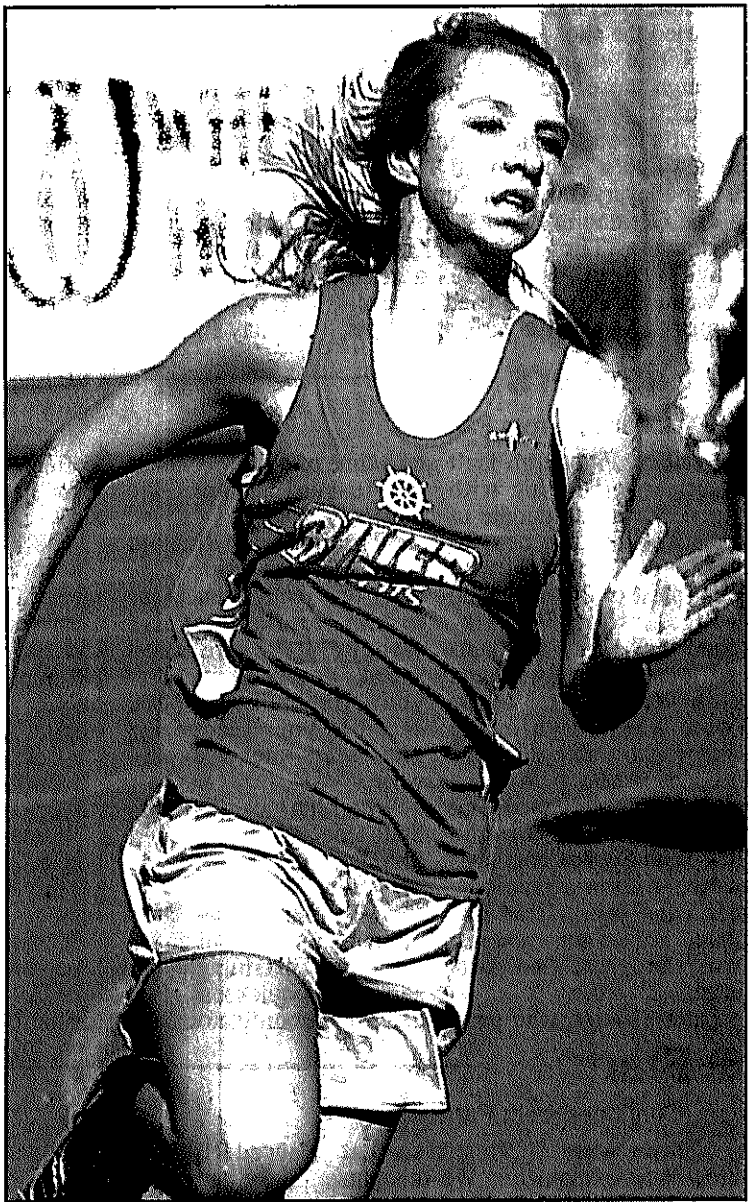


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Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship



RIVER SOPHOMORE Abby Caldwell competes in the 200 Thursday afternoon in St. Clairsville.

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Field is set for the finals

• Action begins Saturday

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — It's officially time to get down to the business of crowning the final Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions of the 2013-14 school year.

Qualifying for Saturday's Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship wrapped up at sun-drenched Red Devil Stadium as Class 1A/2A and 4A entered their automatic qualifiers in the nine remaining events to complete the field.

Saturday's action gets under way with field events at 10 a.m. and running events two hours later. All 16 competitors in Saturday's meet will score for their team to determine the class champions.

Martins Ferry's girls put forth another solid effort in qualifying. Sophomore ace Tyesha Allen led the way with the top 4A time in the low hurdles. She posted a 49.21.

The Riders also set the standard in the shuttles, running a 67.89.

Steubenville had a pair of individuals post the top qualifying mark. Elise Watts — the defending conference long jump champion — marked the sand at 16-ft-7 1/4 to pace 4A.

On the track, Lysiah Rice ran half a lap in 26.85 to set the pace in the 200 meter dash.

Oak Glen's Kelsey Chambers continued her strong week and season by pacing the 1600 (5:21.61) and 800 (2:27.03).

St. Clairsville's 4x1 team was tops in the class with a 51.12, edging Steubenville. Harrison Central's Kiana Ghezzi led the discus qualifiers with a mark of 99-ft-7.

A full-fledged, 18-event battle is about to ensue in the boys' 4A field with Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook

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and St. Clairsville positioning themselves to make a run at the conference title.

The Purple Riders paced four events on Thursday. Junior Brian Sadosky got things started with a season best shot put toss of 49-ft-7 1/2.

Junior Jack Fitch blistered the 300 hurdles to a tune of 40.85 to lead the way. Freshman distance dandy Jacob Bishop led the 1600 in 4:43.68.

The Riders' crack 4x1 team remained unbeaten and turned in a season-best time of 43.78.

St. Clairsville, which had a strong opening day of qualifying, was led by senior speedster Jaylon Brown. After leading two events on Tuesday, he raced to a 22.44 to lead the 200.

Josiah Rhodes soared over 6-feet to lead the high jump.

Steubenville skimmed 40 hurdles in 60.72 to edge Ferry for the top spot by 18 hundredths of a second.

Oak Glen's Cody Tropek ran a 2:05.99 to punch the top 4A ticket in the 800.

Meadowbrook led the way in the 4x4, posting a 3:28.40 to hold off Martins Ferry.

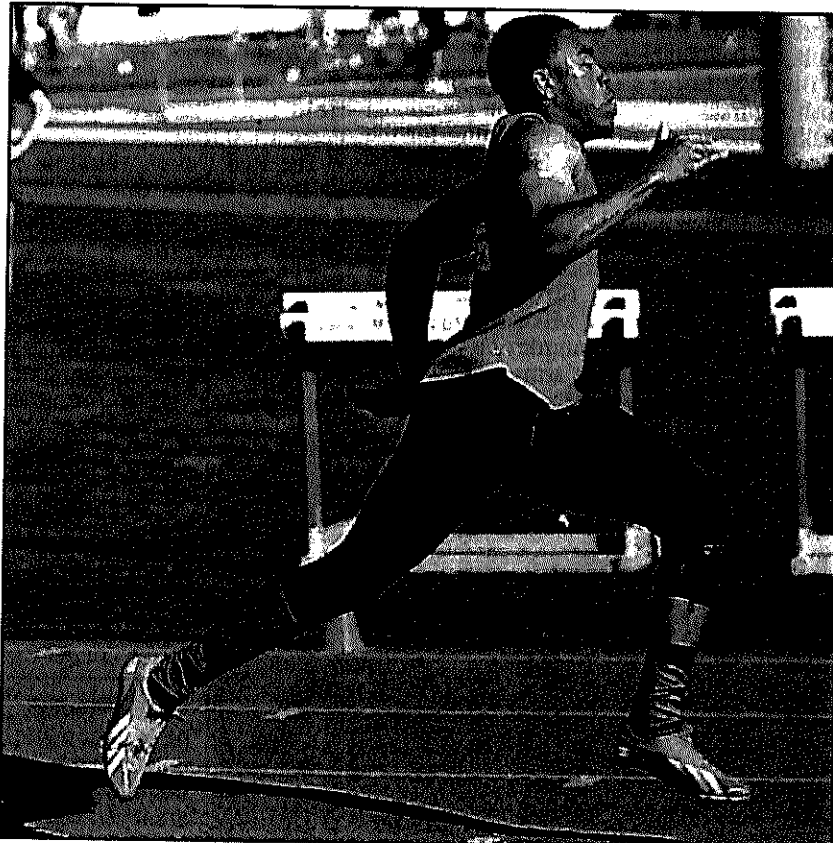
IN THE 1A/2A field, a battle between defending small-school champion St. John, 3A champion River and Wheeling Central could be ready to unfold on the girls' side.

St. John Central led three events in the qualifying round Thursday. Fallon Doyle — the defending conference champion in the 1600 — posted a 5:27.15 to lead the way.

Sophomore dandy Jessica Alvey marked the sand at 16-ft-8 to lead the long jump.

Sophomore Lindsey Froehlich twirled the discus to a mark of 105-ft-10 for the lead in the platter event.

Wheeling Central posted the qualifying mark in three events. Holland Matlock led the 800 field across the line in 2:35.49.



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jaylon Brown races in the 200 during Thursday's Class 4A qualifying meet.

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The Lady Knights' 4x1 (52.12) and shuttles (68.80) were the top entrants from the smallest division.

River sophomore dandy Abby Caldwell continued her fine week. She paced the 200 meter dash (26.89) and the 300 low hurdles (48.10).

Madonna's 4x4 team crossed the line in 4:19.86 for the top seed.

The most wide-open race of all divisions could be in the small-school boys' field.

Caldwell paced three events on Thursday and the other six contested

were claimed by five schools.

Shadyside paced the 4x1 (45.69) and shuttles (62.89).

River's Brok Cross continued his solid season in the high jump, clearing 5-ft-11.

Valley's Jacob Highley was the top shot putter in the 1A/2A field with a mark of 47-feet.

Wheeling Central's John Burkhalter led the 300 hurdles with a 44.65 and Madonna's Marquise Jeter turned in a 23.57 to pace the 200.

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Cambridge boys second overall, first in Class 5A at OVAC

Caldwell boys win Class 1A/2A crown; St. C. boys, Wheeling Park girls are overall champs

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The Cambridge High boys' team turned in a strong showing at the annual Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships, finishing second overall and as the top team in Class 5A as a week of action at St. Clairsville High's Red Devil Stadium wrapped up.



The Bobcats finished with 101 points, not far behind overall champion St. Clairsville's 106 total.

Wheeling Park was third overall with 98.09 points while Morgantown (95) and Martins Ferry (89.75) rounded out the top five.

In addition to Cambridge (5A) and St. Clairsville (4A), the boys' division winners included Linsly (3A) and Caldwell (1A/2A). Coach Dugan Hill's Redskins were 13th overall with 34 points and just 1.5 points ahead

of Shadyside in the small school division.

Meadowbrook finished eighth overall and third in Class 4A with 54.5 points; Barnesville was 16th overall and third in Class 3A with 30.5 points; Shenandoah was 18th overall and fifth in Class 3A with 26 points; and Buckeye Trail was 24th overall and seventh in Class 3A with 19 points.

In the girls' meet, Wheeling Park won the overall title with 128.25 points, with Morgantown as the runner-up with 116.5. Martins Ferry took third overall and first in Class 4A with 82.5; Parkersburg South was fourth with 70.5 and St. John Central rounded out the overall top five and won the Class 1A/2A title with 63.5.

Stuebenville Catholic took seventh overall and claimed the Class 3A crown with 54

points.

Locally, Cambridge was 12th overall and sixth in Class 5A with 41.5 points; Caldwell was 14th overall and third in Class 1A/2A with 34 points; Meadowbrook was 17th overall and fourth in Class 4A with 29.5 points; Shenandoah was 26th overall and fifth in Class 3A with 17.25 points; Buckeye Trail was 30th overall and sixth in Class 3A with 12 points; and Barnesville was 33rd overall and seventh in Class 3A with 11.5 points.

Cambridge's performance in the boys' meet featured four first place finishes.

Errik Snell scored a "double" by winning both the 110 hurdles (16.64) and 300 hurdles (39.88); Eric Fox claimed the top spot in the pole vault (15-3) and the shuttle hurdle team of Adam Fox, Eric Fox, Jake Pershing and Snell prevailed in 59.59 seconds.

Sprinter Ivan Gadson claimed second in both the 100 (11.19) and 200 (23.10) while the 4x100 relay team of Alex Leeper, Ayden Howell, Gadson and Snell also took the runner-up spot (44.19).

Other medalists (top eight finishers) for the Bobcats were Adam Fox, seventh in the pole vault (11-6) and eighth in the high jump (5-8); Eric Fox, seventh in the long jump (20-0.5) and eighth in the 110 hurdles (16.58); and Kordell Stage, eighth in the shot put (42-2).

Also scoring for CHS were the 4x200 relay team (Isaiah Able, Leeper, Howell, Clifford Clark), 11th in 1:35.43; the 4x400 relay (Able, Jack Robertson, Kirkland Siegfried, Josh Seckman), 11th in 3:45.25; Robertson, 12th in the long jump (19-5); Pershing, 13th in the 300 hurdles (44.37); and the 4x800 relay (Evan Felton, Tony Wildroutt, Josh Seckman, Madison

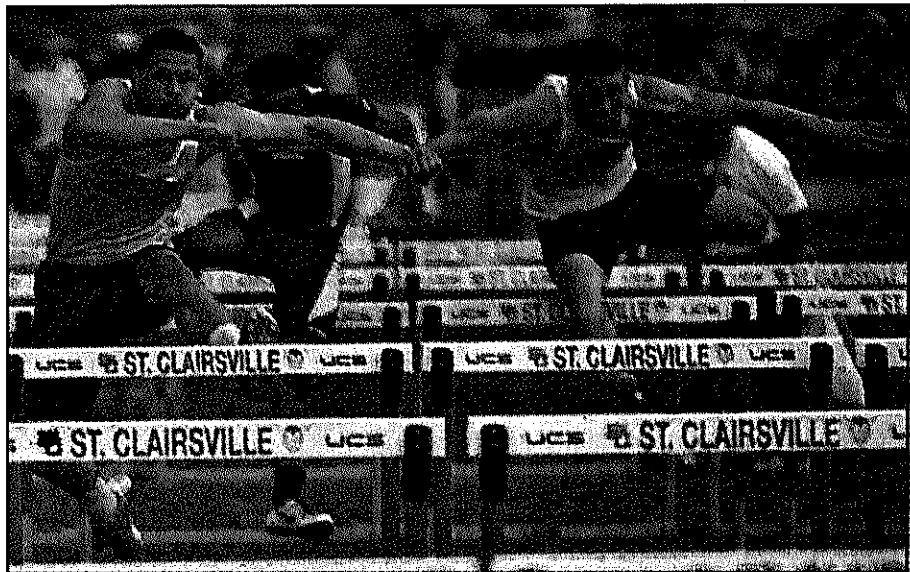


Photo courtesy of Mike Palmer
Cambridge High's Errik Snell (left) and Eric Fox compete in the 110-meter hurdles at the Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships at St. Clairsville. Snell captured both the 110 and 300 hurdle events while Fox won the pole vault to help the Bobcats to an overall runner-up finish and the Class 5A boys' championship.

Lawton), 14th in 9:11.02.

"We knew it was going to be tough to beat St. Clairsville," said Cambridge coach J.R. Fox. "They had extra kids who qualified, and it was nerve-wracking all day, but a lot of fun. I was very pleased with

our younger kids who ran today," he continued. "They really stepped up to the challenge."

The CHS coach also credited his "big three" for delivering as expected.

"Eric (Fox) was a little sluggish in the highs, but

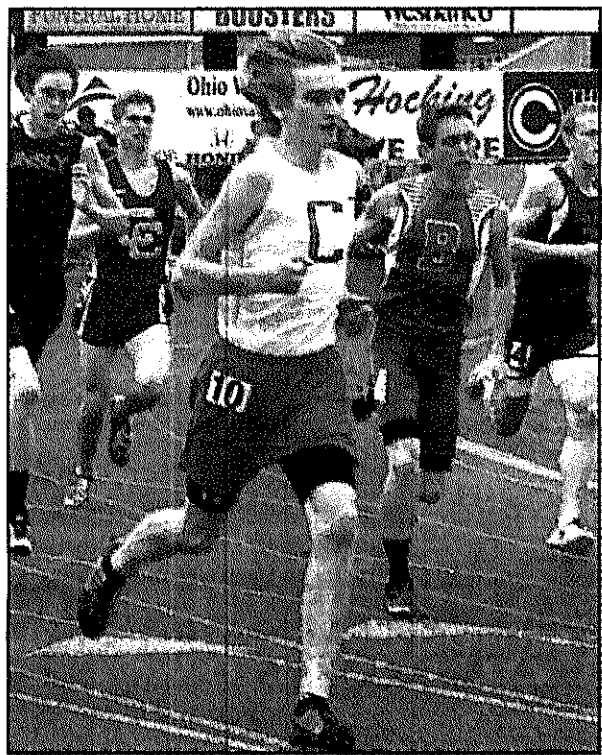
rebounded in the pole vault," said Coach Fox. "Snell did exactly what we expected and turned it on when he had to in the hurdles and Ivan ran really well in another battle with Jaylon (St. C. sprint ace Jaylon Brown, who edged Gadson in both the 100 and 200)."

Fox also credited the 4x4 relay team for delivering in the clutch.

"Our mile relay knew they had to beat four teams (to win 5A) and they gave everything they had," he said of the 11th place effort.

For Class 1A/2A champ Caldwell, the top place-winner was Sean Whetstone, fourth in the 800 (2:04.76). Others medaling included the 4x800 relay (Alex Gregg, Sean Whetstone, Jonathan Niswonger, Tanner Harding), fifth in 8:25.72; the 4x400 relay (Sean Whetstone), Kameron Rayner, Jason Allen and Alex Gregg), sixth in 3:43.55; Harding, sixth in the 3200 (10:24.11) and eighth in the 1600 (4:43.34); and Niswonger, seventh in the 3200 (10:32.72).

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Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian
Caldwell High's Sean Whetstone and Barnesville's Mason Moore compete in the boys' 800-meter run at Saturday's Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships at St. Clairsville. Whetstone finished fourth to help the Redskins capture the Class 1A/2A team title.



Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian
Shenandoah High's Kylee Kasper (left) and Meadowbrook's Paige McKirahan (right) flank Wheeling Park's Nakysa McGhee as they compete in the girls' 200-meter dash at Saturday's Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships in St. Clairsville.

Host of local athletes place at OVAC Track Championships

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Additional scoring included Niswonger, 12th in the 1600 (4:51.48); Austin Schockling, 13th in the discus (116-8) and Gregg, 13th in the 800 (2:10.53).

Meadowbrook's effort featured a victory in the final race of the day — the 4x400 relay — as the team of Nick Dunlap, Dylan Wood, Clay Lapp and Tyrese Jones prevailed in 3:31.67.

Other medalists for the Colts were Dunlap, third in the 400 (51.5); Dalton Delancey, fourth in the pole vault (12-6); the 4x200 relay (Tyrese Jones, Darren McCaughan, Lapp, Dunlap), fourth in 1:32.34; Lapp, sixth in the 200 (23.78); and Darin Neff, seventh in the shot put (42-4).

Also scoring for MHS was the 4x100 relay team (Wood, Kevon Hickman, McCaughan, Pete Novak), ninth in 45.57; McCaughan, ninth in the long jump (19-10); Brett Bell, 10th in the 3200 (10:41.37) and Jones, 14th in the 100 (11.78).

Barnesville had pair of double medal winners — Mason Moore, fifth in the 800 (2:04.76) and sixth in the 1600 (4:35.92); and Jeff Hart, seventh in the 110 hurdles (16.44) and eighth in the 300 hurdles (42.86).

Additional points for the Shamrocks came from Logan Castello, 11th in the discus (122-9); the shuttle hurdle relay (Tanner Burkhardt, Daniel Brown, Michael Thomas, Jeff Hart), 11th in 1:07.44; Daniel Brown, 12th in the pole vault (10-6); and the 4x400 relay (Daniel Brown, Jeff Hart, Caid Bunfill, Mason Moore), 15th

in 3:49.35.

For Shenandoah, Caleb Moore was a double medalist as he placed fourth in the 110 hurdles (15.82) and seventh in the 300 hurdles (42.78).

Also scoring for the Zeps were Brad Zerkle, ninth in the 100 (11.64); the 4x200 relay (Moore, Zerkle, Joseph Laipply, Zak Biancarelli), ninth in 1:34.78; 4x800 relay (David Freeman, Isaac Dimmerling, Cameron Forshey, Robbie Fogle), 10th in 9:01.69; the shuttle hurdles (Fogle, Forshey, Dimmerling, Moore), 13th in 1:08.55; and Dimmerling, 16th in the high jump (4-0).

Morgan Dougherty had Buckeye Trail's only medalist effort, a fifth in the 400 (51.72).

The Warriors also got points from the 4x400 relay team (Troy Pontius, Chase Millhon, Tyler Doudna, Morgan Dougherty), ninth in 3:44.53; the 4x800 relay (Ben Garcia, Chase Millhon, Caleb Gray, Tyler Doudna), 11th in 9:01.7; Tyler Doudna, 12th in the 400 (55.29); Dougherty, 12th in the 200 (24.27); and Garcia, 15th in the pole vault (9-6).

Steph Massey topped the Cambridge girls' showing as she captured the shot put with a heave of 36-7.

Also medaling for the Lady 'Cats were Emilie Anderson, fifth in shot put (33-6) and sixth in discus (106-9); Elizabeth Phillips, seventh in the 800 (2:31.62); and the 4x800 relay team (Phillips, Tia Johnson, Tess McConkey, Reilly Langley), eighth in 10:38.86.

Other CHS points included 10th in the



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Shenandoah High's Caleb Moore (right) battles Wheeling Central's J.P. Dombrowski in the 300-meter hurdles at Saturday's Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships at St. Clairsville.

4x400 relay in 4:36.51); Massey, 11th in discus (94-8); McConkey, 12th in the 800 (2:35.78); and the shuttle hurdle relay (Johnson, Madyson Ancell, Vanessa Jackson, Annabell Ryan), 14th in 1:13.93.

For Caldwell, the medal winners included the 4x800 relay (Katie Saling, Lexi Waller, Haylee Saling, Jenna Furr), fourth in 10:15.54; Jenna Furr, fifth in the 3200 (12:02.67) and seventh in the 1600 (5:27.96); and Lindsey Furr, seventh in the 3200 (12:14.37).

Also scoring were Katie Saling, ninth in the 1600 (5:29.20); the 4x400 relay (Marissa Radcliff, Haylee Saling, Lexi Waller, Jenna Furr), ninth in 4:35.27; and Marissa Radcliff, 10th in the 400 (1:03.62).

Meadowbrook's top effort came from the 4x400 relay team (Sydney Black, Emily Hull, Paige McKirahan, Diamond Johnson), fourth in 4:24.89 while also medaling were McKirahan, fifth in the 100 (12.89) and sixth in the 200 (27.18); and the 4x200 relay team (Johnson, Black, Hull, McKirahan), sixth in 1:49.98.

Additional points came from Hull, 10th in long jump (15-4) and Abbi Wood, 12th in long jump (15-1).

For Shenandoah, Katelyn Jordan, tied for fourth in the high jump (4-8); Kylee Kasper was fifth in the 400 (1:01.29) and the 4x100 relay team (Madison Forshey, Kerston McKenzie, Jensen Ciacci, Allison Dixon) was eighth in 56.9.

Kasper was also 14th in long jump (14-5), 14th in the 100 (13.41) and 16th in the 200 (28.2).

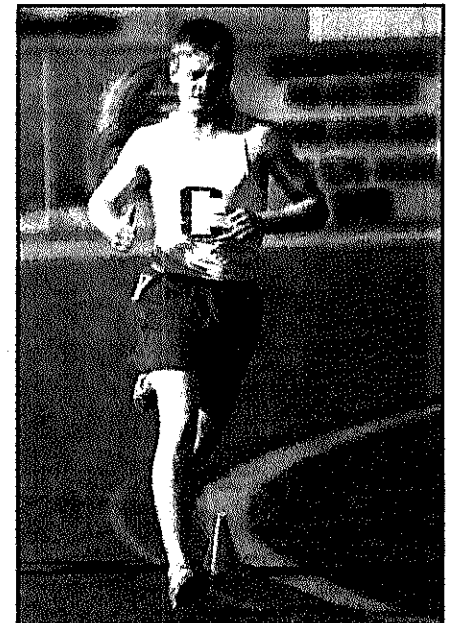
Buckeye Trail's only medalist was the

4x100 relay team (Jessie Howald, Ashlee Nicols, Bailey Cross, Jenna Markel) which placed seventh in 55.84.

Also scoring were Alexis Williams, 10th in shot put (31-3.5) and 12th in discus (93-6); Emily Hastings, 11th in the high jump (4-6); and the 4x200 relay team (Howald, Nicols, Cross, Markel), 15th in 1:59.13.

For Barnesville, point-producers included Shayla Markovich, ninth in discus (100-9) and ninth in shot put (31-5); and Trista Newsom, 10th in the pole vault (8-0).

(Information compiled by Sports Editor Jeff Harrison)



Caldwell High's Jonathan Niswonger competes in the 1600-meter run.



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Cambridge High's Ivan Gadson, left, and Buckeye Trail's Morgan Dougherty head for the finish in the second heat of the boys' 200-meter dash at the Cal Giffin OVAC Track Championships at St. Clairsville on Saturday. Gadson finished second in the 100 and 200 to help the Bobcats to an overall runner-up finish and the Class 5A title.

Muskingum softball team one win away from Super Regional spot

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the Lady Muskies' lead to 2-0.

A three-run fifth pushed Muskingum's advantage to 5-0.

Gawry singled and then pinch runner Morgan Craig

Winters never felt comfortable against the talented Thunder.

"A team like Trine is always going to show up and hit...they're just a really strong offensive team," she said. "We kept telling them 'you can't be comfortable

and no walks in a complete-game effort.

Gawry's homer and single; Martin's double and single and Bevard's two singles led the Lady Muskies' offense.

Daniels, Clark and Harris each had a double and sin-

SATURDAY'S GAME
MUSKINGUM 5, TRINE 4
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 Sarah Browning (WP 2-0, 1 K, 0 BB), Kristin Gill (7th, sv, 0 K, 1 BB) and Jaclyn Hesa, Bree Fuller (LP 22-2, 4 K, 0 BB) and Catherine Porter.
RECORDS—Trine 30-4; Muskingum 28-16.
STAT LEADERS—For Trine, Haleigh Daniels, double, single, 2 RBI, run; Kaitlyn Clark, double, single, 2 RBI; Rachel Harris, double, single, 2 RBI.



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Steelers Focused On Speed During Draft

Bryant gives Big Ben tall target he desires

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin insists his team went looking for contributors and not track stars during the NFL Draft.

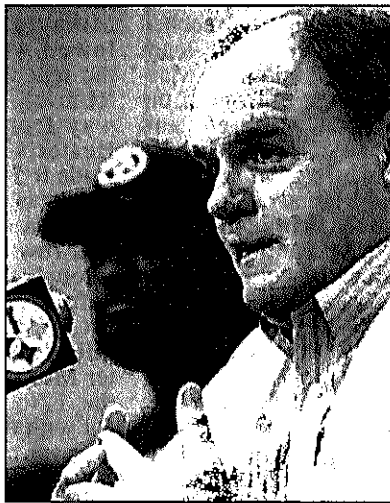
The fact the Pittsburgh Steelers picked up some of the quickest players on the board turned out to be a bonus. Now the group labeled "old" and "slow" by critics hardly looks

like either.

Pittsburgh took four offensive players and five defensive players with its nine picks, including linebacker Ryan Shazier, running back Dri Archer and receiver Martavis Bryant. All three turned in blazing 40-yard dash times during the run-up to the draft. All three are expected to make an immediate impact on a team trying to return to the NFL elite after consecutive 8-8 seasons.

"They're football players first who happen to be extremely fast," Tomlin said.

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AP Photo
Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, left, and personnel director Kevin Colbert like the team's draft class.

Sam Is First Gay Player Selected

Rams take DL from Missouri

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Michael Sam waited and waited. Hours passed, rounds came and went, and eventually, there were only eight more picks left on the third and final day of the NFL Draft.

For just a moment, it looked like his chance of

being picked by a pro team and becoming the league's first openly gay player might take a detour. Or at least be delayed.

The call finally came Saturday from the St. Louis Rams, the team right down the road from where Sam played his college ball at the University of Missouri.

"Thank you to the St. Louis Rams and the whole city of St. Louis. I'm using

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St.C. Boys Capture Overall Crown

Linsly takes home Class 3A hardware

By SETH STASKEY

For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE

Regardless the event, track and field is a speed sport.

Homestanding St. Clairsville features the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's fastest sprinter in senior Jaylon Brown. As you'd expect, that paid ultimate dividends in a meet in which 36 teams cracked the scoring column as the OVAC's five-day track and field championship came to an end Saturday afternoon at Red Devils Stadium.

With Brown pocketing three individual championships and getting plenty of help from his teammates, the Red Devils hoisted their 11th OVAC Class 4A championship trophy, and first time since 2012.

Along with the class title, the Red Devils' 106 points was five better than Cambridge for the overall crown.

The Bobcats snapped Wheeling Park's string of consecutive championships at 10 in the big-school division. Linsly is making room on its wall for its 20th conference championship and fourth consecutive.

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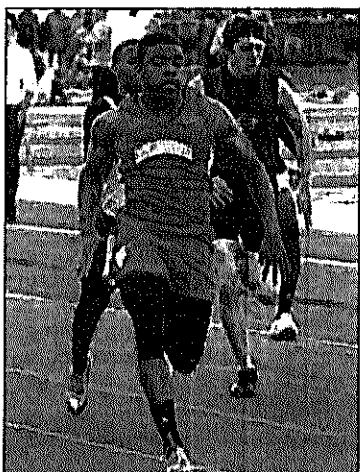


Photo by Mike Palmer
St. Clairsville's Jaylon Brown finished his home career by breezing to three OVAC Titles.



Photo by Mike Palmer

Wheeling Park's Nakysa McGhee, back, hands the baton to teammate Natalie Wlethe during action of the 800 relay at Saturday's OVAC Track Championships in St. Clairsville.

Wheeling Park Girls Pocket OVAC Title

Steub. Catholic, Ferry, St. John are also victorious

By SETH STASKEY

For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field champion turned out to be basically just more of the same.

On the girls' side, especially. Teams that have combined for now 49 conference titles are making room on their gymnasium walls for yet another

banner. The OVAC's five-day stay wrapped up at overcast and soggy Red Devils Stadium in St. Clairsville on Saturday afternoon.

Wheeling Park (Class 5A), Martins Ferry (4A), Steubenville Catholic (3A) and St. John (1A/2A) pocketed the team hardware in a meet that was delayed more than an hour because of storms.

Russell Hutchins' Patriots got back into their winning ways after finishing behind Morgantown each of the last two seasons. Park tallied 128.2 points, which was also good for the overall crown. That total was 12.3 points better than

runner-up Morgantown, which had won the last two conference titles.

The championship marks the 11th all-time for the Park girls' program.

"We have some quality kids and that's what this meet is about," Hutchins said. "Our kids came out and competed well all day. We knew we couldn't match up with Morgantown's distance, but we scored well in other areas and hung on."

The Patriots got off to a strong start thanks to the work done by Lauren Dickerson in

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Weather Can't Stop Red Devils

By MIKE PALMER

For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE

The weather has been an issue all season and the opening round of the Ohio Division III sectional softball tournament was no exception as two lengthy rain delays challenged the grounds crew and the patience of both players and fans as the Red

Devils squeaked out a 2-1 victory against Monroe Central.

The final delay came at a critical juncture as St. Clairsville had loaded the bases and after a strikeout but the downpour suspended play with a 3-2 count on the Red Devils' No. 8 batter, Kipra Rhodes, with the game tied at one run apiece.

Initially the umpires were

pushing for the suspension to end the play for Saturday and asked the teams to return and resume the game Monday. After some discussion that included the lengthy trip from Woodsfield, several parents and coaches went to their homes and returned with leaf blowers.

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Shadyside Bounces Bulldogs

Ongley's club is able to hold on, 5-4

By KIM NORTH

For the News-Register

SHADYSIDE — With her team up by four runs entering the bottom of the seventh and the last three hitters in Bridgeport's lineup due to the plate, Shadyside softball coach Jillian Ongley still wasn't sure a victory was in hand.

She had good reason for that. "We seem to have trouble with the bottom of the order against teams in the last inning," Johnson said after watching the Bulldogs (15-7) score three times to cut a 5-1 margin to 5-4. "I don't know what it is."

However, the Tigers (10-10) were able to hold on for a 5-4 triumph in Ohio Division IV sectional tournament action on the Mead Township Park diamond. They will face

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River Sets A School Record

By KIM NORTH

For the News-Register

SHADYSIDE — Records are meant to be broken.

With its 5-0, Ohio Division IV sectional tournament victory against Frontier on Saturday at the Mead Township Park diamond, the River softball team established a new school mark for victories in a season with 24. The previous mark was set back in the 2000s.

"Pitching kept us in it early," long-time River (24-3) coach Dave Wright said. "Gabby (Goudy) pitched one heckuva game."

Indeed the senior did. She allowed one hit, struck out a dozen and issued two free passes. She faced one batter over

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In the small-school division, Caldwell won its first boys' title under legendary coach Dugan Hill. The Redskins finished with 39.5 points and held off a strong effort from Shady-side for the crown.

St. Clairsville made a big push for the conference title last Sunday when coach Ben Frye made a decision to enter Brown in the long jump, which is an event he had not competed in since his freshman year.

"Anytime you have an athlete like Jaylon, he makes you look smart," Frye said. "That's athleticism and you can't coach that. He's a natural-born athlete, who has worked hard and deserves all of the accolades he's received."

Brown didn't disappoint as he leaped off the board to a mark of 21-feet, 5-inches to win the title. Adding to the mix for the Red Devils was the fact that freshman Jordan Vincent marked the sand at 20-11 1/2 to finish second.

Brown didn't slow down after the long jump as he headed to the track where he continued to be the area's most dominant sprinter. He notched a 100 title in a time of 10.81, then added his first 200 title in a time of 22.24.

"It's a great feeling to win, especially since it was my last meet at St. Clairsville," Brown said. "Winning the 200 feels especially good since it's the first time I won that at the OVAC. Our goal was to win the team title and we've been working all season to try and get that done, so it's great to win the title again."

While Brown stole the sprinting show, he wasn't alone. The Red Devils had a field day in the field events, scoring multiple placers in each event except the discus.

Seniors Colby Lindsay and Michael Eaton both finished third in their respective field events. Lindsay posted a discus mark of 152-5 and Eaton cleared 12-6 in the pole vault.

For the third consecutive season, the Martins Ferry boys grabbed their class' runner-up plaque.

Martins Ferry remained unblemished in the 400 and 800 relays. The Purple Riders foursome of Jack Fitch, Brian Styles, Andrew Watts and Hunter Hill posted a 44.04 to win the lap relay and a short time earlier ran two laps in 1:31.04 for the title.

The same foursome also finished second in the 1,600 relay, trailing Meadowbrook.

Linsly's boys have long been one of the OVAC's top track and field programs. However, Coach James Cowart's team captured its latest crown by being a little bit more under the radar.

The Cadets didn't win an event, but placed high in a few. Linsly finished with 55.5 points to outdistance runner-up Bellaire by 15 points.

"It was tough," Cowart said. "We had to replace a lot of guys, but our younger guys are talented, which helped out. We knew we qualified well, especially on Wednesday, so we thought we'd have a shot, but we also knew we'd have to take care of our business."

Linsly was led by shot putter Chimechi Oparanozie, who finished second with a mark of 47-8 1/2. Sophomore Matt Hurley finished second overall in the 110 high hurdles in 15.42.

By ending the Park domination, the Bobcats captured their sixth conference title, but first since 2000 with 101 points, which was good for second overall.

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the minimum, as the two walks were erased trying to steal second.

Goudy was also the catalyst during the two innings in which the Pilots scored all of their runs.

In the third she reached on an infield single leading off. Mackenzie Marshall's bunt in front of the plate was bobbled, and thrown wildly to third attempting to get the speedy Goudy. However, the ball skipped off the third baseman's glove and rolled into shallow left as Goudy raced home with the first run.

Marshall, who went all the way to third on the play, scored a batter late on Rosie Romick's sacrifice.

The score remained that way until the fifth when

Goudy drew a leadoff walk. With one out, she advanced to second with two outs before stealing third.

She crossed the plate on Romick's infield single to the left side. Mikayla Cieszeski followed with a double to the fence in left-center as Romick scored all the way from first. Emelie Heater's triple to center made it 5-0.

It was all Goudy from there on as she retired 12 in a row from the second through the sixth innings before yielding her only hit of the contest, an infield single to No. 9 hitter Maddie Greathouse on the 12th pitch of the at-bat with two outs.

River moves on to meet St. John Central on Monday.

SHADYSIDE

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Stuebenville Catholic in a co-sectional at 5 on Tuesday at the same site. The Crusaders eliminated Jefferson County rival Toronto, 9-0, earlier Saturday.

"We never make it easy at the end for some reason," Johnson said.

Shady-side bolted to a 4-0 lead thanks to the bat of Megan Heagney. The Alderson-Broadus recruit smacked a two-run single in the first inning, and then added a two-run blast over the fence in left in the third.

When she wasn't banging the ball around the park, she was keeping Bridgeport off the scoreboard through five innings. She struck out 10 - including five straight at one point early on - and walked just one.

"Megan has been doing that all season," Ongley said.

Bridgeport finally dented the scoreboard in the sixth when Miranda Bowers singled home Caitlin Kroll.

Shady-side responded with a run in the bottom seventh to make it 5-1, but the Bulldogs scratched and clawed their way back.

Josie Bugaj drew a lead-off walk and one out later, pinch-hitter Alexis Wilson singled. Kroll then lined a shot to right-center that got both runners home and resulted in a double. Bowers' infield single with two outs chased in Kroll, but Heagney ended the game with a strikeout.

"The girls played hard and fight until the end," Bridgeport coach Tom Joseph said. "We just waited too long to get our bats going, but Megan is a good pitcher and I wish Shady-side all the luck."

RED DEVILS

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The volunteers, coaches, players and grounds crew all chipped in to get the soggy infield back into playing condition. When play resumed, the next pitch decided the contest as the Seminole pitcher threw inside for ball four, pushing the winning run across.

Monroe Central retired the side on a pair of infield pop outs, but the damage was done. The Red Devils had the momentum and the Noles

went down in order sending St. Clairsville ahead to face Martins Ferry at 5 on Wednesday.

The Seminoles had been an improving team all season and wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. Leadoff hitter Brittany Hooper took a 2-2 count pitch into left-center for a double in the top of the first. Following a sacrifice bunt, Allison Kuhn notched an RBI single accounting for the Noles' only run and their last hit

of the contest.

Red Devils coach Rachel Duncan made the decision to pull her starting pitcher and put in junior Michaela Miller. Miller had a stellar performance, striking out nine batters in six innings of no-hit work.

St. Clairsville scored their first run in the fourth inning as Lauren Figura doubled and moved to third on a bunt from Summer Galantine, then came home to knot the contest.

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Stuebenville Catholic was able to get the job done in Class 3A with only one champion and it didn't come until after the meet title was well decided.

The Crusaders' 1,600 team of Taylor Bednar, Monica Rigaud, Jordan Wood and Kara Kakascik posted a 4:18.10 to win the final race, holding off Martins Ferry for the victory.

The Crusaders' top individual finish was a second-place effort from both Moriah Vosteen (high jump) and Kakascik (400). Vosteen cleared 5-2 and Kakascik recorded a season-best time of 59.63 for the silver.

Rigaud was third in the high hurdles, posting a 15.53.

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Indian Creek senior Whitney Martin continued her late surge by completing the sprint sweep. She won the 100 and 200 in 12.61 and 26.48, respectively.

John Marshall sophomore Torrie Derraw captured a pair of gold medals as she won the high jump at 5-4 and then added her second consecutive high hurdles title with a 15.07.

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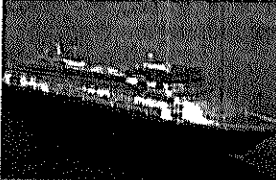


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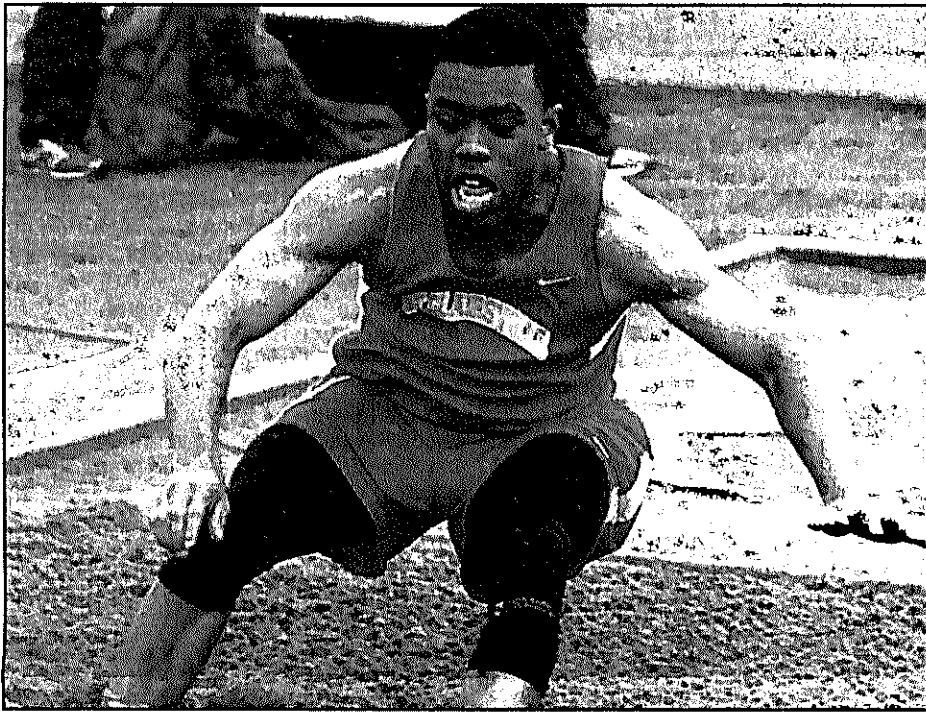
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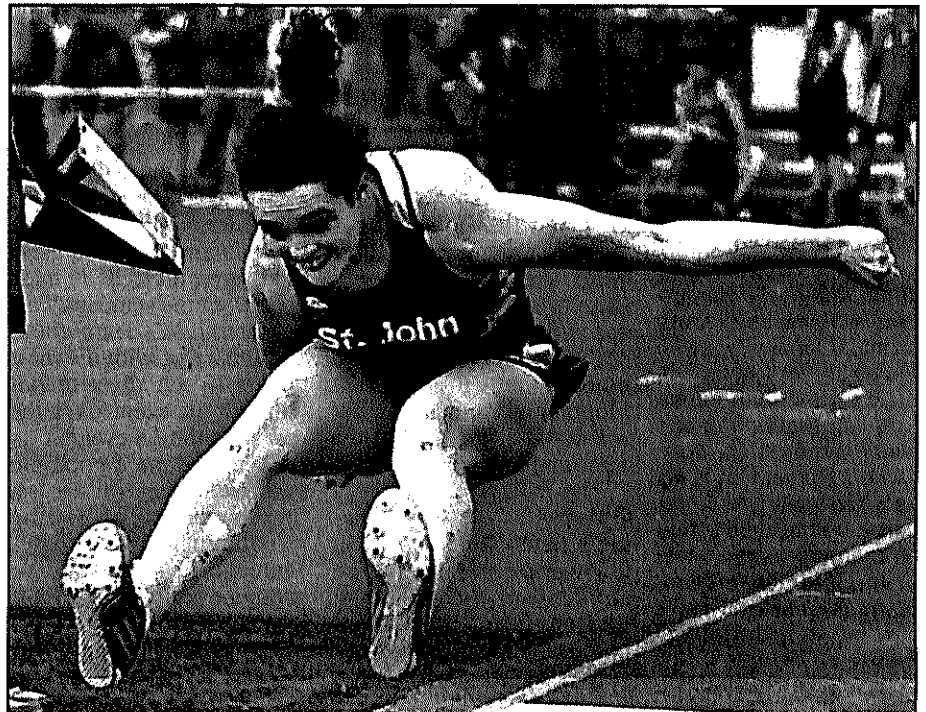
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Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jaylon Brown lands in the sand with the winning long jump mark of 21-ft-5 during Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship at Red Devil Stadium. Brown also won the 100 and 200 meter dashes to spark the Devils to the overall and Class 4A team title. *Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*



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ST. JOHN Central sophomore Jessica Alvey leaps off the board toward the sand in the long jump during Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship at Red Devil Stadium. Alvey won the event with a personal-best mark of 17-ft-4. She also won the 400 meter dash to help lead the Lady Irish to their 13th consecutive OVAC title.

St. C. boys claim OVAC 4A crown

• Devils also overall winners; Linsly wins 3A

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE – Regardless the event, track and field is a speed sport.

The homestanding St. Clairsville Red Devils feature the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's fastest sprinter in senior Jaylon Brown.

As you'd expect, that paid ultimate dividends in a meet in which 36 teams cracked the scoring column as the OVAC's five-day track and field championship came to an end Saturday afternoon at Red Devils Stadium.

With Brown pocketing three individual championships and getting plenty of help from his teammates, the Red Devils hoisted the OVAC Class 4A championship trophy for the 11th time and first time since 2012.

Along with the class title, the Red Devils' 106 points was five better than Cambridge for the overall crown.

The Bobcats snapped Wheeling Park's string of consecutive championships at 10 in the big-school division. Linsly is making room on its wall for its 20th conference championship and fourth consecutive.

In the small-school division, Caldwell won its first boys title in school history under legendary head coach Dugan Hill. The Redskins finished with 39.5 points and held off a strong effort from Shadyside for the crown.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE made a big push for the conference title last Sunday when head coach Ben Frye made a decision to enter Brown in the long jump, which is an event he'd not competed in since he was a freshman.

"Anytime you have an athlete like Jaylon, he makes you look

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TOP: Martins Ferry's Brian Styles hands to Hunter Hill in the 4x2. The Riders won the race. *

ABOVE: St. John's Fallon Doyle leads a pack that includes Ferry's Jamie Truchan during the OVAC.

Ferry, SJC win OVAC class titles

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE – The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field champion turned out to be basically just more of the same.

On the girls' side, especially.

Teams that have combined for now 49 conference titles are making room on their gymnasium walls for yet another banner.

The OVAC's five-day stay at wrapped up at overcast and soggy Red Devils Stadium in St. Clairsville Saturday afternoon.

Wheeling Park (Class 5A), Martins Ferry (4A), Steubenville Catholic Central (3A) and St. John Central (1A/2A) pocketed the team hardware in a meet that was delayed more than an hour because of storms.

The Patriots of Coach Russell Hutchins got back into their winning ways after finishing behind Morgantown each of the last two seasons.

Park tallied 128.2 points, which was also good for the overall crown. That total was 12.3 points better than runner-up Morgantown, which had won the last two conference titles.

The championship marks the 11th all time

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cial, both at the local and state level. When she first started, she was, many times the only woman, in a male-dominated profession.

"You have to, first of all, not be afraid to be the only female on committees," she said. "You have to not shy away or shy no because of that."

"I was on (former OVAC executive secretary's) Sam Mumley's track and cross country committees way back when when there weren't any other women involved. It was just like I was one of the guys."

"And, on the state level, there still aren't a whole lot of females involved, either officiating or coaching. We try to continuously encourage more females to both coach and officiate."

Joseph is very active in the state track coaches association and serves as its secretary/membership chair. Caldwell's Dugan Hill is the group's president.

Joseph will also be officiating at this season's state meet in Columbus. Then, after the prep season ends, she'll be active in the Midwest Meet of Champions, which returns to Ohio this year, in Granville.

Before that, she and Butch will officiating and assisting with meet management at numerous area district and regional meets.

In fact, since the Josephs retired, officiating and meet management has become their focus. It's almost a passion.

"Track can be more nerveracking, especially on the administrative end because you're dealing with so many more people," Joseph noted. "You have 18 events going on and multiple officials."

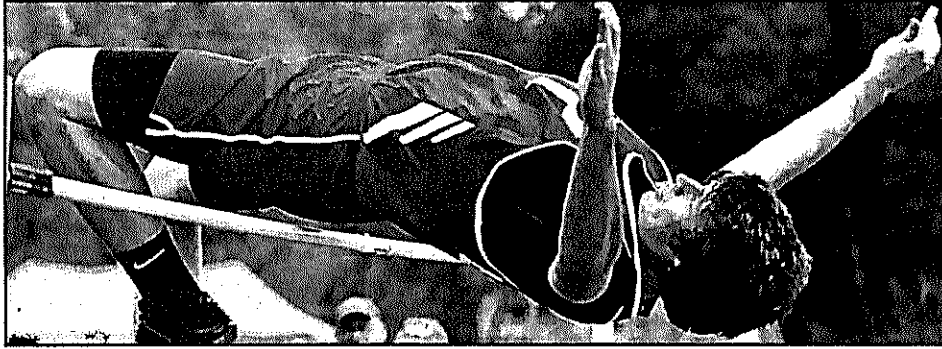
"Cross country is, generally, a more laid back atmosphere. But, for us, if we're doing the timing, it can be stressful if something doesn't work like it's supposed to and you have to enter times by hand."

Still, despite all the challenges, Joseph, enjoys both sports and the relationships she's developed during the decades in both.

While she's not attending to sports, she's spending time with her children — Joel and Jared — and grandchildren and their activities. That, makes for a pretty fulfilling life.

"Like most retired people say, I don't know if I have time to work."

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RIVER'S Brok Cross clears the high jump during Saturday's OVAC Championship Meet

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for the Park girls' program.

"We have some quality kids and that's what this meet is about," said Park head coach Russell Hutchins. "Our kids came out and competed well all day. We knew we couldn't match up with Morgantown's distance, but we scored well in other areas and hung on."

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"We've done a good job during the week (in the last three seasons) of getting girls through to Saturday," Materkoski said. "We've got some really good events and getting here (to Saturday) during the week is the name of the game."

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"It's definitely nice to get the wins," Alvey said. "The 400 is tough, but I push myself to the absolute limit every time I run it. I want to continue to get better and better every meet. To win this (team title) again is great. We've carried it on for 13 years now and we don't want to be the group that ends the streak, so there's a bit of pressure in that way."

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smart," Frye said. "That's athleticism and you can't coach that. He's a natural-born athlete, who has worked hard and deserves all of the accolades he's received."

Brown didn't disappoint on his coach's decision. He leaped off the board to a mark of 21-ft-5 to win the title. Adding to the mix for the Red Devils was the fact that freshman Jordan Vincent marked the sand at 20-ft-11 1/2 to finish second.

The Youngstown State football recruit didn't slow down after the long jump. He headed to the track where he continued to be the area's most dominant sprinter. He notched the 100 meter dash title in a time of 10.81.

A short-time later, he added his first 200 meter title in a time of 22.24.

"It's a great feeling to win, especially since it was my last meet at St. Clairsville," Brown said. "Winning the 200 feels especially good since it's the first time I won that at the OVAC. Our goal was to win the team title and we've been working all season to try and get that done, so it's great to win the title again."

While Brown stole the sprinting show, he wasn't alone. The Red Devils had a field day in the field events, scoring multiple placers in each event except the discus.

Seniors Colby Lindsay and Michael Eaton both finished third in their respective field events. Lindsay posted a discus mark of 152-ft-5 and Eaton cleared 12-ft-6 in the pole vault.

"Our goal going in was to get as many people to Saturday as possible because once you get there, anything can happen," Frye said. "We were pleased going into the field events with what we had qualified. We knew we had a good chance to be in the mix because of that."

For the third consecutive season, the Martins Ferry boys grabbed their class' runner-up plauque.

Martins Ferry remained unblemished in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

The Purple Riders' foursome of Jack Fitch, Brian Styles, Andrew Watts and Hunter Hill posted a 44.04 to win the lap relay and a short-time earlier ran two laps in 1:31.04 for the title.

The same foursome also finished second in the 4x4, trailing Meadowbrook.

LINSLEY'S boys have long been one of the OVAC's top track and field programs. However, Coach James Cowart's team captured its latest crown by being a little bit more under the radar.

The Cadets didn't win an event, but placed high in a few. Linsly finished with 55.5 points to outdistance runner-up Bellaire by 15 points.

"It was tough," Cowart said. "We had to replace a lot of guys, but our younger guys are talented, which helped out today. We knew qualified well, especially on Wednesday, so we thought we'd have a shot, but we also knew we'd have to take care of our business."

Linsly was led by shot putter Chimechi Oparanozie, who finished second with a mark of 47-ft-8 1/2. Sophomore Matt Hurley finished second overall in the 110 high hurdles in 15.42.

By ending the Park domination, the Bobcats captured their sixth conference title, but first since 2000 with 101 points, which was good for second overall.

The Bobcats were fueled by the hurdling double victory of Erik Snell and the pole vault championship of Eric Fox. Cambridge also won the shuttles.

Indian Creek's Max Lewis pocketed the OVAC 800 meter run championship, circling the oval twice in 1:58.92 for the title.

Steubenville standout Ja'Quan Lavender captured the 400 meter dash title that had eluded him. On top of that victory, he also dipped under the coveted 50-second barrier with a 49.77.

Caldwell held off Shadyside thanks to strength in distance races to win the small-school crown.

● SJC

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she cracked a two-run double and then smacked a grand slam for her seventh roundtripper of the season.

"I felt good coming into the game," she admitted.

She finished with another two-run double for eight runs batted in.

Caitlin Sliva, who had two singles and a double that drove in three runs, and freshman Gilli Johnson

who had a trio of singles and an RBI. Frosh Taylor

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Shot Put — Steph Massey (Camb), 36-7; Emily Winters (JM), 36-4 3/4; Rosa Morris (Morg), 35-10 1/2; Lauren Dickerson (WP), 35-4; Emilee Anderson (Camb), 33-8; Candace Kendzierski (MF), 33-5 1/2; Amy Rine (Brk), 32-1; Mikayla Patton (UL), 31-9.
High Jump — Torie Darrow (JM), 5-4; Moriah Vosteen (SCC), 5-2; Sydney Moffett (WP), 4-10; Bailey Estep (Mag), 4-8; Kaitlyn Jordan (Shen), 4-8; Courtney Imhoff (Riv), 4-8; Paige Durkin (WP), 4-8; Mikayla Westlake (StC), 4-8.
Discus — Lauren Dickerson (WP), 121-0; Kristen Stimko (IC), 116-1; Lindsay Froehlich (SJC), 113-3; Emily Winters (JM), 109-0; Rosa Morris (Morg), 108-2; Emilee Anderson (Camb), 106-9; Mikayla Patton (UL), 103-3; Gabrielle Santinoceto (SJC), 100-10.
Long Jump — Jessica Alvey (SJC), 17-4 1/2; Briana Massey (Bpl), 17-0 1/2; Rebekah Lafata (Morg), 16-10; Torie Darrow (JM), 16-8; Elise Watts (Steub), 16-3 1/2; Tamara Bumgardner (WP), 16-0; Annalisa Huckaby (Morg), 15-11; Tyesha Allen (MF), 15-5 1/2.
Pole Vault — Rebekah Lafata (Morg), 10-6; Rachel Tallman (Morg), 9; Katelyn Buchanan (FF), 9; McKayla Kinmond (Shady), 9; Kylie Russell (UL), 9; Cristin Dolan (WP), 8-6; Melissa Cordy (Bel), 8-6; Valeria Dobbs (StC), 8-6.
4x800 — Morgantown, 9:46.15; Oak Glen, 9:59.51; Parkersburg South, 10:10.53; Caldwell, 10:15.54; Bellaire, 10:20.05; Trinity, 10:21.31; Linsly, 10:33.16; Cambridge, 10:38.88.
100M HH — Torie Darrow (JM), 15.07; Hannah Carreon (CB), 15.12; Monica Rigaud (SCC), 15.53; Tyesha Allen (MF), 15.92; Lindsey Baker (WC), 16.07; Elise Watts (Steub), 16.32; Cristin Dolan (WP), 16.49; Ashley Borsch (Ed), 16.63.
100M — Whitney Martin (IC), 12.61; Kasey Williams (PS), 12.62; Ayla Stewart (StC), 12.68; Nakysa McGhee (WP), 12.82; Paige McKirahan (Meadow), 12.89; Abby Caldwell (Riv), 12.91; Taty Jenkins (MF), 12.99; Lyseah Rice (Steub), 13.05.
4x200 — Wheeling Park, 1:46.72; St. Clairsville, 1:47.54; Steubenville, 1:48.69; Martins Ferry, 1:49.05; Parkersburg South, 1:49.43; Meadowbrook, 1:49.89; Brooke, 1:50.05; Steubenville CC, 1:50.82.
1600M — Amelia Paladino (Univ), 4:54.84; Fallon Doyle (SJC), 5:12.38; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 5:17.84; MaryKale McEroy (FF), 5:20.50; Victoria Cooke (Morg), 5:21.45; Jamie Truchan (MF), 5:27.62; Jenna Furr (Cald), 5:27.96; Ally McCulley (PS), 5:28.67.
4x100 — St. Clairsville, 51.44; Wheeling Park, 51.47; Martins Ferry, 51.98; Clay-Battelle, 52.11; Parkersburg South, 52.27; Indian Creek, 52.69; Weir, 53.02; Wheeling Central, 53.28.
400M — Jessica Alvey (SJC), 58.56; Kara Kakascik (SCC), 59.63; Natalie Wiethe (WP), 59.74; Kaitlyn Woods (Morg), 1:00.71; Kylee Kasper (Shen), 1:01.29; Chloe Connor (Mad), 1:02.14; Dalethia Johnson (MF), 1:02.34; Alexandra Arnold (OG), 1:03.48.
300M LH — Abby Caldwell (Riv), 46.69; Lindsey Baker (WC), 47.69; Cristin Dolan (WP), 47.91; Hailee Cunningham (JM), 48.22; Tyesha Allen (MF), 48.82; Devyn Potts (Riv), 48.94; Ashley Borsch (Ed), 49.97; Natalie Hart (FF), 49.02.
800M — Amelia Paladino (Univ), 2:14.38; Allison Lynch (Morg), 2:23.43; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 2:26.13; Zoey Viasuso (Morg), 2:27.76; Kaitlin Hart (FF), 2:29.01; Jamie Truchan (MF), 2:30.85; Eliz Lashelle-Phillips (Camb), 2:31.62; Rachel Bugaj (WP), 2:31.67.
200M — Whitney Martin (IC), 26.48; Kasey Williams (PS), 26.50; Ayla Stewart (StC), 28.55; Hannah Carreon (CB), 28.88; Lysiah Rice (Steub), 27.12; Paige McKirahan (Meadow), 27.18; Briana Massey (Bpl), 27.20; Abby Caldwell (Riv), 27.31.
3200M — Sydney Pineault (Morg), 11:09.79; Fallon Doyle (SJC), 11:48.04; Victoria Cooke (Morg), 11:57.86; Ally McCulley (PS), 12:01.34; Jenna Furr (Cald), 12:02.67; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 12:04.25; Lindsey Furr (Cald), 12:14.37; Danielle Stoner (Bel), 12:24.97.
Shuttles — Wheeling Park, 1:05.68; Brooke, 1:07.84; Martins Ferry, 1:08.72; Wheeling Central, 1:08.90; Parkersburg South, 1:10.33; Trinity, 1:10.45; Oak Glen, 1:10.47; St. John Central, 1:11.33.
4x400 — Steubenville Central, 4:18.10; Martins

Ferry, 4:18.69; Wheeling Park, 4:21.95; Meadowbrook, 4:24.89; Weirton Madonna, 4:26.23; Morgantown, 4:26.46; Oak Glen, 4:31.67; Weir, 4:35.06.

Boys

Team Scores: St. Clairsville, 106; Cambridge, 101; Wheeling Park, 98.033; Morgantown, 85; Martins Ferry, 89.7; Parkersburg South, 88; Linsly, 55.5; Meadowbrook, 54.5; University, 46; Steubenville, 43.7; Bellaire, 40.5; Caldwell, 39.5; Weir, 38; Oak Glen, 37.5; Shady Side, 32.5; Barnesville, 30.5; Steubenville CC, 29; Shenandoah, 28; Valley, 26; Brooke, 23.5; Magnolia, 23; River, 21.8166; St. John, 21.5; Buckeye Trail, 19; Cameron, 14; John Marshall, 13; Union Local, 12.5; Indian Creek, 12.5; Fort Frye, 12; Madonna, 10; Wheeling Central, 6.5; Paden City, 6.5; Bishop Donahue, 5; Buckeye Local, 2.5; Clay-Battelle, 2; Bridgeport, 1.
Long Jump — Jaylon Brown (StC), 21-5; Jordan Vincent (StC), 20-11 1/2; Eric Howell (Shady), 20-3; Josh Enoch (PS), 20-3; Anthony Bibbs (PS), 20-2; Dave Bell (Morg), 20-1 1/2; Eric Fox (Camb), 20-0 1/2; Kyle Hess (Bel), 19-10 1/2.
Discus — Dylan Rippeto (PS), 161-0; Arin Goksmith (Steub), 154-0; Colby Lindsay (StC), 152-5; Theo Blackston (WP), 139-11; Noah Mills (OG), 138-1; Brian Sadosky (MF), 129-11; Hunter Nolan (PS), 128-2.
Shot Put — Dylan Rippeto (PS), 50-11; Chimechi Oparanozie (Lins), 47-08 1/2; Brian Sadosky (MF), 47-6; Cody LaRoche (Bel), 46-11 1/2; Cody Rine (Brk), 45-6; Jacob Highley (Val), 45-4 1/2; Darin Neff (Meadow), 42-4; Kordeil Stage (Camb), 42-2.
Pole Vault — Eric Fox (Camb), 15-3; Austin Kemp (UL), 13-6; Michael Eaton (StC), 12-6; Dalton Dalancy (Meadow), 12-6; Trevarjon Haws (Morg), 12-6; Cole Skaggs (StC), 12-0; Adam Fox (Camb), 11-6; Tucker Gain (Val), 11-6.
High Jump — Evan DeGraef (PS), 6-0; Nicholas Wolfe (WP), 5-10; Brok Cross (Riv), 5-10; Jake Pedekose (WP), 5-10; Josiah Rhodes (StC), 5-10; Colton Wright (Riv), 5-10; Tucker Cain (Val), 5-10; Adam Fox (Camb), 5-8.
4x800 — University, 8:07.27; Steubenville Central, 8:17.76; Morgantown, 8:20.96; Martins Ferry, 8:21.18; Caldwell, 8:25.72; Oak Glen, 8:26.08; Linsly, 8:43.10; John Marshall, 8:57.37.
110M HH — Erik Snel (Camb), 14.64; Matt Hurley (Lins), 15.42; Joey Nodanos (Steub), 15.75; Caleb Moore (Shen), 15.82; Richard Cummings (WP), 15.90; Vincent Scabse (PS), 16.07; Jeff Hart (Barnes), 16.44; Eric Fox (Camb), 16.58.
100M — Jaylon Brown (StC), 10.81; Ivan Gadson (Camb), 11.19; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 11.29; Gavin Lewis (Brk), 11.36; Yale Wetzel (Mag), 11.50; Colin Kimbro (Bel), 11.53; Kyle Whorton (SJC), 11.55; Isiah Green (StC), 11.57.
4x200 — Martins Ferry, 1:31.04; Wheeling Park, 1:32.14; Morgantown, 1:32.17; Meadowbrook, 1:32.34; Parkersburg South, 1:32.78; Weir, 1:32.82; Oak Glen, 1:33.99; Linsly, 1:34.23.
1600M — Anthony Lauria (Morg), 4:24.17; Andy Paladino (Univ), 4:29.24; Albert Schrimp (WP), 4:30.50; Mathew Cheeseman (FF), 4:32.08; Riley Connor (Morg), 4:35.00; Mason Moore (Barnes), 4:35.92; Jacob Bishop (MF), 4:37.17; Tanner Harding (Cald), 4:43.34.
4x100 — Martins Ferry, 44.04; Cambridge, 44.19; Weir, 44.29; St. Clairsville, 44.31; Oak Glen, 44.64; Magnolia, 44.88; Morgantown, 45.02; Linsly, 45.38.
400M — Ja'Quan Lavendar (Steub), 49.77; Cole States (Weir), 51.16; Nick Dunlap (Meadow), 51.50; Braedon Carroll (WP), 51.62; Morgan Dougherty (BT), 51.72; Garrett Holubeck (SJC), 51.74; Brendan Schwendeman (PS), 52.26; David Baazel (BD), 52.73.
300M HH — Erik Snel (Camb), 39.88; Jack Filch (MF), 40.54; Jared Kacor (Mag), 41.28; Richard Cummings (WP), 41.77; Micah Bolas (PS), 42.01; Matt Hurley (Lins), 42.51; Caleb Moore (Shen), 42.78; Jeff Hart (Barnes), 42.88.
800M — Max Lewis (IC), 1:58.92; Anthony Lauria (Morg), 2:01.88; Tristan Harvey (Univ), 2:02.93; Sean Whelstone (Cald), 2:03.77; Mason Moore (Barnes), 2:04.76; Anthony Lee (SCC), 2:04.98; Aaron Ebbert (SJC), 2:05.12; Jacob Shockley (Morg), 2:05.60.
200M — Jaylon Brown (StC), 22.24; Ivan Gadson (Camb), 23.10; Ja'Quan Lavendar (Steub), 23.34; Zach Phillips (WP), 23.57; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 23.73; Clay Lapp (Meadow), 23.78; Zach Hall (Cam), 23.91; Stephen Jenson (Morg), 23.95.
3200M — Alex Minor (Univ), 9:43.95; Anthony Lauria (Morg), 10:03.58; Albert Schrimp (WP), 10:09.93; Jacob Bishop (MF), 10:17.28; Reed Phares (Univ), 10:18.77; Tanner Harding (Cald), 10:24.11; Jonathan Niswonger (Cald), 10:32.72; Logan McCort (StC), 10:33.52.
Shuttles — Cambridge, 59.59; Parkersburg South, 1:00.45; Shady Side, 1:02.06; Wheeling Park, 1:02.12; Martins Ferry, 1:02.12; Brooke, 1:02.71; Linsly, 1:04.12; Valley, 1:05.27.
4x400 — Meadowbrook, 4:31.67; Martins Ferry, 3:32.56; Oak Glen, 3:40.77; Wheeling Park, 3:40.94; Morgantown, 3:42.91; Caldwell, 3:43.55; Parkersburg South, 3:43.67; St. John Central, 3:44.46.

OVAC Track set for this week at St. C.

• Class 3A and 5A qualifying begins on Monday; Class 1A/2A and 4A on Tuesday

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The final Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Champions of the 2013-14 school year will be crowned in less than a week.

The Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship opens its five-day stay at St. Clairsville Red Devil Stadium on Monday. Qualifying rounds will run through Thursday with field events beginning at 4 p.m. each day. The championship meet will be held on Saturday with field events starting at 10 a.m. and running at noon.

The 3A and 5A schools will begin the qualifying action on Monday and conclude on Wednesday. The Class 1A/2A, which will be combined again this season, and Class 4A will compete on Tuesday and Thursday.

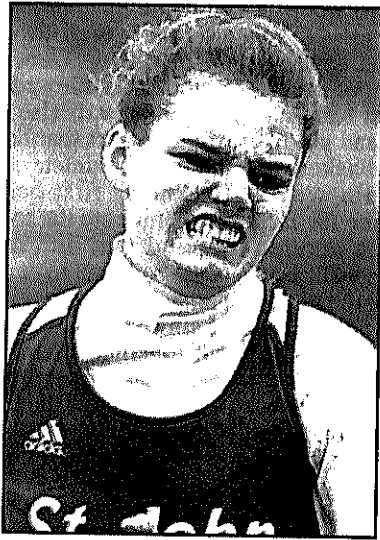
The top three fastest times, in each class, will automatically qualify to Saturday's championship run. The remaining four spots will go to the top four times that didn't automatically qualify.

In the championship meet, two-heat finals in races shorter than 800 meters will once again be utilized with the top eight qualifying times running in the 'hot' heat.

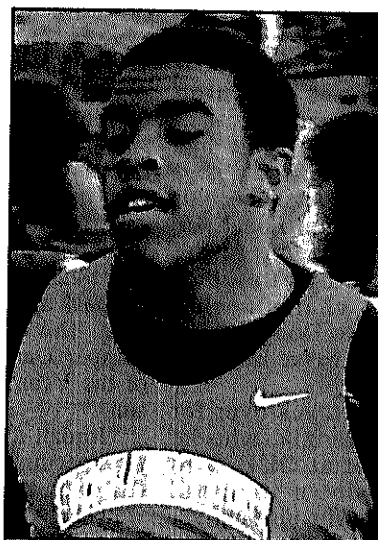
The distance races will be combined into one race and the throwing events as well as the high and long jumps will all utilize four throws.

All of the scoring for the class championships will be done on Saturday. The first four days serve simply as a qualifier.

The top eight individuals will



ST. JOHN Central junior Fallon Doyle is the defending OVAC Champion in the 800 and 1600.



ST. CLAIRSVILLE senior Jaylon Brown is the defending champion in the 100M dash.

receive an award and the champion of each separate class will also be recognized.

In terms of individual events, the meet returns seven defending champions on the boys' side and four girls in five events on the girls' side.

The boys returning champions include: St. Clairsville's Jaylon Brown (100), Cambridge's Eric Fox (pole vault) and Errick Snell (high hurdles), Fort Frye's Jon Anderson (3200), Morgantown's Zachary Kilwein (800), Meadowbrook's Darren McCaughan (long jump) and Parkersburg South's Dylan Rippetto (discus).

On the girls' side, the defending

gold medalists are Steubenville's Elise Watts (long jump), Edison's Katelyn Pollock (high jump), John Marshall's Tori Derrow (high hurdles) and St. John Central's Fallon Doyle (800 and 1600).

The defending boys team champions are: Clay-Battelle (1A-2A), Linsly (3A), Meadowbrook (4A) and Wheeling Park (5A).

The reigning girls' champions are: St. John (1A-2A), River (3A), Martins Ferry (4A) and Morgantown (5A).

The Lady Irish have won 15 conference titles and have claimed the last 12 championships in the process.

Martins Ferry is seeking a threepeat on the girls' side and is one of

the favorites in Class 4A boys' field as well.

"It's going to be a battle, and the fun part of it is finding out how we can put the pieces in place to get it done," Materkoski said. "These senior girls are the ones who got the ball rolling as freshmen and they deserve to go out as champions."

"We are going to give it all we have to get that done, and we look forward to the challenge."

Long-time track and field gurus Butch and Donna Joseph are once again serving as the overall directors of the meet. St. Clairsville head coach Ben Frye is the site director at Red Devil Stadium.

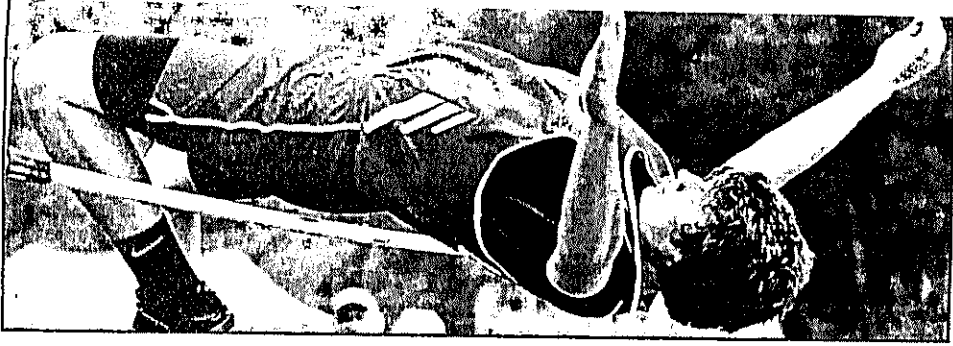
The day one and two order of events is as follows: 4x8 (G), high hurdles (G), high hurdles (B), 100 meter dash (G), 100 meter dash (B), 4x8 (B), 4x2 (G), 4x2 (B), 3200 (G), 400 meter dash (G), 400 meter dash (B), 3200 (B).

The day three and four order of events is as follows: 1600 (G), 200 meter dash (G), 200 meter dash (B), 1600 (B), 300 low hurdles (G), 300 intermediate hurdles (B), 4x1 (G), 4x1 (B), 800 (G), 800 (B), shuttles (G), shuttles (B), 4x4 (G), 4x4 (B).

The first-round of qualifying field events are: discus (B), high jump (G), shot put (G), pole vault (B and G). Remaining field events will be held during the second day of qualifying.

There will also be a wheelchair 400 meter event contested during the championship meet.

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RIVER'S Brok Cross clears the high jump during Saturday's OVAC Championship Meet

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for the Park girls' program.

"We have some quality kids and that's what this meet is about," said Park head coach Russell Hutchins. "Our kids came out and competed well all day. We knew we couldn't match up with Morgantown's distance, but we scored well in other areas and hung on."

The Patriots got off to a strong start in the morning's field events thanks to the work done by Lauren Dickerson in the discus. She captured the OVAC championship by nearly five feet after posting a mark of 121-feet.

Park's work in the relays also proved to be crucial to its success.

The quartet of Cristin Dolan, Kayley Miller, Dickerson and Tamara Bumgardner skimmed 40 timbers in 65.68 for the gold medal.

The Patriots also won the 800 relay thanks to the speed of Miller, Rakedra Webb, Nakysa McGhee and Natalie Wiehe.

Park was also second in the 4x1 with the same team as the 4x2, except Bumgardner stepped in for Wiehe.

"This is fun to watch and the great part of these kids is they're track athletes," Hutchins said. "They feed off each other and watching other track athletes do well and pull themselves up to that level. We had kids step up all over the place and we have some great senior leadership."

The Martins Ferry girls have been one of the area's steadiest programs over the last handful of seasons.

The results have been three consecutive OVAC titles. They won their second straight 4A title by scoring 82.5 points, which was good enough for third overall.

"Our senior girls deserve this," said Ferry head coach Rich Materkoski. "They've

done so much for our program to get the ball rolling again at Martins Ferry. There was a bit of a lull in the track program and these kids have brought it back up and set the standard."

Materkoski's team got to the finish line with the most points in 4A despite not winning an event over the course of the 18 events.

"We've done a good job during the week (in the last three seasons) of getting girls through to Saturday," Materkoski said. "We've got some really good events and getting here (to Saturday) during the week is the name of the game."

Taking it a step further, Ferry didn't record a runner-up finish in the meet either, but it did score inside the top eight in 11 events.

Sophomore Tyesha Allen led the way with three finishes inside the top eight, placing fourth in the highs, sixth in the lows and eighth in the long jump.

The Ferrians' 4x1 team of Sarah Applegarth, Ashley Griffith, Malyah Coleman and Talyr Jenkins finished as bronze medalist with a time of 51.98.

The 4x2 team was clocked in 1:49.05 to finish fourth overall.

The Purple shuttle squad of Allen, Ashley Griffith, Nikki Allen and Jenkins turned in a 68.72 for fourth place. The Riders added a second-place in the 1600 relay thanks to the team of Applegarth, Dalethia Johnson, Truchan and Lauren Bennett.

St. John Central captured its 13th consecutive conference title and 16th in school history.

The Irish didn't qualify to all that many events during the week, but they made up for it scoring quite well in the events in which they compete.

"Our girls love this OVAC meet and they really step it up," said Irish head coach Paul Xenakis. "This

meet brings the best out in them. Plus, I get the sense that the girls don't want to let (the winning streak) end, so it raises their level of competitiveness."

The Irish of Coach Paul Xenakis were led by their dynamite duo of sophomore Jessica Alvey and junior distance dandy Fallon Doyle.

Alvey captured a pair of OVAC titles, marking the first two of her career. She got things started for the Irish with a victory in the long jump with a mark of 17-ft-4 1/2.

"It's definitely nice to get the wins," Alvey said.

"The 400 is tough, but I push myself to the absolute limit every time I run it. I want to continue to get better and better every meet. To win this (team title) again is great. We've carried it on for 13 years now and we don't want to be the group that ends the streak, so there's a bit of pressure in that way."

During the afternoon's running events, she circled the track in 58.56 to take the 400 meter dash title.

Doyle, meanwhile, didn't win an individual title, but she finished second twice. She was the silver medalist in the 1600 (5:12.38) and the 3200 (11:48.04).

"Jessica really stepped it up and Fallon just gutted it out," Xenakis said.

Sophomore Lindsey Froehlich came up big early in the meet by recording a third-place finish in the discus with a mark of 113-ft-3.

River, which won the 3A title last season, settled for second behind the Lady Irish in the small-school field after dropping down a class.

The Pilots retained their stranglehold on the low hurdle title. Sophomore Abby Caldwell posted a 46.59 to capture the low hurdle title.

St. Clairsville got into the victory act in the 4x1. The Red Devils' team of Mechenzie Wood, Kennady Walker, Hannah Jordan and Ayla Stewart edged out Wheeling Park by three hundredths of a second with its 51.44.

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smart," Frye said. "That's athleticism and you can't coach that. He's a natural-born athlete, who has worked hard and deserves all of the accolades he's received."

Brown didn't disappoint on his coach's decision. He leaped off the board to a mark of 21-ft-5 to win the title. Adding to the mix for the Red Devils was the fact that freshman Jordan Vincent marked the sand at 20-ft-11 1/2 to finish second.

The Youngstown State football recruit didn't slow down after the long jump. He headed to the track where he continued to be the area's most dominant sprinter. He notched the 100 meter dash title in a time of 10.81.

A short-time later, he added his first 200 meter title in a time of 22.24.

"It's a great feeling to win, especially since it was my last meet at St. Clairsville," Brown said. "Winning the 200 feels especially good since it's the first time I won that at the OVAC. Our goal was to win the team title and we've been working all season to try and get that done, so it's great to win the title again."

While Brown stole the sprinting show, he wasn't alone. The Red Devils had a field day in the field events, scoring multiple placers in each event except the discus.

Seniors Colby Lindsay and Michael Eaton both finished third in their respective field events. Lindsay posted a discus mark of 152-ft-5 and Eaton cleared 12-ft-6 in the pole vault.

"Our goal going in was to get as many people to Saturday as possible because once you get there, anything can happen," Frye said. "We were pleased going into the field events with what we had qualified. We knew we had a good chance to be in the mix because of that."

For the third consecutive season, the Martins Ferry boys grabbed their class' runner-up plauque.

Martins Ferry remained unblemished in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

The Purple Riders' foursome of Jack Fitch, Brian Styles, Andrew Watts and Hunter Hill posted a 44.04 to win the lap relay and a short-time earlier ran two laps in 1:31.04 for the title.

The same foursome also finished second in the 4x4, trailing Meadowbrook.

LINSLEY'S boys have long been one of the OVAC's top track and field programs. However, Coach James Cowart's team captured its latest crown by being a little bit more under the radar.

The Cadets didn't win an event, but placed high in a few. Linsly finished with 55.5 points to outdistance runner-up Bellaire by 15 points.

"It was tough," Cowart said. "We had to replace a lot of guys, but our younger guys are talented, which helped out today. We knew qualified well, especially on Wednesday, so we thought we'd have a shot, but we also knew we'd have to take care of our business."

Linsly was led by shot putter Chimechi Oparanozie, who finished second with a mark of 47-ft-8 1/2. Sophomore Matt Hurley finished second overall in the 110 high hurdles in 15.42.

By ending the Park domination, the Bobcats captured their sixth conference title, but first since 2000 with 101 points, which was good for second overall.

The Bobcats were fueled by the hurdling double victory of Errik Snell and the pole vault championship of Eric Fox. Cambridge also won the shuttles.

Indian Creek's Max Lewis pocketed the OVAC 800 meter run championship, circling the oval twice in 1:58.92 for the title.

Steubenville standout Ja'Quan Lavender captured the 400 meter dash title that had eluded him. On top of that victory, he also dipped under the coveted 50-second barrier with a 49.77.

Caldwell held off Shadyside thanks to strength in distance races to win the small-school crown.

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Indian Creek's Max Lewis turned in an impressive 800 meters in setting a 5A record. He circled the oval twice in 1:58.27.

IN 3A, the team race looked to be wide open on Monday and little changed on Wednesday as several teams have positioned themselves to make a run at the banner.

Magnolia led two events. The Blue Eagle girls posted a 54.89 to lead the 4x1 and a 1:12.19 to pace the shuttle qualifying.

Shenandoah's Kylee Kasper paced the 200 (27.63) and long jump (14-11 1/2).

Steubenville Central led the way in the 4x4 with a 4:13.81, but a false start in the 4x1 could prove to be a costly miscue.

Barnesville's Shayla Markovich set the benchmark in 3A discus with a twirl of 103-ft-2.

In the 3A boys race, six different schools posted a top qualifying mark in the division.

Bellaire has had a strong week thus far and junior strongman Cody LaRoche has been a big reason why. After pacing the discus on Monday, he led the shot put with a 48-ft-11.

Steubenville Central's Anthony Lee posted a 2:04.35 to own the top mark in the 800. The Crusaders also posted a 3:37.58 to lead the 4x4.

Linsly, which has won two conference titles in a row, paced the shuttles in in 63.40.

Barnesville's Mason Moore was the top 1600 runner in 3A with a 4:39.21 and Trail's Morgan Dougherty ran 200 meters in 23.69 for the top 3A seed.

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BARNESVILLE'S Jeff Hart and Linsly's Matt Hurley race in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles during Wednesday's qualifying round at the OVAC Track and Field Championship. Both earned a spot in Saturday's final. *Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

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OVAC qualifying winding down

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The OVAC Track and Field Championship Meet field, which is set for Saturday at Red Devil Stadium, is almost complete.

The 3A and 5A classes wrapped up their qualifying rounds under ideal conditions in the Belmont County Seat Wednesday evening with the remaining nine events being contested.

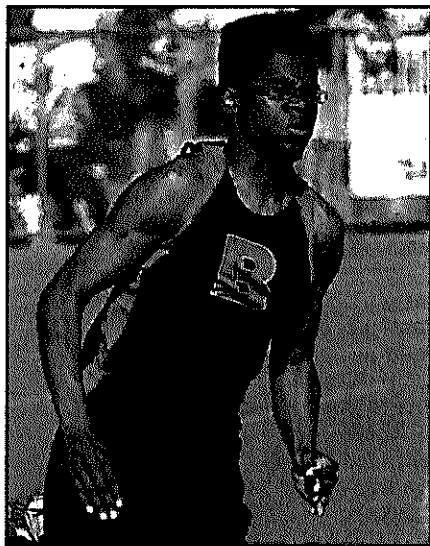
The balance of the championship field will be known this evening when the 1A/2A and 4A classes complete their two-day prelim meet.

Saturday's action begins at 10 a.m. with the field events and the running events begin at noon.

Prior to any additional plans being made for Saturday, work remained.

IN 5A, John Marshall's girls figure to score well Saturday thanks in large part to sophomore dandy Torie Darrow. After placing two events on Monday, she added the long jump (17-ft-3) and 300 low hurdles (47.60) to her resume.

Wheeling Park's girls will be right in the thick of the team-title chase. Coach



BELLAIRE'S Collin Kimbro makes the turn for home in the 200-meter dash. Kimbro won his heat and qualified for Saturday's final.

Russell Hutchins' squad posted the top mark in the discus thanks to Lauren Dickerson's twirl of 119-ft-10. The

Patriot girls also paced the 4x1 (49.96), shuttles (65.90) and 4x4 (4:12.70) in the big-school field.

Indian Creek's Whitney Martin had an impressive meet. After posting the top 100 time on Monday, she notched a 26.47 for the premier 200 time.

University High's Amelia Paladino was extremely impressive in leading the 1600 and 800 meter qualifying. The West Virginia recruit ran the 800 in 2:15.78, which is a Class 5A and Red Devil Stadium record.

Cambridge's boys, who enjoyed a solid day of qualifying on Monday, didn't slow down on Wednesday.

The Bobcats will be one of the teams to keep an eye on thanks to the sprint of Ivan Gadson, hurdling of Errik Snell and jumping of Louisville recruit Eric Fox.

Gadson was the top 200 meter dash qualifier in 23.08 and Snell paced the intermediate hurdles in 40.90. The Bobcats also led the 4x1 (44.52) and shuttles (58.21). The latter was a Class 5A record.

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OVAC Track Finals Today at Red Devil Stadium

By SETH STASKEY
For the Intelligencer

Championship Saturday of OVAC Track and Field has arrived.

After four days of qualifying rounds, the 'Sweet 16' in 18 events has been settled and the chance to be called a conference champion comes to fruition today.

The Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship wraps up this afternoon at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. The action gets under way this morning at 10 for field events and the first running events of the meet will commence at noon.

All 16 athletes and/or relay teams in today's events will be scored, but the top eight overall will medal. The champion of each class — regardless if he or she is in the top eight — will also be recognized.

Some very tight team races appear to be on the horizon with several teams positioning themselves to make a solid run toward the coveted banner.

On the boys' side, one of the most interesting battles could come in 4A where Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook and St. Clairsville all reside.

The Red Devils own the top seed overall in three events thanks to senior speedster Jaylon Brown. He led all divisions qualifying in the 100 (10.73), 200 (22.44) and the long jump (21-10).

In the two short sprints, he leads the remainder of the field by nearly a half a second in both events.

The Purple Riders also own the top seed in three events.

The speed foursome of Brian Styles, Jack Fitch, Hunter Hill and Andrew Watts pace the 4x1 (43.78) and 4x2 (1:31.99). The same quartet is the second seed in the 4x4, trailing Meadowbrook.

The lone individual Rider with the top mark is Fitch in the 300 hurdles at 40.85.

Steubenville senior Ja'Quan Lavender owns the top seed in the 400 by better than a second with his 50.09.

The other top seeds all reside in 5A, which also should be a tight battle between Wheeling Park, Cambridge and Parkersburg South.

Wheeling Park sophomore Richard Cummings is the top high hurdler in the field at 15.13.

Cambridge is expected to score high in several events. The Bobcats boast defending champions in the pole vault and high hurdles.

Louisville-bound Eric Fox leads the vault at 15-feet.

The Bobcats also lead the shuttles at 58.21.

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South's top seeds are Dylan Rippetto in both the discus (165-1) and shot put (50-ft-11).

Evan DeGraef paces the high jump at 6-ft-4.

Indian Creek's Max Lewis has been the top 800 meter runner all season and posted a conference-leading 1:58.27.

On the girls side, more nip-and-tuck battles should ensue.

In the small-school division, St. John Central is seeking its 13th consecutive and 16th overall.

The Irish girls have the top seed at the 400 in sophomore Jessica Alvey. They also boast the defending 1600 champion Fallon

Doyle. She also qualified in the 3200 meter run.

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The field events for today's first session are boys' discus, girls' high jump, boys long jump, girls' shot put and boys' pole vault.

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Photos by Seth Staskey
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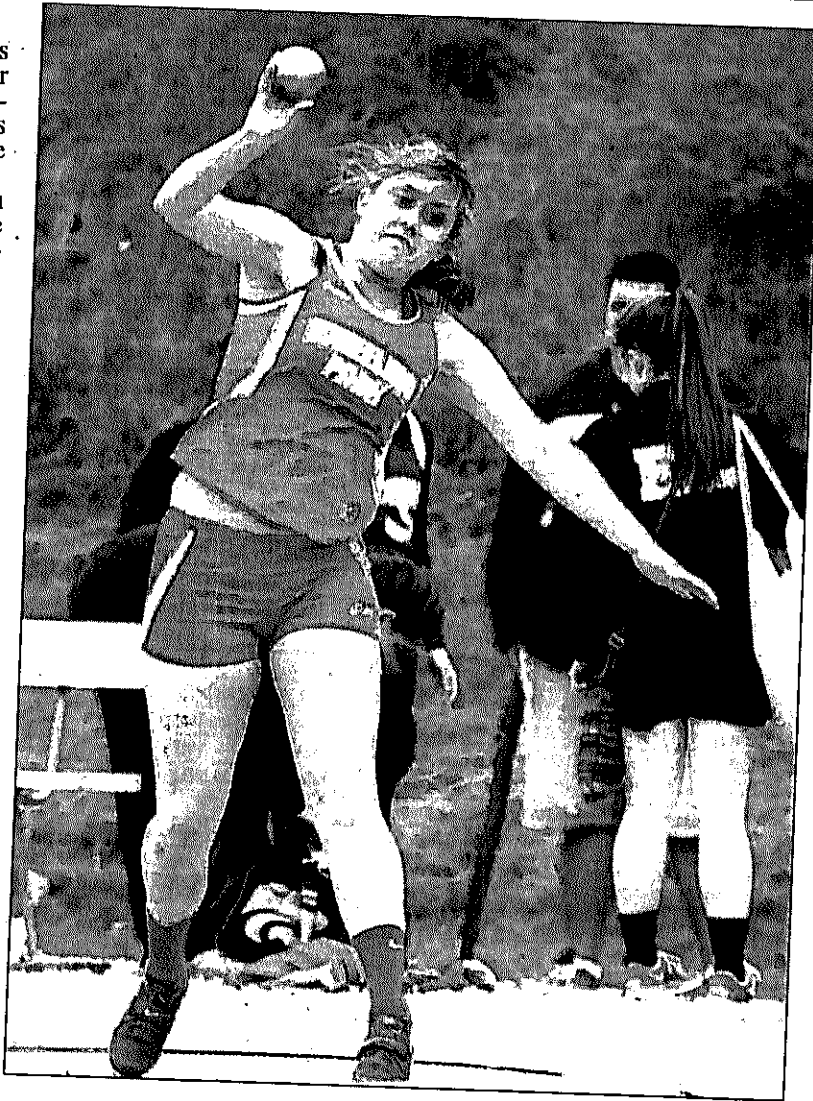


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SPORTS

Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championships



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BELOW: Bellaire's Danielle Stoner and Linsly's Zoe Scarpone race in the first leg of the 4x800 relay. Bellaire went on to win the race and qualify for Saturday's championship. *Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

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Who: Classes 3A and 5A
When: Wednesday, 4 p.m.
Where: St. Clairsville

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T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

BARNESVILLE'S Logan Castello throws the discus during Monday's OVAC Class 3A qualifying at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium. Castello earned a spot in Saturday's championship meet.

OVAC TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

(at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium)
Championship Finals

Girls

Wheeling Park, 128.2; Morgantown, 110.5; Martins Ferry, 82.5; Parkersburg South, 70.5; St. John, 63.5; John Marshall, 57.5; Steubenville Central, 84; Oak Glen, 49.5; St. Clairsville, 48.5; Indian Creek, 44.8; Steubenville, 42; Cambridge, 41.5; River, 34.2; Caldwell, 34; Wheeling Central, 33; Fort Frye, 30.2; Brooke, 30; Meadowbrook, 29.5; Madonna, 28; Belleair, 25.5; Clay-Battelle, 21.5; Union Local, 20; Edison, 18.5; Magnolia, 18.2; Trinity, 18; Weir, 17.8; Shenandoah, 17.2; Bridgeport, 16.5; Buckeye Trail, 12; Barnesville, 11.5; Shadyside, 11.2; Bishop Donahue, 10; Linsley, 8.5; Beaver, 4; Toronto, 3.5; Monroe Central, 3; Paden City, 2.8; Harrison Central, 2.5; East Richland Christian, 2; Sealaville, 1.

Shot Put: Steph Massey (Camb), 36.7; Emily Winters (JM), 39.4 3/4; Rosa Morris (Morg), 39-10 1/2; Lauren Dickerson (WP), 35.4; Emilia Anderson (Camb), 33-8; Candace Kendrick (MF), 33-5 1/2; Amy Rine (Bk), 32-1; Mikayla Patton (UL), 31-9.

High Jump: Torie Darrow (JM), 5-4; Moriah Vosteen (SCC), 5-2; Sydney Moffett (WP), 4-10; Bailey Estep (Mag), 4-8; Katalyn Jordan (Shen), 4-8; Courtney Imhoff (Riv), 4-8; Paige Durkin (WP), 4-8; Mikayla Westlake (SC), 4-8.

Discus: Lauren Dickerson (WP), 121-0; Kristian Shlanko (IC), 118-1; Lindsey Froehlich (SJC), 113-3; Emily Winters (JM), 109-0; Rosa Morris (Morg), 108-2; Emilie Anderson (Camb), 106-9; Mikayla Patton (UL), 103-3; Gabriella Santinoceto (SJC), 100-0.

Long Jump: Jessica Alvey (SJC), 17-4 1/2; Briana Massey (Bpt), 17-0 1/2; Rebekah Lafata (Morg), 16-10; Torie Darrow (JM), 16-8; Elisa Waita (Steub), 16-3 1/2; Tamara Bumgardner (WP), 16-0; Annalisa Huckaby (Morg), 15-11; Tyesha Allen (MF), 15-5 1/2.

Pole Vault: Rebekah Lafata (Morg), 10-6; Rachel Trillman (Morg), 9; Kylan Buchanan (FE), 8; Mikayla Kinemond (Shady), 9; Kylie Russell (UL), 9; Cristin Dolan (WP), 8-8; Melissa Cordy (Bell), 8-8; Valeria Dobbis (STC), 8-6.

4x200: Morgantown, 9:46.15; Oak Glen, 9:59.81; Parkersburg South, 10:10.53; Caldwell, 10:15.54; Belleair, 10:20.05; Trinity, 10:21.31; Linsley, 10:33.16; Cambridge, 10:39.88.

100M HH: Torie Darrow (JM), 15.07; Hannah Carreon (CB), 15.12; Monica Rigaud (SCC), 15.53; Tyesha Allen (MF), 15.92; Lindsey Baker (WC), 18.07; Elise Steub (Steub), 18.32; Cristin Dolan (WP), 18.49; Ashley Borsch (Ed), 18.83.

100M: Whitney Martin (IC), 12.61; Casey Williams (PS), 12.82; Ayla Stewart (STC), 12.68; Nakysa McGhee (WP), 12.82; Paige McKirahan (Meadow), 12.89; Abby Caldwell (Riv), 12.91; Talyr Jenkins (MF), 12.99; Lysiah Rice (Steub), 13.06.

4x200: Wheeling Park, 1:48.72; St. Clairsville, 1:47.54; Steubenville, 1:48.88; Martins Ferry, 1:49.05; Parkersburg South, 1:49.43; Meadowbrook, 1:49.98; Brooke, 1:50.05; Steubenville CC, 1:50.82.

800M: Amalia Paladino (Univ), 1:54.94; Fallon Doyle (SJC), 5:12.38; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 5:17.84; MaryKate McElroy (FF), 5:20.50; Victoria Cooke (Morg), 5:21.45; Jamie Truchan (MF), 5:27.82; Jenna Furr (Cald), 5:27.98; Ally McCullley (PS), 5:28.87.

4x100: St. Clairsville, 51.44; Wheeling Park, 51.47; Martins Ferry, 51.98; Clay-Battelle, 52.11; Parkersburg South, 52.27; Indian

Creek, 52.89; Weir, 53.02; Wheeling Central, 53.28.

400M: Jessica Alvey (SJC), 58.58; Kara Kakasick (SCC), 59.83; Natalia Wiebe (WP), 59.74; Kaitlyn Woods (Morg), 1:00.71; Kylie Kaasper (Shen), 1:01.29; Chloe Connor (Mad), 1:02.14; Dalethia Johnson (MF), 1:02.34; Alexandra Amott (OG), 1:03.48.

300M LH: Abby Caldwell (Riv), 48.89; Lindsey Baker (WC), 47.89; Cristin Dolan (WP), 47.91; Hailey Cunningham (JM), 48.22; Tyesha Allen (MF), 48.82; Davyn Poite (Riv), 49.94; Ashley Borsch (Ed), 48.97; Natalie Hart (FF), 49.02.

800M: Amalia Paladino (Univ), 2:14.38; Allison Lynch (Morg), 2:23.43; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 2:28.13; Zoey Vilasuso (Morg), 2:27.76; Kaitlin Hart (FF), 2:29.01; Jamie Truchan (MF), 2:30.85; Eliza Lashelle-Phillips (Camb), 2:31.62; Rachel Bugej (WP), 2:31.67.

200M: Whitney Martin (IC), 28.48; Casey Williams (PS), 28.50; Ayla Stewart (STC), 28.55; Hannah Carreon (CB), 28.88; Lysiah Rice (Steub), 27.12; Paige McKirahan (Meadow), 27.18; Briana Massey (Bpt), 27.20; Abby Caldwell (Riv), 27.31.

3200M: Sydney Pinauli (Morg), 11:09.79; Fallon Doyle (SJC), 11:48.04; Victoria Cooke (Morg), 11:57.88; Ally McCullley (PS), 12:01.34; Jenna Furr (Cald), 12:02.67; Kelsey Chambers (OG), 12:04.25; Lindsey Furr (Cald), 12:14.37; Danielle Stoner (Bell), 12:24.97.

Shuttles: Wheeling Park, 1:05.88; Brooke, 1:07.84; Martins Ferry, 1:08.72; Wheeling Central, 1:08.90; Parkersburg South, 1:10.33; Trinity, 1:10.45; Oak Glen, 1:10.47; St. John Central, 1:11.33.

4x400: Steubenville Central, 4:18.10; Martins Ferry, 4:18.59; Wheeling Park, 4:21.95; Meadowbrook, 4:24.69; Union Local, 4:28.23; Morgantown, 4:26.48; Oak Glen, 4:31.87; Weir, 4:35.06.

Boys

St. Clairsville, 106; Cambridge, 101; Wheeling Park, 88.0633; Morgantown, 85; Martins Ferry, 89.7; Parkersburg South, 88; Linsley, 85.5; Meadowbrook, 54.5; University, 48; Steubenville, 43.7; Belleair, 40.5; Caldwell, 39.5; Weir, 38; Oak Glen, 37.5; Shadyside, 32.5; Barnesville, 30.5; Steubenville CC, 29; Shenandoah, 28; Valley, 26; Brooke, 23.5; Magnolia, 23; River, 21.9186; St. John, 21.5; Buckeye Trail, 18; Cameron, 14; John Marshall, 13; Union Local, 12.5; Indian Creek, 12.5; Fort Frye, 12; Madonna, 10; Wheeling Central, 6.5; Paden City, 6.5; Bishop Donahue, 5; Buckeye Local, 2.5; Clay-Battelle, 2; Bridgeport, 1.

Long Jump: Jaylon Brown (STC), 21-5; Jordan Vincent (SJC), 20-11 1/2; Eric Howall (Shady), 20-3; Josh Enoch (PS), 20-3; Anthony Bibba (PS), 20-2; Dave Bell (Morg), 20-1 1/2; Eric Fox (Camb), 20-0 1/2; Kyle Hess (Bell), 19-10 1/2.

Discus: Dylan Rippeto (PS), 161-0; Arin Goldsmith (Steub), 154-0; Colby Lindsey (SJC), 152-5; Thoo Blackston (WP), 139-11; Noah Mills (OG), 139-1; Brian Sadosky (MF), 129-11; Hunter Nolan (PS), 128-2.

Shot Put: Dylan Rippeto (PS), 50-11; Chimechi Operanzio (Lins), 47-09 1/2; Brian Sadosky (MF), 47-6; Cody LaRoche (Bell), 48-11 1/2; Cody Rine (Bk), 45-6; Jacob Highley (Val), 45-4 1/2; Darin Naff (Meadow), 42-4; Kordell Stage (Camb), 42-2.

Pole Vault: Eric Fox (Camb), 15-3; Austin Kemp (UL), 13-6; Michael Eaton (STC), 12-8; Dalton Delancey (Meadow), 12-6; Trevorjon Howe (Morg), 12-5; Cole Skeg-

gs (STC), 12-0; Adam Fox (Camb), 11-8; Tucker Cain (Val), 11-8.

High Jump: Evan DeGraef (PS), 6-0; Nicholas Wolfe (WP), 5-10; Brok Cross (Riv), 5-10; Jake Fedolose (WP), 5-10; Josiah Rhodas (SJC), 5-10; Colton Wright (Riv), 5-10; Tucker Cain (Val), 5-10; Adam Fox (Camb), 5-8.

4x200: University, 8:07.27; Steubenville Central, 8:17.76; Morgantown, 8:20.36; Martins Ferry, 8:21.18; Caldwell, 8:25.72; Oak Glen, 8:28.08; Linsley, 8:43.10; John Marshall, 8:57.37.

110M HH: Errik Snell (Camb), 14.64; Matt Hurley (Lins), 15.42; Joey Nodianos (Steub), 15.76; Caleb Moore (Shen), 15.82; Richard Cummings (WP), 15.90; Vincent Scallise (PS), 18.07; Jeff Hart (Barnes), 18.44; Eric Fox (Camb), 18.58.

100M: Jaylon Brown (STC), 10.81; Ivan Gadsdon (Camb), 11.18; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 11.29; Gavin Lewis (Bk), 11.38; Yale Wetzel (Mag), 11.50; Collin Kimbro (Bell), 11.53; Kyle Whorton (SJC), 11.55; Isiah Green (STC), 11.57.

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1600M: Anthony Laurita (Morg), 4:24.17; Andy Paladino (Univ), 4:29.24; Albert Schrimp (WPI), 4:30.50; Mathew Chassaman (FF), 4:32.08; Riley Connor (Morg), 4:35.00; Mason Moore (Barnes), 4:35.92; Jacob Bishop (MF), 4:37.17; Tanner Harding (Cald), 4:43.34.

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800M: Max Lewis (IC), 1:58.92; Anthony Laurita (Morg), 2:01.88; Tristan Harvey (Univ), 2:02.83; Swan Whitstone (Cald), 2:03.77; Mason Moore (Barnes), 2:04.76; Anthony Lee (SCC), 2:04.98; Aaron Ebbert (SJC), 2:05.12; Jacob Shockley (Morg), 2:05.60.

200M: Jaylon Brown (STC), 22.24; Ivan Gadsdon (Camb), 23.10; Ja'Quan Lavendar (Steub), 23.34; Zach Phillips (WPI), 23.57; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 23.73; Clay Lopp (Meadow), 23.78; Zach Hall (Cam), 23.91; Stephen Jenson (Morg), 23.95.

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Ferry Strong In Opening Events



Martins Ferry's Tyesha Allen runs the 4A high hurdles during the second day of the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. The Purple Riders sophomore set the pace in the event with a 15.75. Ferry is seeking a second straight class 4A title at this year's event. Photo by Seth Staskey

Purple Riders seek second-straight class title

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Half the field is set for Saturday's championship meet in the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship.

The Class 1A/2A and 4A schools began their qualifying rounds at Red Devil Stadium, completing the qualifying in nine of the 18 events.

The balance of the qualifying begins this at 4 today when 3A and 5A schools return to finish their meet. The 1A/2A and 4A classes will wrap up qualifying Thursday.

Similar to Monday's action, the races for the team titles seem to be wide open as qualifying was balanced among a handful of teams.

In Class 4A, the Martins Ferry

girls are in search of their second straight class title and third consecutive banner all together. The Purple Riders had a strong opening day.

Sophomore Tyesha Allen set the pace in the 4A high hurdles with a 15.75. Rikki Allen was the top pole vaulter at 9-feet and freshman thrower Candace Kendzierski marked 33-5.5 to lead the shot put marks.

Oak Glen had a pair of top qualifiers. The Golden Bears' 3,200 team was tops in 10:31.02, and senior Kelsey Chambers ran eight laps in 11:58.21 to pace the 3,200 field.

St. Clairsville's Ayla Stewart posted the top mark in the 100 with a 12.73. Mikayla Westlake set the standard in the high jump,

soaring over 4-10.

Weir's Chantelle Harper posted a 63.56 to lead the 400 and Steubenville's 800 relay team was the top entrant in 1:48.15.

The 4A boys battle could take all 18 events to decide as many teams have positioned themselves thus far to score well.

St. Clairsville had an impressive opening day as senior standout Jaylon Brown re-wrote the Red Devil Stadium record book twice. In his first long-jump competition since early in his freshman season, he marked the sand at 21-10.

Then Brown blistered the front stretch for a 10.73 to run away with the top seed in the 100.

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Senior Colby Lindsay set the standard in the discus with a toss of 153-11, which is a season best by 5 feet.

Senior Michael Eaton and Union Local's Austin Kemp shared the top qualifying honor in the pole vault at 12-6.

Martins Ferry paced a pair of events. The Purple Riders' undefeated and basically unchallenged 800 team owns the top mark of 1:31.99.

Freshman Jacob Bishop led wire-to-wire in the 3,200 for a 10:23.48.

Steubenville led a pair of events, too. Senior hurdler Joey Nodianos turned in a 15.33 and speedster Ja'Quan Lavender circled the track in 50.09 for the top seed in the 400.

Oak Glen's 3,200 was the first team to finish in 8:36.90.

In Class 1A/2A, the races are also expected to be tight.

In the girls' event, only St. John had the top qualifying mark in multiple events. Junior standout Fallon Doyle ran 11:25.09 in

the 3,200 and sophomore Jessica Alvey posted a 59.18 in leading the 400.

Shadyside's McKayla Kinemond was the top pole vaulter at 9-0, while East Richland Christian's Alyssa Crowley cleared 4-8 to lead the small-school high jump field.

Toronto's Jennie Pahl paced the shot put with a heave of 34-0. Bishop Donahue's Elaysia Hill scooted down the track in 12.84 to share the top seed with River's Abby Caldwell.

Madonna was the top qualifier in the 800 relay.

On the boys' side, Madonna had a pair of top marks as Marquist Jeter posted a 11.54 to lead the 100 and Marcello Biondillo long jumped to a mark of 20-7.5.

Shadyside's Matt Krupa was the top high hurdler in 16.88 and St. John's Garrett Holubeck turned in a 52.12 to lead a solid 400 field.

River's 800 team put forth its best effort of the season and turned in a 1:34.76. Tucker Cain led the pole vault qualifying with a 10-6 clearance.

OVAC Track

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference
Championship

Day Two

(at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium)

Qualifiers to Saturday's Championship Meet

Girls

Class 1A/2A

4x800 — Caldwell, 10:25.88; Trinity Christian, 10:28.11; Madonna, 11:04.27.

100M HH — Hannah Carreon (CB), 15.88; Bailey Clark (WC), 16.25; Lindsey Baker (WC), 16.35.

High Jump — Alyssa Crowley (ERC), 4-8; Courtney Imhoff (Riv), 4-8; Elyse Price (Tor), 4-8; Rachel Baker (Val), 4-6.

100M — Elaysia Hill (BD), 12.84; Abby Caldwell (Riv), 12.84; Briana Massey (Bot), 13.07.

Shot Put — Jennie Pahl (Tor), 34-0; Cydney Blatt (PC), 30-11 1/2; Dacey Stewart (Beats), 30-8 1/2.

4x200 — Madonna, 1:53.83; River, 1:54.00; Wheeling Central, 1:54.53.

3200M — Fallon Doyle (SJC), 11:25.09; Jenna Furr (Cald), 12:04.15; Lindsay Furr (Cald), 12:20.05.

Pole Vault — McKayla Kinmond (Shady), 9-0; Amy Mason (Val), 7-6; Alexa Coggins (Shady), 7-0.

400M — Jessica Alvey (SJC), 59.18; Chloe Connor (Mad), 62.89; Marissa Radcliff (Cald), 66.09.

Class 4A

Shot Put — Candace Kendzierski (MF), 33-5 1/2; Mikayla Patton (UL), 32-5; Zyahra Yeltis (Steub), 30-6.

4x800 — Oak Glen, 10:31.02; Weir, 11:08.01; St. Clairsville, 11:22.55.

100M HH — Tyeshia Allen (MF), 15.75; Elise Watts (Steub), 15.87; Nikki Allen (MF), 16.91.

High Jump — Mikayla Westlake (StC), 4-10; Bekkah French (MF), 4-8; Maddy Doty (HC), 4-6; Autumn Moninger (OG), 4-4.

100M — Ayla Stewart (StC), 12.73; Lyzah Rice (Steub), 12.88; Talyr Jenkins (MF), 12.95.

4x200 — Steubenville, 1:48.15; St. Clairsville, 1:48.59; Meadowbrook, 1:49.78.

Pole Vault — Nikki Allen (MF), 9-0; Valerie Dobbis (StC), 8-6; Lauron Bernetti (MF), 7-6; Kylie Russek (UL), 7-0.

3200M — Kelsey Chambers (OG), 11:58.21; Jamie Truchan (MF), 12:55.96; Megan Bateman (UL), 13:07.51.

400M — Chantelle Harper (Weir), 63.56; Daletha Johnson (MF), 63.73; Alexandra Amott (OG), 63.81.

Boys

Class 1A/2A

Pole Vault — Tucker Cain (Val), 10-6; Matt Krupa (Shady), 9-9; Jerry Greathouse (Val), 9-4.

110M HH — Matt Krupa (Shady), 16.88; Daven Price (PC), 17.39; Kris Wood (BD), 17.81.

Discus — Austin Schockling (Cald), 124-7; Wesley Dulaney (Val), 124-1; Thomas Watkins (WC), 123-1.

100M — Marquise Jeter (Mad), 11.54; Zach Hall (Cam), 11.66; Kyle Whorion (StC), 11.76.

Long Jump — Marco Biondillo (Mad), 20-7 1/2; Eric Howell (Shady), 20-6; Garrett Hohbeck (StC), 19-7.

4x800 — Caldwell, 8:48.64; Cameron, 9:18.33; Clay-Bellota, 9:24.25.

4x200 — River, 1:34.78; Madonna, 1:35.65; Cameron, 1:37.60.

400M — Garrett Hohbeck (StC), 52.12; Eric Howell (Shady), 52.73; David Beazel (BD), 53.89.

3200M — Tanner Harding (Cald), 10:43.55; Jonathan Niswonger (Cald), 10:49.64; Dylan Coulter (Cam), 11:01.29.

Class 4A

Long Jump — Jaylon Brown (StC), 21-10; Jordan Vincent (StC), 21-7; Micah Swiger (OG), 20-4.

Pole Vault — Michael Eaton (StC), 12-6; Austin Kemp (UL), 12-6; Cole Skaggs (StC), 12-6; Dalton Delancey (Meadow), 12-0.

110M HH — Joey Nodiano (Steub), 15.33; Oke Anyabwile (Steub), 16.59; Javon Gamel (MF), 17.44.

100M — Jaylon Brown (StC), 10.73; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 11.29; Hunter Hill (MF), 11.34.

1x800 — Oak Glen, 8:36.90; Martins Ferry, 8:38.58; St. Clairsville, 9:17.32.

Discus — Colby Lindsay (StC), 153-11; Arin Soldsmit (Steub), 149-8; Brian Sadosky (MF), 39-0.

4x200 — Martins Ferry, 1:31.93; Weir, 1:34.03; Oak Glen, 1:35.44.

800M — Ja'Quan Lavender (Steub), 50.09; Cole States (Weir), 51.51; Tyresse Jones (Meadow), 52.10.

200M — Jacob Bishop (MF), 10:23.48; Brett Jett (Meadow), 10:34.68; Logan McCort (StC), 0:37.51.

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had an impressive meet. After posting the top 100 time Monday, she notched a 26.47 for the premier 200 time.

University's Amelia Paladino was impressive in leading the 1,600 and 800 qualifying. The West Virginia recruit ran the 800 in 2:15.78, which is a Class 5A and Red Devil Stadium record.

Cambridge's boys, who enjoyed a solid day of qualifying Monday, didn't slow down.

The Bobcats will be one of the teams to keep an eye on thanks to the sprint of Ivan Gadson, hurdling of Erik Snell and jumping of Louisville recruit Eric Fox.

Gadson was the top 200 qualifier in 23.08 and Snell paced the intermediate hurdles in 40.90. The Bobcats also led the 400 relay (44.52) and shuttles

(58.21). The latter was a Class 5A record.

Indian Creek's Max Lewis turned in an impressive 800 in setting a 5A record. He circled the oval twice in 1:58.27.

In 3A, the team race looked to be wide open Monday and little changed as several teams have positioned themselves to make a run at the banner.

Magnolia led two events as the girls posted a 54.89 to lead the 400 relay and a 1:12.19 to pace the shuttle qualifying.

Shenandoah's Kylee Kasper paced the 200 (27.63) and long jump (14-11.5).

Steubenville Catholic led the way in the 1,600 relay with a 4:13.81, but a false start in the 400 relay could prove to be a costly miscue.

Barnesville's Shayla Markovich set the benchmark in 3A discus with a

twirl of 103-2.

In the 3A boys' race, six different schools posted a top qualifying mark.

Bellaire has had a strong week and junior strongman Cody LaRoche has been a big reason. After pacing the discus Monday, he led the shot put with a 48-11.

Magnolia, which always seems to be a player in the 3A battle, led three events. Andrew Smith soared over 5-10 in the high jump; Jared Kacor skimmed eight hurdles in 41.53 to pace the intermediates and a 44.53 was the top 400 relay time in the class.

Steubenville Catholic's Anthony Lee posted a 2:04.35 to own the top mark in the 800. The Crusaders also posted a 3:37.58 to lead the 1,600 relay.

Linsly, which has won two conference titles in a row, paced the shuttles in in 63.40.

Patriot Girls In The Chase

WPHS impresses in OVAC track qualifying events

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The OVAC Track and Field Championship Meet, which is set for Saturday at Red Devil Stadium, is almost set.

The 3A and 5A classes wrapped up their qualifying rounds under ideal conditions Wednesday evening with the remaining nine events being contested.

The balance of the championship field will be known tonight when the 1A/2A and 4A classes complete their two-day preliminary meet.

Saturday's action begins at 10 a.m. with the field events and the running events begin at noon.

Prior to any additional plans being made for Saturday, work remained.

In 5A, John Marshall's girls figure to score well Saturday thanks in large part to sophomore Torie Derraw. After pacing two events Monday, she added the long jump (17-foot, 3-inches) and 300 low hurdles (47.60) to her resume.

Wheeling Park's girls will be right in the thick of the team-title chase. Coach Russell Hutchins' squad posted the top mark in the discus thanks to Lauren Dickerson's twirl of 119-10. The Patriots also paced the 400 relay (49.96), shuttles (65.90) and 1,600 relay (4:12.70) in the big-school field.

Indian Creek's Whitney Martin

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Photo by Seth Staskey
Edison's Evan DeGraef competes in the high jump during qualifying at the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship Wednesday at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

CAL GIFFIN OVAC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Purple girls perform well

• Half of Saturday's title meet set

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Half the field is set for Saturday's championship meet in the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship.

The Class 1A/2A and 4A schools began their qualifying rounds at Red Devil Stadium, completing the qualifying in nine of the 18 events.

The balance of the qualifying begins this afternoon at 4 p.m. when 3A and 5A schools return to the Belmont County Seat to finish their meet. The 1A/2A and 4A classes will wrap up qualifying on Thursday.

Similar to Monday's action, the races for the team titles seem to be wide open as qualifying was balanced among a handful of teams.

In Class 4A, the Martins Ferry girls are in search of their second straight class title and third consecutive banner all together. The Purple Riders had a strong opening day.

Sophomore Tyesha Allen set the pace in the 4A high hurdles with a 15.75. Rikki Allen was the top pole vaulter at 9-feet and freshman thrower Candace Kendzierski marked 33-ft-5 1/2 to lead the shot put marks.

Oak Glen had a pair of top qualifiers. The Golden Bears' 4x8 was the top team in 10:31.02 and senior Kelsey Chambers ran eight laps in 11:58.21 to pace the 3200 field.

St. Clairsville senior speedster Ayla Stewart posted the top mark in the 100 meter dash with a 12.73. Mikayla Westlake set the standard in the high jump, soaring over 4-ft-10.

Weir High's Chantelle Harper posted a 63.56 to lead the 400 meters and Steubenville's 4x2 team was the top entrant in 1:48.15.

The 4A boys battle could take all 18 events to decide as many teams have positioned themselves thus far to score quite well.

St. Clairsville had an impressive opening day. Senior standout Jaylon Brown re-wrote the Red Devil Stadium recordbook twice. In his first long jump competition since early in his freshman season, he marked the sand at 21-ft-10.

Then he blistered the frontstretch for a 10.73 to run away with the top seed in the 100 meters.

Senior Colby Lindsay set the standard in the discus with a toss of 153-ft-11, which is a season best by five feet.

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ABOVE: St. Clairsville's Michael Eaton clears 12-6 in the pole vault to tie Union Local's Austin Kemp for the best qualifying mark in the Class 4A meet.

LEFT: Shadyside's Matt Krupa had the top high hurdles qualifying time in the Class 1A meet with a 16.88 clocking.

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Senior Michael Eaton and Union Local's Austin Kemp shared the top qualifying honor in the pole vault at 12-ft-6.

Martins Ferry paced a pair of events. The Purple Riders' undefeated and basically unchallenged 4x2 team owns the top mark of 1:31.99. Freshman Jacob Bishop led wire-to-wire in the 3200 for a 10:23.48.

Steubenville led a pair of events, too. Senior hurdler Joey Nodianos turned in a 15.33 and senior speedster Ja'Quan Lavender circled the track in 50.09 for the top seed in the 400 meters.

Oak Glen's 4x8 was the first team to finish in 8:36.90.

IN CLASS 1A/2A, the races are also expected to be tight.

In the girls' event, only St. John Central had the top qualifying mark in multiple events. Junior standout Fallon Doyle ran 11:25.09 in the 3200 meters and sophomore blazer Jessica Alvey posted a 59.18 in leading the 400 dash.

Shadyside's McKayla Kinemond was the top pole vaulter at 9-feet, while East Richland Christian's Alyssa Crowley cleared 4-8 to lead the small-school high jump field.

Toronto's Jennie Pahl paced the shot put with a heave of 34-feet. Bishop Donahue's Elaysia Hill scooted down the track in 12.84 to share the top seed with River's Abby Caldwell.

Madonna was the top qualifier in the 4x200.

On the boys' side, Madonna had a pair of top marks in day one. Marquist Jeter posted a 11.54 to lead the 100 and Marcello Biondillo long jumped to a mark of 20-ft-7 1/2.

Shadyside's Matt Krupa was the top high hurdler in 16.88 and St. John Central's Garrett Holubeck turned in a 52.12 to lead a solid 400 dash field.

River's 4x2 put forth its best effort of the season and turned in a 1:34.76. Tucker Cain led the pole vault qualifying with a 10-ft-6 clearance.



SPORTS SATURDAY

THE PULSE OF LOCAL SPORTS

OVAC Track finals unfold today

By **SETH STASKEY**
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Championship Saturday of OVAC Track and Field has arrived.

After four days of qualifying rounds, the 'Sweet 16' in 18 events has been settled and the chance to be called a conference champion comes to fruition today.

The Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship wraps up this afternoon at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. The action gets under way this morning at 10

for field events and the first running events of the meet will commence at noon.

All 16 athletes and/or relay teams in today's events will be scored, but the top eight overall will medal. The champion of each class — regardless if he or she is in the top eight — will also be recognized.

Some very tight team races appear to be on the horizon with several teams positioning themselves to make a solid run toward the coveted banner.

On the boys' side, one of the most interesting battles could come in 4A where Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook and St. Clairsville all reside.

The Red Devils own the top seed overall in three events thanks to senior speedster Jaylon Brown. He led all divisions qualifying in the 100 (10.73), 200 (22.44) and the long jump (21-10).

In the two short sprints, he leads the remainder of the field by nearly a half a second in both events.

The Purple Riders also own the top seed in three events.

The speed foursome of Brian Styles, Jack Fitch, Hunter Hill and Andrew Watts pace the 4x1 (43.78) and 4x2 (1:31.99). The same quartet is the second seed in the 4x4, trailing Meadowbrook.

The lone individual Rider with the top mark is Fitch in the 300 hurdles at 40.85.

Steubenville senior Ja'Quan Lavender owns the top seed in the 400 by better than

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a second with his 50.09.

The other top seeds all reside in 5A, which also should be a tight battle between Wheeling Park, Cambridge and Parkersburg South.

Wheeling Park sophomore Richard Cummings is the top high hurdler in the field at 15.13.

Cambridge is expected to score high in several events. The Bobcats boast defending champions in the pole vault and high hurdles.

Louisville-bound Eric Fox leads the vault at 15-feet.

The Bobcats also lead the shuttles at 58.21

South's top seeds are Dylan Rippetto in both the discus (165-1) and shot put (50-ft-11).

Evan DeGraef paces the high jump at 6-ft-4.

Indian Creek's Max Lewis has been the top 800 meter runner all season and posted a conference-leading 1:58.27.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, more nip-and-tuck battles should ensue.

In the small-school division, St. John Central is seeking its 13th consecutive and 16th overall.

The Irish girls have the top seed at the 400 in sophomore Jessica Alvey. They also boast the defending 1600 champion Fallon Doyle. She also qualified in the 3200 meter run.

John Marshall has a solid opportunity to score well thanks in large part to talented sophomore Torie Derrow. She ran four individual events and posted the top mark overall in all of them.

She's the only long jumper in the field past the 17-foot barrier at 17-ft-3. She paces the high jump by four inches at 5-ft-4. She's nearly a second faster than anyone else in the high hurdles after skimming 10 timbers in 14.66.

Derrow also owns the top mark in the low hurdles, an event she's seldom run in her albeit short career, at 47.60.

Indian Creek's Whitney Martin has really come on of late in the sprints. She posted a 12.71 and a 26.47 to lead the 100 and 200 meters, respectively.

Wheeling Park had a solid week of qualifying, too. The Patriots' Lauren Dickerson is tops in the discus with a twirl of 119-ft-10.

Park also leads four relays. It's 4x1 and 4x2 are the top seeds at 1:47.20 and 49.96, respectively. The Patriots' shuttle team posted a 65.90, which is better than a second faster than Martins Ferry. The 4x4 team ran a 4:12.70.

The field events for today's first session are boys' discus, girls' high jump, boys long jump, girls' shot put and boys' pole vault.

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Red Devils Lead 400 Relay Chase

Best of the best to be crowned Saturday at Cal Giffin OVAC Championship

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — It's official time to get down to the business of crowning the final Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions of the 2013-14 school year.

Qualifying for Saturday's Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship wrapped up at Red Devil Stadium on Thursday as Class 1A/2A and 4A entered their automatic qualifiers in the nine remaining events to complete the

field.

Saturday's action gets under way with field events at 10 a.m. and running events two hours later. All 16 competitors in Saturday's meet will score for their team to determine the class champions.

Martins Ferry's girls put forth another solid effort in qualifying. Tyesha Allen led the way with the top 4A time in the low hurdles, posting a 49.21.

The Riders also set the standard in

the shuttles, running a 67.89.

Staubenville had a pair of individuals post the top qualifying mark. Elise Watts, the defending conference long jump champion, marked the sand at 16-feet, 7 1/4 to pace 4A. On the track, Lysiah Rice ran half a lap in 26.85 to set the pace in the 200 meter dash.

Oak Glen's Kelsey Chambers continued her strong week and season by pacing the 1,600 (5:21.61) and 800 (2:27.03).

St. Clairsville's 400 relay team was tops in the class with a 51.12, edging

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Photo by Seth Staskey

St. Clairsville's Jaylon Brown leads the pack by 22.44 in the 200 during the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship Thursday at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

OVAC TRACK

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference
Championship
Day Four
(at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium)
Qualifiers to Saturday's Championship
Meet

Girls

Class 1A/2A
1600M — Fallon Doyle (SJC), 5:27.15; Jenna Furra (Cald), 5:28.10; Katie Saling (Cald), 5:35.78.
200M — Abby Caldwell (Riv), 26.89; Briana Massey (Bpt), 27.00; Elyasia Hill (BD), 27.15.
Discus — Lindsay Froehlich (SJC), 103-10; Gabriella Santinoceto (SJC), 103-8; Jennie Pahl (Tor), 92-6.
300M LH — Abby Caldwell (Riv), 48.10; Lindsay Baker (WCC), 48.30; Davyn Potts (Riv), 49.85.
4x100 — Wheeling Central, 52.12; Clay-Battelle, 52.21; Madonna, 53.40.
Long Jump — Jessica Alvey (SJC), 18-8; Briana Massey (Bpt), 18-6; Courtney Imhoff (Riv), 15-3.
800 — Holland Matlock (WCC), 2:35.49; Lindsey Furr (Cald), 2:35.62; McKayla Kinemond (Shady), 2:35.98.
Shuttles — Wheeling Central, 1:08.80; St. John, 1:12.22; Madonna, 1:12.39.
4x400 — Madonna, 4:19.88; St. John, 4:23.37; Caldwell, 4:33.78.

Class 4A

Long Jump — Elise Watts (Steub), 18-7 1/4; Emily Hull (Meadow), 16-6 1/2; Tyesha Allen (MF), 15-6.
1600M — Kelsey Chambers (OG), 5:21.61; Jamie Truchan (MF), 5:44.15; Felicity Nolder (OG), 5:52.82.
200M — Lysiah Rice (Staub), 26.85; Ayla Stewart (StC), 27.12; Paige McKirahan (Meadow), 27.18.
300M LH — Tyesha Allen (MF), 49.21; Sidney Gatten (UL), 50.75; Ashley Griffith (MF), 50.83.
4x100 — St. Clairsville, 51.12; Staubenville, 51.50; Martins Ferry, 51.81.
800M — Kelsey Chambers (OG), 2:27.03; Jamie Truchan (MF), 2:31.77; Corissa McAllister (Steub), 2:34.79.
Discus — Kiana Ghezzi (HC), 99-7; Mikayla Patton (UL), 98-5; Zayrah Yatts (Staub), 94-6.
Shuttles — Martins Ferry, 1:07.89; Oak Glen, 1:10.43; Weir, 1:14.71.
4x400 — Meadowbrook, 4:18.57; Martins Ferry, 4:19.33; Weir, 4:21.43.

Boys

Class 1A/2A
200M — Marquist Jeter (Mad), 23.57; Zach Hall (Cam), 23.85; Bryce Cross (Riv), 23.87.
High Jump — Brok Cross (Riv), 5-11; Colton Wright (Riv), 5-10; Tucker Cain (Val), 5-10; Nicholas McGee (Val), 5-8.
1600M — Tenner Harding (Cald), 4:42.99; Skylar Canas (Cam), 4:49.78; Jonathan Niewonger (Cald), 4:57.58.
300M IH — John Burkhalter (WCC), 44.65; Kyle Lindsey (Bpt), 44.68; Deven Price (PC), 45.13.
4x100 — Shadyside, 45.69; Madonna, 46.25; River, 48.27.
Shot Put — Jacob Highley (Val), 47-0; Thomas Watkins (WCC), 42-7; Dante DeFelice (Shady), 41-1.
800M — Alex Gregg (Cald), 2:08.06; Sean Whetstone (Cald), 2:08.63; Aaron Ebbert (SJC), 2:08.65.
Shuttles — Shadyside, 1:02.89; Valley, 1:04.08; Padon City, 1:09.03.
4x400 — Caldwell, 3:40.49; St. John, 3:41.88; Cameron, 3:43.58.
Class 4A
Shot Put — Brian Sadosky (MF), 49-7 1/2; Neff (Meadow), 44-11; Van-Voltenburg (StC), 44-9 1/2.
200M — Jaylon Brown (StC), 22.44; Ja'Quan Lavender (OG), 22.84; Jonathan Rice (Weir), 23.57.
High Jump — Josiah Rhoads (StC), 6-0; Chandler Kilburn (StC), 5-10; Zach Beck (UL), 5-10; Joey Nodlanos (Steub), 5-8.
1600M — Jacob Bishop (MF), 4:43.68; Kevin Simpson (MF), 4:50.70; Logan McCort (StC), 4:51.23.
300M IH — Jack Fitch (MF), 40.85; Oka Anyabwile (Steub), 41.25; Chris Burnham (OG), 41.95.
4x100 — Martins Ferry, 43.78; St. Clairsville, 44.13; Weir, 44.21.
800M — Cody Tropek (OG), 2:05.99; Austin Passmore (StC), 2:07.74; Bradley Newburn (Steub), 2:07.94.
Shuttles — Staubenville, 60.72; Martins Ferry, 61.80; St. Clairsville, 1:07.48.
4x400 — Meadowbrook, 3:28.40; Martins Ferry, 3:30.14; Oak Glen, 3:34.14.

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Staubenville. Harrison Central's Kiana Ghezzi led the discus qualifiers with a mark of 99-7.

A full-fledged, 18-event battle is about to ensue in the boys' 4A field with Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook and St. Clairsville positioning themselves to make a run at the conference title.

The Purple Riders paced four events Thursday. Junior Brian Sadosky got things started with a season-best shot put toss of 49-7.5.

Junior Jack Fitch blistered the 300 hurdles to a tune of 40.85 to lead the way.

Freshman distance runner Jacob Bishop led the 1,600 in 4:43.68. The Riders' 400 team remained unbeaten and turned in a season-best time of 43.78.

St. Clairsville, which had a strong opening day of qualifying, was led by senior Jaylon Brown, who after leading two events Tuesday, raced to a 22.44 to lead the 200. Josiah Rhoads soared over 6-0 to lead the high jump.

Staubenville skimmed 40 hurdles in 60.72 to edge Ferry for the top spot by 18 hundredths of a second.

Oak Glen's Cody Tropek ran a 2:05.99 to punch the top 4A ticket in the 800.

Meadowbrook led the way in the 1,600 relay, posting a 3:28.40 to hold off Martins Ferry.

In the 1A/2A field, a battle between defending small-school champion St. John, 3A champion River and Wheeling Central could be

ready to unfold on the girls' side.

St. John led three events in the qualifying round Thursday. Fallon Doyle, the defending conference champion in the 1,600, posted a 5:27.15 to lead the way.

Sophomore Jessica Alvey marked the sand at 16-8 to lead the long jump. Sophomore Lindsey Froehlich twirled the discus to a mark of 105-10 for the lead in the platter event.

Wheeling Central posted the qualifying mark in three events. Holland Matlock led the 800 field across the line in 2:35.49.

The Knights' 400 relay (52.12) and shuttles (68.80) were the top entrants from the smallest division.

River sophomore dandy Abby Caldwell continued her fine week. She paced the (26.89) and the 300 low hurdles (48.10).

Madonna's 1,600 team crossed the line in 4:19.86 for the top seed.

The most wide-open race of all divisions could be in the small-school boys' field.

Caldwell paced three events Thursday and the other six contested were claimed by five schools.

Shadyside paced the 4x1 (45.69) and shuttles (62.89).

River's Brok Cross continued his solid season in the high jump, clearing 5-ft-11.

Wheeling Central's John Burkhalter led the 300 hurdles with a 44.65 and Madonna's Marquise Jeter turned in a 23.57 to pace the 200.