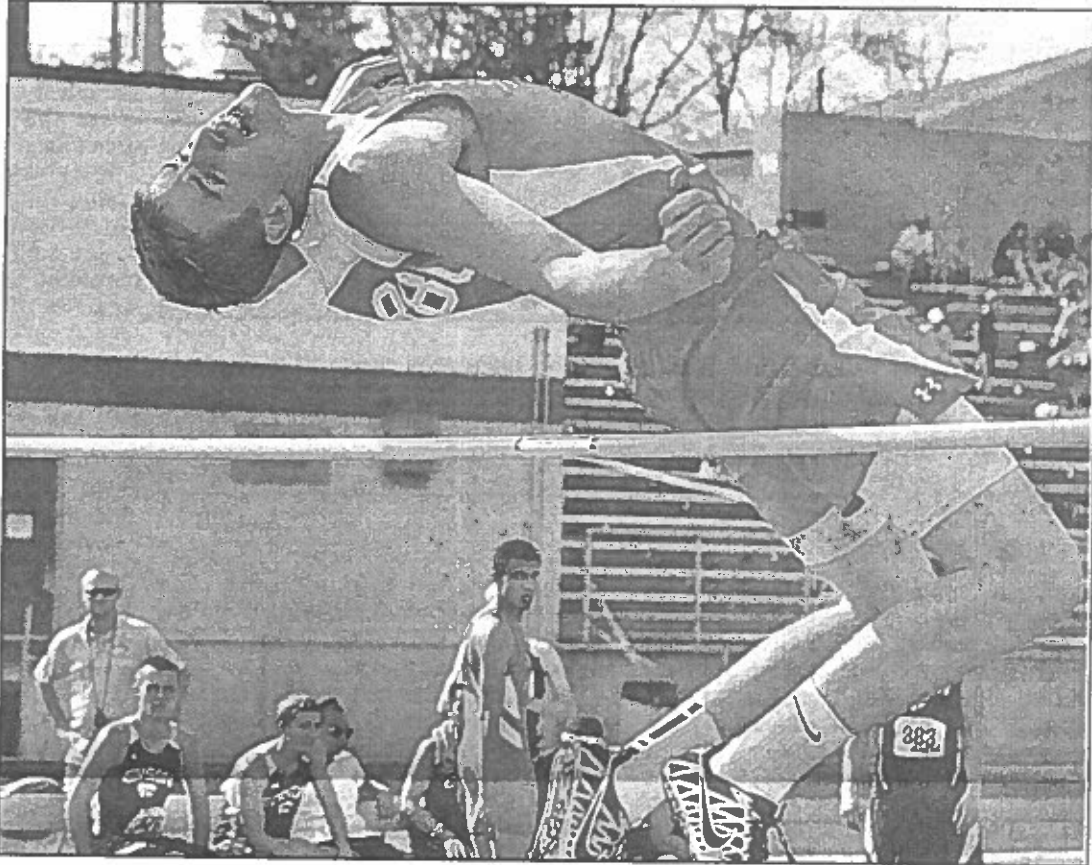
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## OVAC Track and Field Championship

**AT RIGHT:** Union Local's Kurtis Ogilbee soars over the high jump bar during Thursday's Class 4A competition. Ogilbee led the way with a 6-ft-4 clearance.

**BELOW:** St. Clairsville's Taryne Soukup leaps off the board toward the top mark in the 4A long jump. The OVAC finals are set for Saturday at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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## Final OVAC tickets punched

• Qualifying complete as 2A and 4A members get set for Saturday's championship finals

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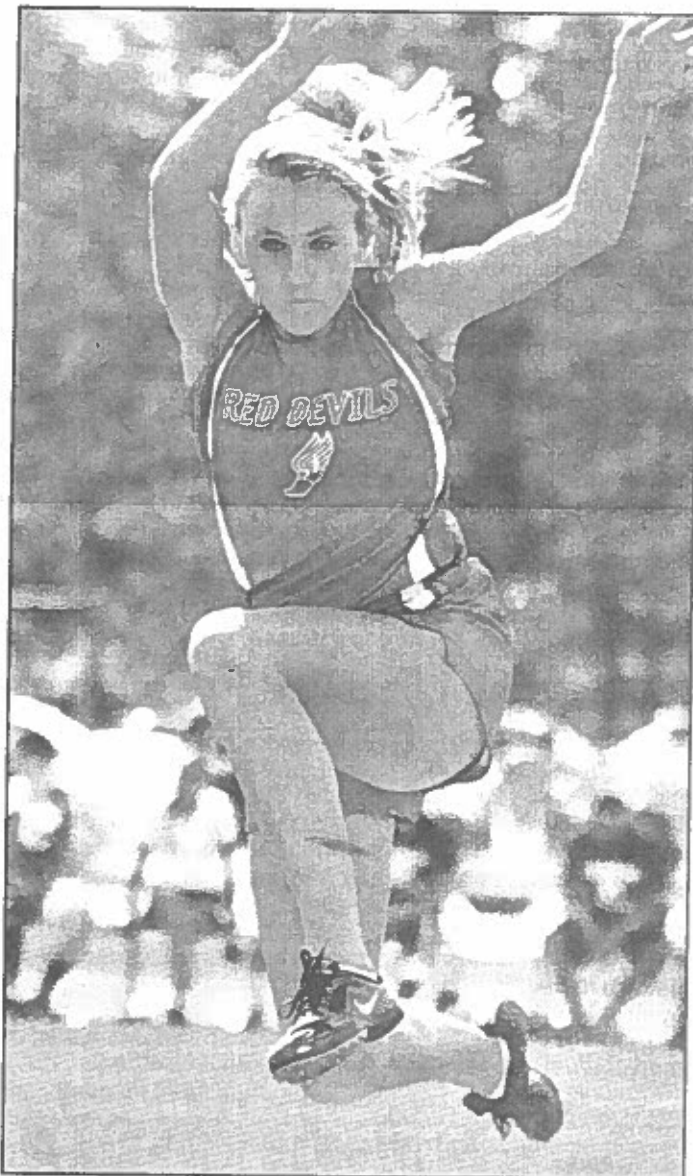
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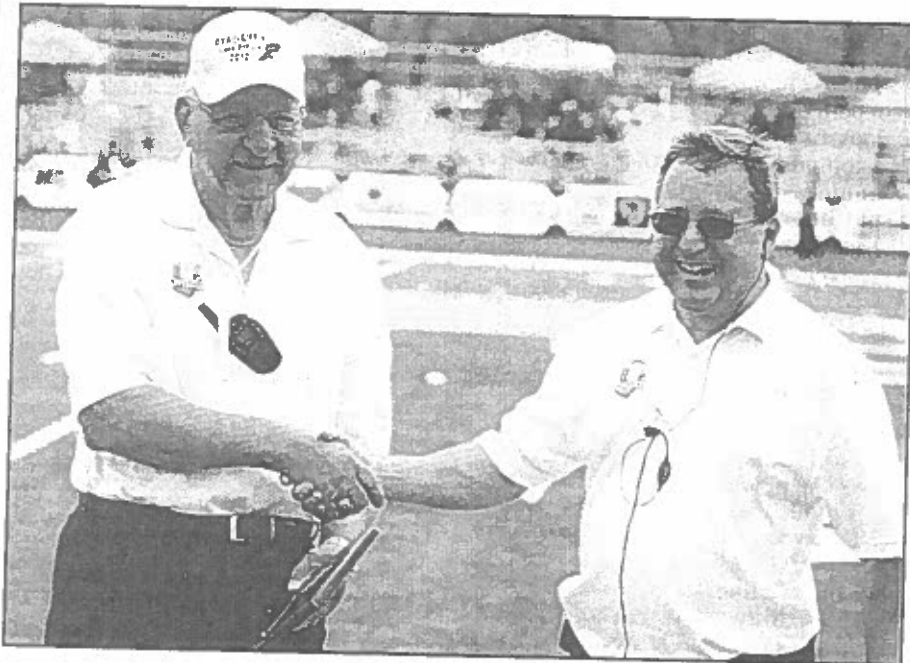
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Track and Field Recognition



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**ABOVE:** Long-time track and field official Wilbur Coates was recognized for his years of service at last weekend's OVAC Championship Meet. He was presented a plaque by Jerry Narcisi.



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**AT RIGHT:** Monte Miller (right) served as the honorary referee at the Bellaire Relays last month. He was presented a clock by Relays Chairman Chester Crooks.

# OVAC Track and Field Championship



**MARTINS FERRY** and Bellaire lead the way as the 4x100 comes to the final exchange during Wednesday's Class 3A/5A OVAC Meet at St. Clairsville. For the Riders, Travis Jenkins is handing off to Hunter Hill, while for the Big Reds, who won the race, Nick Maffe is passing the baton to Collin Kimbro.

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a 1:09.14. The team was comprised of Courtney Crolley, Rikki Allen, Ashley Griffith and Nikki Allen.

The 400 relay team of Ashlei Ray, Crolley, Griffith and Kayce Neeley posted a 52.94, which was tops in 3A.

Bellaire's Myleah Green, who paced the shot put qualifying on Monday, was tops in the discus with a twirl of 96-ft-7.

Bridgeport frosh Brianna Massey was tops in the 200 meter dash by virtue of a 27.73.

On the boys' side, Barnesville had a strong meet of qualifying, pacing two events.

Junior Brandon Stephens ran 2:06.00 to pace the 800. He joined forces with Jeff Hart, Kyle McIntire and Jacob Anderson for a 3:37.02.

Martins Ferry also had a pair of top qualifiers. Junior strongman Sean McGee paced the shot put with an impressive heave of 55-ft-2 1/2. The Riders' strong shuttle team of Richie Padyjasek, Brian Styles, Travis Jenkins and Jack Fitch skimmed 40 hurdles in 61.51.

Magnolia, which figures to make a strong push for a repeat title, was led by junior speedster Stephen Rogalski's 23.11 in the 200, which led the field.

Bellaire's strong 4x100 team of Josh Davis, Nick Maffe, Collin Kimbro and the top 100 meter dasher in 3A Juwaun Whetstone, the Big Reds led the qualifying with a time of 45.38.

Bridgeport's Cody Frey produced the top time in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles at 39.83.

Buckeye Trail's Austin Carleton was the top high jumper at 6-2 and Trevor Pontius was the top 1600 meter runner at 4:43.84.

# OVAC qualifying continues

• Ferry girls enjoy another solid day; Final spots for Saturday decided today

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — The 3A and 5A schools can officially make their reservations for Saturday's championship run at the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship.

Qualifying wrapped up under ideal weather conditions at Red Devil Stadium for those two divisions.

The championship meet begins on Saturday at 10 a.m. with field events and noon for running events.

The final spots in the championship meet will be earned tonight when the 2A and 4A schools resume their meet at 4 p.m. for field events and 5 p.m. for running back at Red Devil Stadium.

### CLASS 3A

The Martins Ferry Lady Riders did nothing to hurt their hopes of giving a solid chase to the conference title on Saturday.

After the second day of qualifying, the Lady Riders had six of the top qualifiers in the nine events contested.

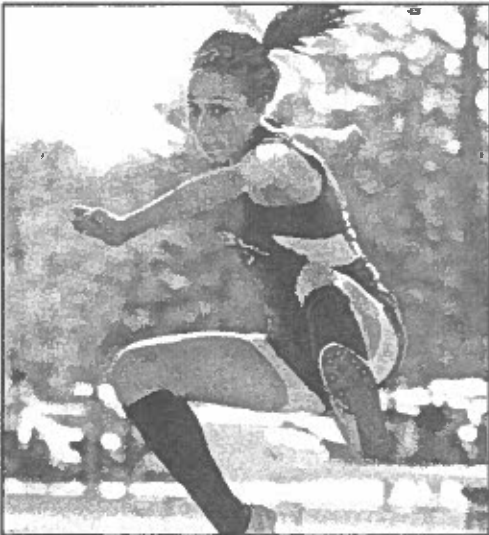
Sophomore ace Sarah Applegarth paced the long jump with a mark of 16-ft-3. Junior Sunshine Wrenn paced the 800 qualifying with a 2:29.99.

Freshman Jamie Truchan was the top 1600M qualifier in the 3A class. She ran four laps in 5:41.97.

The Lady Riders also paced all three relays that were held. The Purple's crack 4x400 team of Applegarth, Wrenn, Taylor Jenkins and Truchan ran a 4:16.89.

The Ferry shuttle team, which has the top time in all of the OVAC this season, posted

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**ABOVE:** Bridgeport's Cheyenne Flowers clears the last hurdle toward winning her heat in the 3A 300M low hurdles Wednesday afternoon. Also pictured is Martins Ferry's Nikki Allen.

**AT LEFT:** Martins Ferry's Sarah Applegarth springs off the board toward the top qualifying mark in the 3A long jump Wednesday afternoon at Red Devil Stadium. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleader-online.com](http://cu.timesleader-online.com)

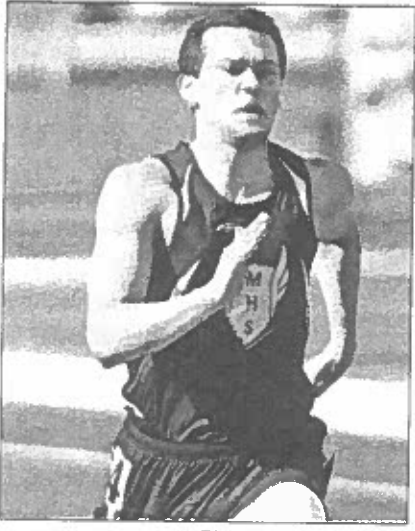


Photo by Mike Palmer  
Magnolia's Stephen Rogalski races in the 200 on Wednesday.

# Wheeling Park Sends More to Saturday

## Martins Ferry has a solid day in 3A

By **SETH STASKEY**  
For **The Intelligencer**

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — The 3A and 5A schools can officially make their reservations for Saturday's championship run at the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship.

Qualifying wrapped up under ideal weather conditions at Red Devil Stadium for those two divisions.

The championship meet begins on

Saturday at 10 a.m. with field events and noon for running events.

The final spots in the championship meet will be earned tonight when the 2A and 4A schools resume their meet at 4 p.m. for field events and 5 p.m. for running back at Red Devil Stadium.

### Class 5A

The battle between Two Rivers Athletic Conference members, Morgantown, University and Wheeling Park is set to go for Saturday.

All three schools had another solid day of qualifying.

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Wheeling Park produced the top time of the day in the 1,600 thanks to the lap dashing speed of Ashley Grove, RaKedra Webb, Lauren Tarovisky and Natasha Whitaker. The foursome posted a 4:09.83.

Alexis Ricker punched her ticket to the discus final by virtue of a twirl of 99-1.

Brooke's Ali Crawford is primed for a busy afternoon on Saturday. She was the top qualifier in the 300 meter low hurdles at 47.38.

Brooke's Rachel Richard was the top long jumper in the field with a mark of 16-foot, 4-inches.

On the boys' side, the same schools and throw in Cambridge should duke it out for 18 events on Saturday.

The Patriots' Michael Mauck was the top qualifier in the 800 meter run, circling the track twice in 2:04.75.

DeWanya Neal added the top spot in the shot put to the discus mark he accomplished on Monday. Neal's put of 49-4 3/4 was tops in the big-school class.

D.C. Banks had the top 300 hurdle mark in 5A, cruising over eight hurdles in 41.71.

The Patriots' shuttle team of Banks, Chase Bonar, Cole Bertol and Austin Farley posted a 60.68 to set the standard in the hurdle relay.

Cambridge's Deshaun Lewis was the top half-lap dasher in the field. He ran the 200 in 23.20.

### Class 3A

Martins Ferry's girls did nothing to hurt their hopes of giving a solid chase to the conference title.

After the second day of qualifying, the Purple Riders had six of the top qualifiers in the nine events contested.

Sophomore ace Sarah Applegarth paced the long jump with a mark of 16-3. Junior Sunshine Wrenn paced the 800 qualifying with a 2:29.99.

Freshman Jamie Truchan was the top 1,600 qualifier. She ran four laps in

5:41.97.

The Purple Riders also paced all three relays that took place. Martins Ferry's 1,600 team of Applegarth, Wrenn, Taylr Jenkins and Truchan ran a 4:16.89.

The Ferry shuttle team, which has the top time in all of the OVAC this season, posted a 1:09.14. The team was comprised of Courtney Crolley, Rikki Allen, Ashley Griffith and Nikki Allen.

The 400 relay team of Ashlei Ray, Crolley, Griffith and Kayce Neeley posted a 52.94, which was tops in 3A.

Bellaire's Myleah Green, who paced the shot put qualifying on Monday, was tops in the discus with a twirl of 96-7.

Bridgeport frosh Brianna Massey was tops in the 200 meter dash in 27.73.

On the boys' side, Barnesville had a strong meet of qualifying, pacing two events.

Junior Brandon Stephens ran 2:06.00 to pace the 800. He joined forces with Jeff Hart, Kyle McIntire and Jacob Anderson for a 3:37.02.

Martins Ferry also had a pair of top qualifiers. Junior strongman Sean McGee paced the shot put with an impressive heave of 55-2 1/2. The Riders' strong shuttle team of Richie Padyjasek, Brian Styles, Travis Jenkins and Jack Fitch skimmed 40 hurdles in 61.51.

Magnolia, which figures to make a strong push for a repeat title, was led by junior speedster Stephen Rogalski's 23.11 in the 200, which led the field.

Bellaire's strong 400 team of Josh Davis, Nick Maffe, Collin Kimbro and the top 100 dasher in 3A Juwaun Whetstone, the Big Reds led the qualifying with a time of 45.38.

Bridgeport's Cody Frey produced the top time in the 300 intermediate hurdles at 39.83.

Buckeye Trail's Austin Carleton was the top high jumper at 6-2 and Trever Pontius was the top 1,600 meter runner at 4:43.84.

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## SJC qualifies well in OVAC Class 1A meet

The wide-open battle in Class 1A got under way Monday afternoon at Fleming Field in Shadyside.

St. John Central, which figures to be right in the thick of the chase once again, got off to a strong start in qualifying.

Senior high hurdler Lacey Dobrovich owns the top time at 16.50.

Classmate Lindy Stauffer set the pace in the 3200 meter run, posting a time of 13:00.73.

The Irish boys also own two of the top times produced during the first day of action.

Sophomore Garrett Holubeck continues to drop time in the 400 meter dash. He was the top small-school runner with a 53.31.

Junior Corey Leasure set the pace in the 3200 meter run, circling the track times in 11:28.14.

Bellsville senior Matthew Burke is the top Class A entrant in the long jump after marking the sand at 19-ft-7 1/2.

# OVAC meet deserves high marks

Most, who know me around the track and field circles, know quite well that I've been on board with the OVAC's new system for crowning track champions since its inception.



**SETH STASKEY**  
From the  
Press Box:

Basically, I want to see the best of the best go at it for 18 events at one location, which is what we have.

I've fielded some emails and calls because of my stance. I understand their points about training, life being tough on the West Virginia

schools, distance runners, etc., but what you saw on Saturday was the ideal system.

First and foremost, the weather was gorgeous all week for the first time since this format has been utilized.

Secondly, St. Clairsville did a simply outstanding job as the host. There's no other way to put it. In just its second year of hosting track meets, this week's OVAC ran like a well-oiled machine all five days it was there. It seemed as if St. C. had been hosting track meets for 30 years.

Athletic Director Kelly Rine, head coach Ben Frye and numerous others were diligent all week in making sure the meet went well. It should be no brainer that the meet has found a permanent home in the Belmont County Seat.

Thirdly, the team races were basically all nip-and-tuck as teams waited for others to slip up to surge to the front. Under this system, coaching is required. It's not a matter of having the premier athlete and winning. Because the premier 3A athlete might not be the premier athlete in other classes, so you have to have some depth and elite personnel.

The OVAC Track and Field committee reconvenes on Sunday, May 20. It should be a much more relaxed meeting than it was last year after the numerous snafus at Meadowbrook.

## SEE WHAT INDOOR TRACK CAN DO

The Martins Ferry track program is a perfect example of what kind of upperhand running during the indoor season can provide high school athletes.

Coach Rich Materkoski and his staff have done a tremendous job of making track a big-time sport and not just something fun to do that's later deemed a social event. The Riders began working to what they achieved Saturday and what they hope to achieve down the road in the Ohio postseason before Christmas.

Many schools in the area have added indoor track, which isn't formally recognized by the OHSAA, but schools must declare it to be able to compete under their school name. However, few - if any - have put the work into it that the Riders' program has.

Basically, every Ferry athlete who doesn't play hoops, wrestle or swim, that runs track in the spring is out for indoor track. The Ferrians don't just go to a handful of meets. They took part in numerous meets last season, including the indoor state meet.

While obviously, anytime you compete, you want to win, Ferry never lost sight of its long-range goals. Those came to fruition Saturday when the Lady Riders claimed the school's first overall OVAC title and seventh conference crown in school history.

And, oh by the way, if you look up and down the Ferry girls' roster, you won't see too many names with the grade level 12 listed. This could be the first of quite a string for the Lady Riders, but keep in mind, they do bump up to a strong Class 4A next season.

Those schools in 4A had better be prepared to up their regimine next season because it's tough to out-work the Ferry program.

## NOT TO BE OVERSHADOWED

The St. Clairsville boys' track team is quite versatile. The run of athletes the Red Devils have had of late has been impressive especially in distance events.

The name Thornburg has become household around St. C. running circles. Alex Thornburg enjoyed a brilliant four-year career and now runs at Loyola of Chicago. Andy Thornburg - a past all-Ohioan in cross country - is winding down a brilliant career and did so with two OVAC gold medals Saturday and has high hopes for the postseason.

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I think it's safe to say that the Red Devils have found their primary replacement for Thornburg for next season.

Junior Drake Walker is enjoying a fine campaign, but he sometimes gets overshadowed by Andy's exploits. Walker had as strong an OVAC meet as you'll find. He finished second in the 1600 meter run and a short while later came back to run a personal best time of 2:00.18, which is also the top time in the conference this season.

## IMPRESSIVE RUNS

There were several times and efforts that were outstanding. However, in my eyes, one jumped out.

Linsly senior Chris Stephens deserved some kind of special award for the gutsy performances that kid put forth. The Alderson-Broadus football recruit flashed the speed and power that's made him the area's top 200 and 400 meter sprinter.

After finishing second in a grueling 400 meter dash with a time of 49.76, Stephens came back about 30 minutes later and busted out a 21.90 to win the 200 meter dash.

Obviously, he's fast. But, from my standpoint, you can't measure that kid's will, heart and determination with a stopwatch. It looked as if he had the mentality that he wouldn't be denied and not all kids have that train of thought.

## GOING FOR BROKE

I was highly impressed with how the River coaching staff utilized its standout junior Cassidy McCullough during the OVAC meet. Knowing it would be in a tough battle with Steubenville Central, River elected to put McCullough in four open events to maximize her point potential.

She didn't disappoint even though the Lady Pilots came up 2.5 points short. McCullough led all scorers in the meet. She scored 35 of River's points by winning the 300 low hurdles, finishing second in the 100 and 200 meter dash and earning a bronze in the high hurdles.

It's going to be interesting to see what River does with McCullough in the postseason. Obviously, she's going to run the 300 hurdles and will probably be one of the favorites for an extremely high place in Columbus. Her other three events will be interesting because of the rest involved between races.

What we know for sure is, regardless of the event, McCullough is going to come through.

## INJURIES TAKE A TOLL

As good as Saturday's meet was, it could have been even more entertaining for the fans when you consider who didn't take part or who wasn't at 100 percent.

Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes - the USC high jumping recruit - may be shutting down for the season he told me on the field Saturday. A minor knee procedure in April has kept him on the shelf and he realizes that he's got bigger fish to fry down the road.

Linsly's Ricky Jordan - the 2011 OVAC 100 and 200 meter dash champion - didn't compete in anything. He pulled his hamstring for the second time this season during the 200 final at the Shadyside Relays.

St. Clairsville's Jaylon Brown came up lame in the qualifying round and wasn't anywhere near 100 percent, but he did gut it out Saturday, which was big for the Red Devils.

For the Lady Red Devils, junior distance dandy Amy Castle didn't compete during the OVAC because of a lingering back issue.

## THE OUT OF NOWHERE TEAM

Each year, there seem to be few athletes who emerge basically from relative obscurity.

The captains of those teams for this season - even with still a month to go - have to be Buckeye Local senior sprinter Jordan Piergallini and Shadyside distance runner Tara Tollett.

Piergallini is the top 100 meter sprinter in the conference has been consistently running under 11 seconds. We expect him to make significant noise in the postseason barring something unforeseen.

Tollett has been one of the better distance runners, but she's exploded this season, running consistently near the 5:10 mark in the 1600 and flirting with going under 11 minutes in the 3200 meter run. She's another who could make a serious push toward a high place in the postseason.

## RECORDS SMASHED

Saturday's gorgeous weather led to 15 new boys' records in 18 events and 10 new girls' records and one record equaled during the OVAC Championship Meet.

We must preface, however, and point out that due to the timing malfunction at Meadowbrook in 2011, those marks weren't considered in terms of records.

The only boys' records that weren't broken were the high jump, 3200 meter run and 110-meter high hurdles. The girls' records that went unbroken were the 100, 200, high hurdles, low hurdles, long jump, pole vault and discus.

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## OVAC Track and Field Championship



**BELLAIRE'S**  
Dylan Frizzi  
clears the bar in  
the pole vault  
during Monday's  
OVAC qualifying  
at Red Devil  
Stadium in St.  
Clairsville. Frizzi  
advanced to  
Saturday's final  
in the event.

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# Ferry girls start strong

• Class 2A and 4A schools get  
under way today at St. C.

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — The quest for an OVAC Track and Field championship is under way.

The annual Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship got under way in its new home at Red Devil Stadium Monday evening when Classes 3A and 5A ran under ideal weather conditions, which punched tickets to Saturday's championship meet, which will also be held on the two-year old track at Red Devil Stadium.

Action resumes at St. C. this afternoon as the 2A and 4A classes begin their qualifying meets. Field events begin at 4 p.m. and running at 5 p.m.

IN CLASS 3A, two of the pre-meet favorites Martins Ferry girls and Magnolia boys had a strong opening day of qualifying action.



The Lady Riders own the top time in Class 3A in five events of the eight contested.

Sophomore speedsters Taylr Jenkins (100) and Sarah Applegarth (400) set the tempo in their respective sprint races. Jenkins posted a 13.52 and Applegarth circled the oval in 62.01.

Hurdling dandy Nikki Allen — also a sophomore — skimmed 10 hurdles quicker than anyone else in the 3A field. She ran a 16.92.

Ferry's 4x200 team of Jenkins, Applegarth, Sunshine Wrenn and Allen ran a 1:51.29, which was more than five seconds better than Bridgeport.

The Ferry 4x800 team of Wrenn, Brenna Becca, Alyssa Smith and Jamie Truchan posted a 10:43.26, which was 39 seconds ahead of Magnolia.

Monroe Central's Kayley Stephens set a standard in the 3A high jump, soaring over 4-ft-10. Bellaire's Myleah Green continued her

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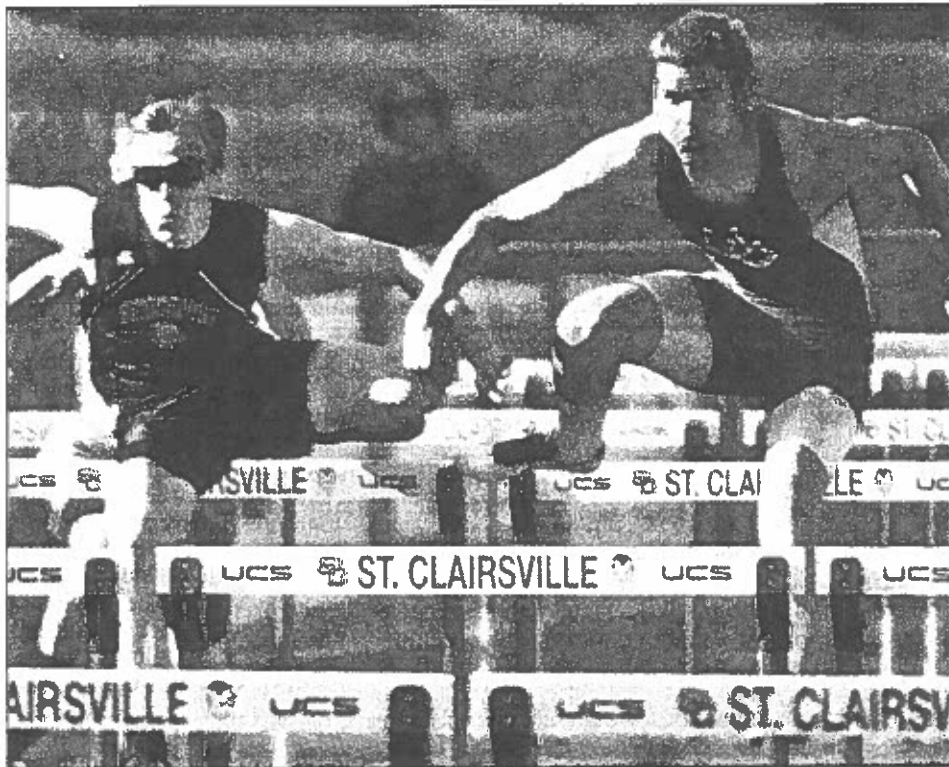


**ABOVE:** Monroe Central's Kayley Stephens clears the bar in the high jump as she advanced to Saturday's finals.

**AT RIGHT:** Martins Ferry's Nikki Allen clears a hurdle en route to the top qualifying time in Class 3A during Monday's OVAC Track and Field Championship at Red Devil Stadium. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)







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**MARTINS FERRY'S** Richie Padyjasek (right) and Bridgeport's Cody Frey battle it out during the qualifying run of the 110M high hurdles in Monday's OVAC Track Championship.

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strong season in the shot put. She was the top 3A qualifier with a put of 35-ft-9.

Barnesville's Lina Partridge turned in a time of 12:40.73 to lead the 3A 3200 racers.

The Blue Eagle boys, who soared to the conference and eventually the state title last season, got off to a strong start.

Stephen Rogalski posted a blazing 50.98 to lead the qualifying in both divisions in the 400 meter dash. Alec Hinerman ran a 10:22.03 to lead the 3200 meter charge in both classes.

The Blue Eagles' 800 relay team of Drew Estep, Rogalski, Kage Rohde and Alex Pancake ran two laps in 1:33.63.

Martins Ferry could give the Blue Eagles a battle on Saturday. The Purple Riders had three top individual marks.

Senior Richie Padyjasek was the top high hurdler in the field with a 15.41. Senior Travis Jenkins soared over 13-feet to lead the pole vault qualifying in 3A and junior strongman Sean McGee got back on track in the discus. He twirled the platter to a mark of 143-ft to lead the way.

Barnesville's 4x800 team of Abel Broomhall, Kyle McIntire, Katlin Grimes and Brandon Stephens posted the top 3200 meter relay time in 3A with a time of 8:40.33.

Buckeye Trail's Austin Carleton put forth maybe the most impressive mark of the opening day when he marked the sand at 22-ft-3 to lead the long jump qualifying. His mark was just three quarters of an inch off the meet record.

IN CLASS 5A, the meet is shaping up like the Two Rivers Athletic Conference meet part two as Wheeling Park,

Morgantown, University and Parkersburg South are all aligning themselves for an 18-event joust on Saturday in both the girls' side and throw in Cambridge, which was impressive in the boys' qualifying.

The Lady Patriots of Park had a strong opening day, posting the top mark in two events.

Junior Ashley Grove ran a solid 60.04 to lead the 400 meter dashers. The Lady Pats' 4x200 team of Grove, RaKedra Webb, NaKysha McGhee and Natasha Whitaker ran an impressive 1:45.99 to set the pace.

John Marshall's Alexis Montes set the standard in the big-school shot put with a heave of 35-ft-11.

Brooke's Ali Crawford was the top high hurdler in 5A qualifying with a time of 15.85.

Cambridge led the qualifying in four events.

Sophomore Eric Fox produced an impressive height in the pole vault by clearing 14-ft-7 3/4.

Frosh Errik Snell was the top high hurdler in a time of 15.80. Sophomore Ivan Gadson produced the top time in the 100 at 11.64. Junior Derrick Stevens ran a lap in 53.26, which was the fastest in the big-school field.

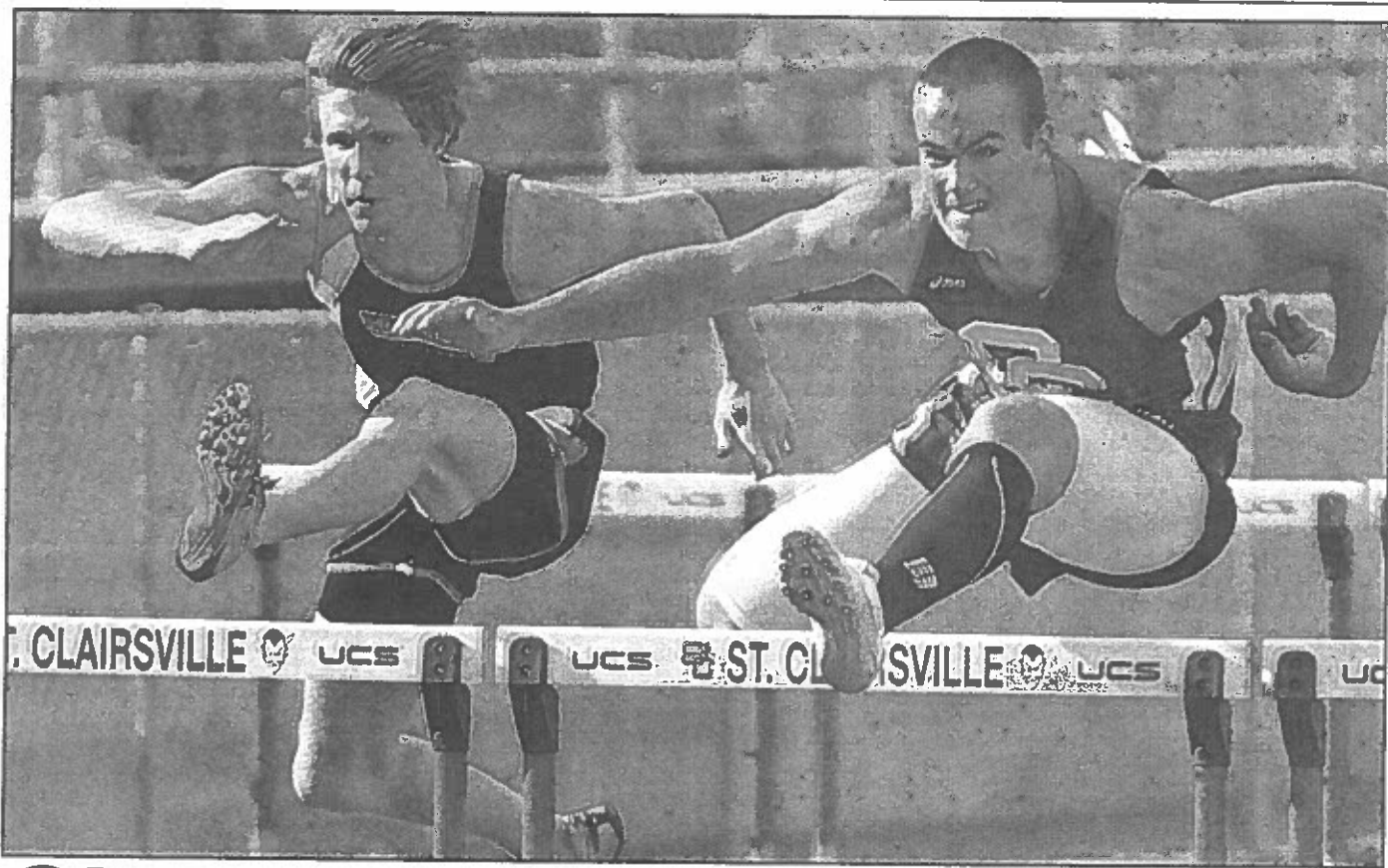
The Bobcats' 4x200 team also set the standard with a 1:30.80.

Wheeling Park's Dewanya Neal put forth his best mark of the season when he twirled the platter to a measurement of 152-ft-7.

Indian Creek's Frank Kamarec was the top 3200 meter runner with a time of 10:32.89.

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# SPORTS



## OVAC qualifying continues

• Steubenville, St. Clairsville headed for 4-A showdown

By **SETH STASKEY**  
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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — All five classes have now officially begun the journey toward an OVAC Track and Field Championship.

The 2A and 4A classes got into the act Tuesday afternoon at Red Devil Stadium and completed the field in nine events for Saturday's title runs.

The 3A and 5A members will reconvene in the Belmont County Seat this afternoon with remaining field events set to begin at 4 p.m. and running at 5 p.m.

The 1A meet will also wrap up today at Shadyside's Fleming Field.

### CLASS 4A

Steubenville and St. Clairsville appear primed to wage an all-out battle on Saturday after qualifying action.

The defending champion in 3A Red Devils and Big Red, which has been chasing Wheeling Park in the big-school field, both paced two events in the qualifying round.

Freshman dandy Malik Richmond of Big Red led the long jump field with a mark of 20-ft-11 3/4.

Steubenville's crack 4x200 team of Jaquan Lavender, Robert Hayden, Tayari Lavender and Najee Murray posted a 1:32.37, which was more than a second better than the Red Devils.

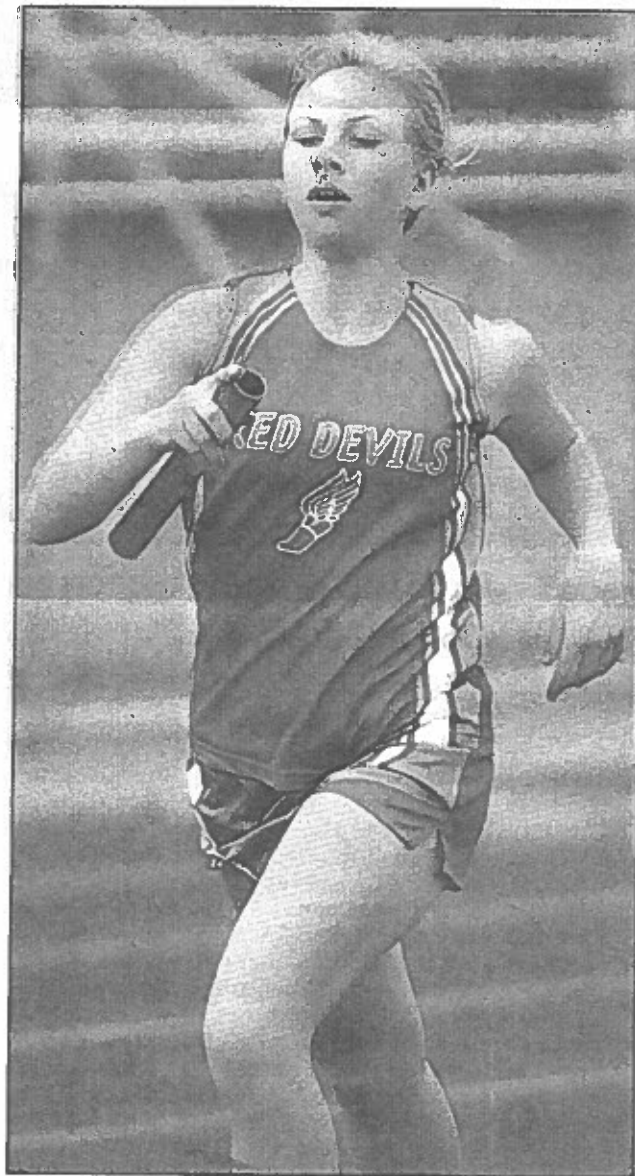
The Red Devils, meanwhile, were led by senior distance dandy Andy Thornburg who paced the 3200 meter field. He circled his home track eight times in 9:52.91.

Sophomore pole vaulter Michael Eaton soared over 12-feet to lead the vault qualifying.

Union Local's Collin Jones led the 4A field in the high hurdles. He posted a 16.28, which was one hundredth better than Big Red's Joey Nodianos.

Buckeye Local senior speedster Josh Piergallini showed once again that his effort at last week's Buckeye 8 championship was no fluke. He led the 4A qualifying with a blistering 10.86, which was just a hundredth off his time from a week ago.

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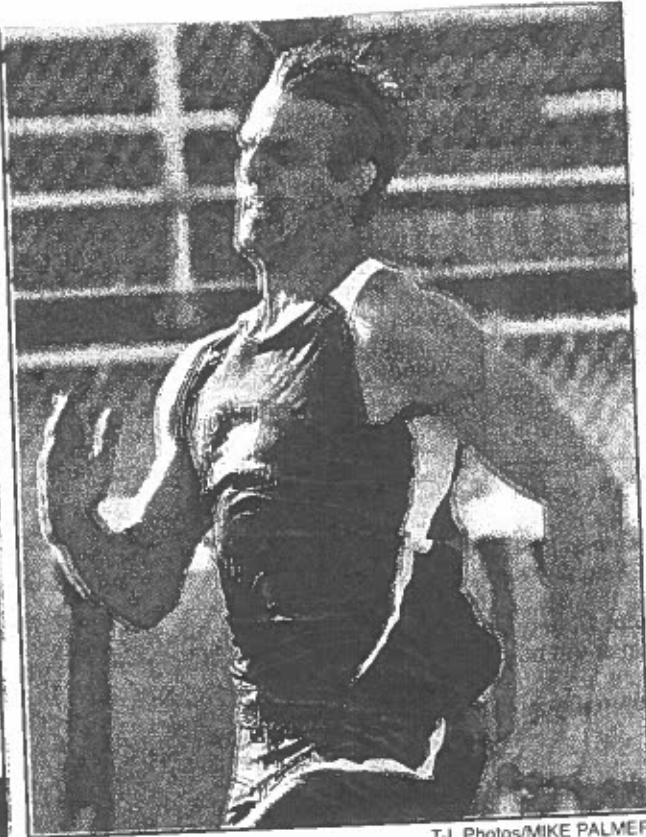
**TOP:** Shadyside's Jake Dull, left, and Steubenville Central's Doug Maslowski battle in the high hurdles during Tuesday's OVAC Track and Field qualifying at Red Devil Stadium. Maslowski won.

**RIGHT:** St. Clairsville's Shay Cenkus runs her leg of the 4x800 relay.

**BOTTOM:** Buckeye Local's Becca Rector clears the high jump bar.



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**LEFT:** Union Local's Collin Jones led all qualifiers in the high hurdles during Tuesday's qualifying at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.  
**RIGHT:** Buckeye Local's Jordan Piergallini races towards the 100-meter finish line. He was the top qualifier.

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Oak Glen's Ethan Delekta took the first step toward the discus crown by qualifying with the top mark in the competition of all divisions. He twirled the platter to 158-ft-4.

Edison senior Kyle Minger led the way in the 400 meter dash in a time of 51.10.

The seemingly wide-open 4A girls field had five different schools earn the top mark in an event.

Edison led the way, however, with three top marks in qualifying.

Sophomore Ashley Borsch posted a 16.38 to edge Big Red's Toshchel Demus by two hundredths of a second for the top spot in the high hurdles.

Katelyn Pollock cleared 4-ft-10 for the top high jump spot in the next-to-biggest class, while Nhung Tran ran down the frontstretch in 13.15 to

lead the 100 meter marks.

Weir High capitalized on the two distance events staged. The Lady Red Riders' 4x800 team of Alexis Virtue, Chantelle Harper, Rachel Marker and Kristen Mastratoni posted a 10:12.89.

Mastratoni was also the top 3200 meter runner in the field, posting an 11:53.80.

Steubenville sophomore Paige Phillips ran a lap in 61.07 to lead the 400 dashers. Lady Big Red's 4x200 team of Demus, Phillips, Nyasha Jones and Queen Elder ran two laps in 1:47.99.

St. Clairsville's top qualifier was junior Alyssa Robinson who set the only female meet record of the day. She prevailed in the shot put with a heave of 43-ft-0 3/4, which was nearly four feet further than the previous record, which had

stood since 2010.

Union Local's Arika Kemp was the top pole vault qualifier. She cleared 9-ft-6 to advance to Saturday's action.

**CLASS 2A**

Linsly and Steubenville Central both demonstrated they could be factors in Saturday's meet.

No one had a better individual day than Steubenville Central's Doug Maslowski. The younger brother of Central icon Teddi Jo Maslowski, Doug raced to the top 2A mark in the 100 meters (11.60), the high hurdles (15.41) and the long jump (20-ft-2 1/2).

Linsly, which was without the services of senior speedster Ricky Jordan on the opening day, qualified with the top time in the 4x2 and 4x8.

The Cadets' 800 relay team of Chinelo Oparanozie, Jamal Ebanks, Robert Felton and Chris Stephens ran a 1:34.96.

Their 3200 relay team of Luke Miller, Justin Lee, Stan Borrell and Mike Hammond ran eight laps in 8:53.03.

Toronto's Aaron Thompson was the top entrant in the discus with a twirl of 128-ft-7.

Wheeling Central's Daniel Scott was the lone 2A boys' vaulter to clear a

height and he did so in record fashion. He cleared 14-feet, breaking the former mark of 13-ft-3.

The Steubenville Central girls showed their not going to let the 2A title they've owned for the past four seasons go without a fight.

Monica Rigaud paced the high hurdles in 16.13, while Rachel Rigaud was the top 2A shot putter with a mark of 31-ft-2.

The Lady Crusaders, who won the Division III state title last season, also qualified tops in the 4x200. The team of Monica Rigaud, Michaela Gotta, Taylor Bednar and Taylor Zapolnik ran a 1:49.38 to lead the way.

River, which finished second in the 2A race last season to Steubenville Central, was led by talented junior Cassidy McCullough, who led the 100 meter dash qualifying with a time of 13.08.

Shadyside distance dandy Tara Tollett ran the best 3200 meter time by nearly a minute. She crossed the line in 11:22.01.

Toronto's Emily Price cleared 5-feet to top the high jump field in 2A.

Linsly's 4x800 team of Krista Emch, Abby Petho, Melanie Knight and Carolyn Tolbert ran a 10:54.58.



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