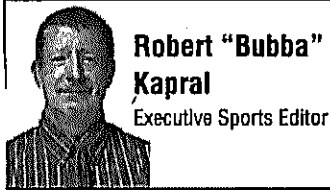


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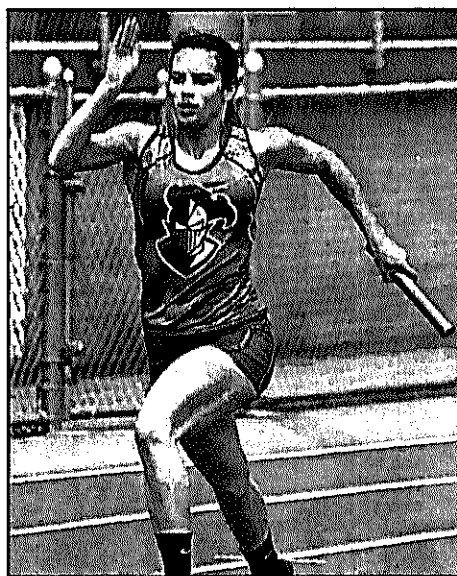
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"Once we got into NCAA Division II we were successful right off the bat," he noted. "We placed sixth as a national team and had quite a few All-American



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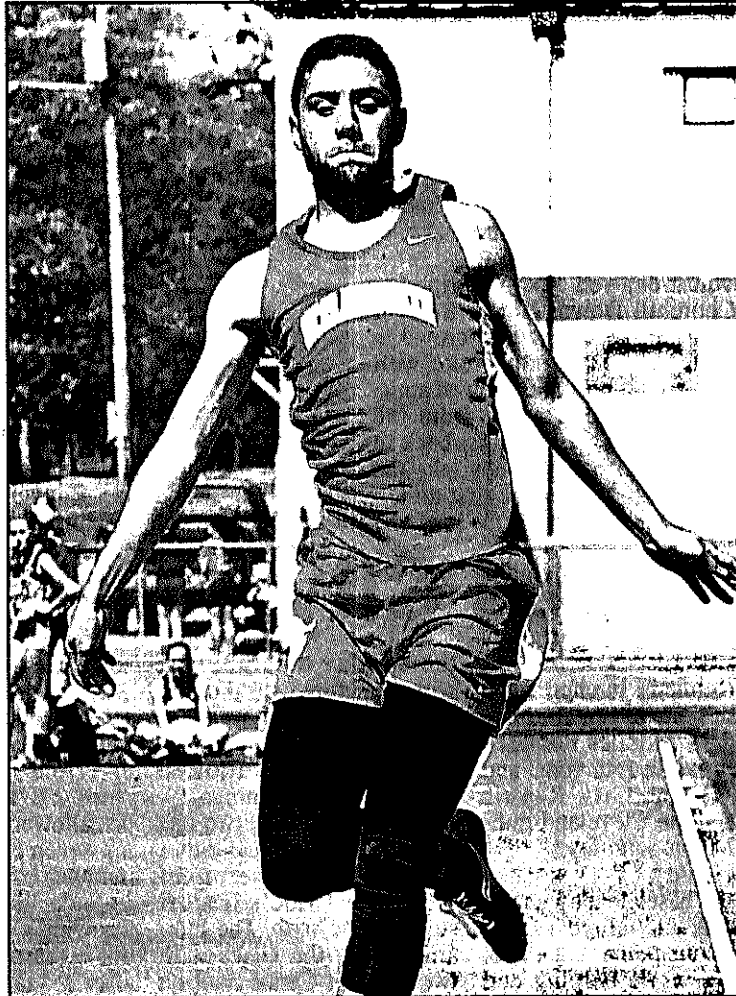
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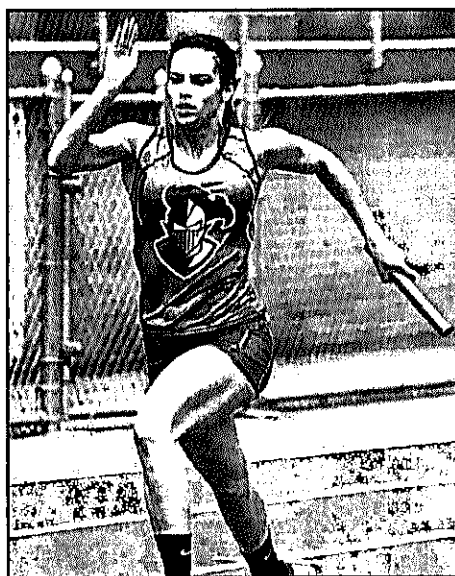
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"I might show up a little bit earlier or stay a little bit later to get my work done," Fitch, Martins Ferry's school boss since 2010 said. "It's not a surprise to see me up here on a Sunday morning or a Saturday afternoon catching up.

"This job (superintendent) is my first responsibility to the district, then coaching."

Fitch has been committed to the Purple Riders since he arrived in town a little



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THE FITCH Family has been a staple at track and field meets and now as officials for the sport. From left are Dirk Fitch, Mary Beth Fitch, Kyle Fitch and David Metzger, who is engaged to Kyle.

more than 30 years ago. And he's not the only one. His wife of nearly 25 years, Mary Beth, is too. And, as the Fitch brood has grown, children Kyle and Jack have, of

course, become big Purple Rider boosters. This spring, though, a new twist has developed in the Fitch's family bond. For

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Nyquist wins Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Nyquist won the Kentucky Derby by 1 1/4 lengths on Saturday, improving to 8-0 in his career as the fourth consecutive favorite to win the race.

Ridden by Mario Gutierrez, Nyquist ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:01.31. The 3-year-old colt became the eighth unbeaten winner in the race's 142-year history. He paid \$6.60, \$4.80 and \$3.60 as the 2-1 favorite in the full field of 20 horses.

Nyquist delivered a second Derby win for Gutierrez, trainer Doug O'Neill and owner J. Paul Reddam. They were the team behind 2012 Derby and Preakness winner I'll Have Another.

Exaggerator returned \$5.40 and \$4.20, while Gun Runner was another 3 1/4 lengths back in third and paid \$6 to show.

Nyquist enjoyed a perfect trip over the Churchill Downs dirt in front of 167,227, the second-largest crowd in Derby history. The colt broke well out of the 13th post and showed some early speed getting away from the gate. Gutierrez eased Nyquist back to let speedster Danzing Candy take the lead going into the chaotic first turn.

Nyquist stayed just off the lead and



Gutierrez kept him in the clear, steering him to the outside on the final turn. Nyquist and Gun Runner overtook tiring leader Danzing Candy at

the top of the stretch.

Gun Runner was only in front briefly before Nyquist showed a strong finishing kick. He put away Gun Runner and sped to the finish line, with Exaggerator closing but never threatening after coming from well back.

Mohaymen finished fourth and Suddenbreakings was fifth.

A year ago, American Pharoah won the Derby, launching his run to the sport's first Triple Crown in 37 years.

Now Nyquist is the only horse in position to replicate the feat.

Destin was sixth, followed by Brody's Cause, Mo Tom, Lani and Mor Spirit, trained by Bob Baffert, who guided American Pharoah last year. My Man Sam was 11th, followed

by Tom's Ready, Creator, Outwork, Danzing Candy, Trojan Nation, Oscar Nominated, Majesto and Whitmore. Shagaf didn't finish.

Kansas City blanks Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ian Kennedy pitched four-hit ball for seven innings, Kendry's Morales homered and drove in four runs, and the Kansas City Royals blanked the Cleveland Indians 7-0 on Saturday.

Kennedy (4-2) worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth and retired 14 in a row at one point. He struck out six while helping end Cleveland's four-game winning streak.

Morales hit a three-run homer in the first, providing an early boost for Kansas City's struggling offense. He added an RBI single in the eighth.

Kansas City's win came at an opportune time. The Royals had lost eight of 10 and announced before the game that third baseman Mike Moustakas was put on

the 15-day disabled list with a fractured left thumb.

Cody Anderson (0-2), called up from the minors before the game, allowed four runs in five innings.

Kennedy allowed two hits in the first. Cleveland didn't have another baserunner until Juan Uribe's leadoff single in the sixth. The Indians loaded the bases with two out, but Carlos Santana grounded out.

The World Series champion Royals had scored 21 runs and been shut out three times in 10 games going into Saturday, but that problem was quickly resolved.

Lorenzo Cain and Eric Hosmer singled with one out before Morales' drive landed deep in the right field seats. Morales' home run was his third of the sea-

son and first since April 11.

Anderson went 7-3 last season, but has struggled in five starts and was optioned to Triple-A Columbus on April 27. The right-hander has allowed 40 hits, including seven home runs, in 25 innings.

Anderson pulled up after throwing a pitch in the fifth, but remained in the game after manager Terry Francona and a trainer went to the mound.

Moustakas, who leads the Royals with seven homers, originally was hurt April 26 while tagging out C.J. Cron of the Angels. He attempted to play through the pain until Wednesday, when he went 0 for 3 against the Nationals, and was a late scratch Friday.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Royals: Moustakas will be

examined by Dr. Thomas Graham, a hand specialist based in Cleveland while the Royals are in town.

Indians: OF Michael Brantley, who had offseason surgery on his right shoulder, was out of Saturday's lineup after starting the last four games.

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Royals: RHP Edinson Volquez has lost his last two starts, despite pitching a season-high 7 2/3 innings Monday against Washington. He hasn't lost three straight decisions since 2014 while pitching for Pittsburgh.

Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin has won his first four starts. He held Detroit to two runs in six innings Tuesday. Tomlin has won 11 of his last 13 decisions dating back to last season.

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the first time, Dirk, Mary Beth, Kyle and Kyle's fiancée, David Metzger, have all been working track meets together.

It's a unique situation, but one Dirk is excited to see develop.

"I've coached for, it seems like, forever, and I've had my (officiating) card for seven years," Mr. Fitch explained. "My wife's actually had hers for six years."

"My daughter, she got hers two years ago and David, my future son-in-law, got his this year. The only one left is my son, and he's still running track in college."

Fitch is referring to Jack Fitch, a student-athlete at Wheeling Jesuit.

"I'm pretty sure he'll get involved eventually," he said.

As it stands, there are four members of the Fitch family working together at track meets. This week, they banded together for the OVAC qualifying meets at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium. Kyle and David had a commitment out of town this weekend, so they couldn't work Saturday's championship meet.

Mary Beth was there, though.

"It's one of those things where she's like the track mom to everyone," Fitch said. "It was that way when I was coaching, and it's still that way."

"It's to the point now when I go to a meet no one says anything about me being there, they're like 'Are Mary Beth, Kyle and David going to be here.'"

The family works many meets together, most at Ferry's relatively-new track near the high school.

"I do a little bit of everything now," said Fitch, a longtime coach, who now coaches in a volunteer role. "Forever, I was an umpire, but now I do a lot of starting."

Fitch coached one year at Frontier before moving to Martins Ferry. After coaching and teaching for years, he moved his way up the administrative ranks before assuming the superintendent's job.

"When I was in college, I helped at meets in Bellaire and Shadyside," Fitch

recalled. "When they put the track (at Martins Ferry) we needed registered officials."

"So, Greg Steele and myself took it upon ourselves to get our cards."

As for Mary Beth, Fitch said he thought having his wife at the track, too, would be a good way, one, to add to the roster of track officials and, two, allow the couple to spend more time together. However, they don't work together at every meet.

"Sometimes, she'll go to Wheeling park for a regional and I'll have a meet here," he said.

"She mostly clerks. She's been a mom to hundreds of kids throughout the years."

As for Kyle and David, they work throwing events at Martins Ferry events.

"But this week they've been umpiring and helping clerk," Fitch said.

No matter the capacity, having everyone together this year has made for some special moments for the foursome.

"It's kind of fun," Fitch said. "Everybody kides us, we kid each other. It's a good time."

"Mary Beth has her job at the hospital and I have my job here. When I was involved with coaching, she would come, but now that we're officiating we get to spend a little more time together."

And while that's good, Fitch said all four are fulfilling a much-needed role.

"To be honest, we need more officials," he said. "We're always in need."

"To have a baseball game, you need two umpires. To have a football game, you need ex-amount of officials. To run a track meet, you just need so much help. That's just the nature of the beast. You're always taking volunteers, but you still need an ex-amount of registered officials to run a meet effectively."

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Sydney Freeman, Emily Baire, Paige McGlothlin and Kennady Walker posted a 1:46.83 for the title.

Walker posted the 200 meter dash victory with a 26.47 clocking.

Union Local's Baylee Wiseman captured the long jump with a heave of 33-4 3/4.

On the track, Jets' junior Megan Bate-man turned in a strong showing. She won the 1600 and 3200 meter run in times of 5:47.30 and 12:32.33.

Oak Glen's Bridget Bemis was the class champion in the discus with a mark of 107-1.

IN CLASS 1A/2A, the celebration for Wheeling Central will probably last for quite some time because it's been quite some time since the Maroon Knights found themselves in the winners circle. Thanks to strength on the track, Coach Eric Belancic's Knights tallied 84 points, which comfortably outdistanced runnersup River and Shadyside, both of which finished with 68 points.

The Maroon Knights got going early in the day on the track and were never really challenged en route to the school's second conference girls track title and first since 1985.

"We qualified well (on Tuesday and Thursday), but you can never take anything for granted," Belancic said. "The kids competed as hard as they could in every since race and found a way to get the job done I spent countless hours crunching numbers, so for it to be over and win the meet, it's both a relief, but it's also very satisfying."

The Maroon Knights didn't get their first win until the 4x2 when the team of Maria Dzmura, Ireland Wayt, Nikki Nolte and Lindsey Baker posted a meet-record time of 1:46.33, which was good enough for a meet record.

The strength in relays continued to the 4x1 when the same foursome posted a meet-record time of 50.47.

Central put the finishing touches on its title when the team of Nicole Billie, Meghan Porter, Ireland Wayt and Nolte posted a 4:18.41 to win the 4x400.

Ireland Wayt gave the Knights their first individual champion when she ran two laps in 2:28.60 to win the 800.

River got its first victory of the day in the long jump thanks to junior Zoey Miller's mark of 14-8.

On the track, the Pilots rode the legs of senior standout Abby Caldwell, who added to her already impressive resume. She won the 100 meter dash in 12.66, the 300 lows in a meet-record time of 45.88.

Shadyside put up a valiant effort in finishing in a tie for second.

Senior McKayla Kinemond ignited things with a victory in the pole vault and a 10-ft-6 clearance.

The Tigers talented 4x8 team of Haylee Gregan, McKayla Kinemond, Sophia Ferrelli and Ashley Visnic prevailed in the first running event of the day with an impressive time of 10:04.63, which was a meet record by five seconds.

Kinemond posted her second individual title when she raced a lap in 60.26 to win the 400 meter dash.

Bridgeport junior Candace Kenziarski won the shot put with a mark of 36-3 1/2.

St. John Central, which saw its girls title streak snapped at 14, prevailed in one event. Senior standout Lindsey Froehlich won the discus with a twirl of 130-ft-7.

IN CLASS 3A, Magnolia flexed its muscle early and often en route to claiming its first conference title since 1995.

The Blue Eagles set the tone for the week during Monday and Wednesday's action when they advanced to the championship day in 14 of the 18 events. Taking that a step further, they claimed a gold medal in their class in six events.

"We knew it would be tough because Steubenville Central and Buckeye Trail both have good teams," Magnolia head coach Mike Harwick said. "We were runnerup last year, but we didn't game plan real well. We sat down and really looked at all of the stats from the other teams and planned how to get points. But, still, the credit goes to the girls because they came out and performed."

Junior jumper Bailey Estep set the tone for the Blue Eagles when she won the long jump (16-6) and high jump (5-4).

On the track, it was more of the same for Magnolia. The Blue Eagles extended their lead thanks to a victory in the 4x8 with the team of Bre Barbera, Rachel Arbogast, Jordan Delaney and Bri Ritz running eight laps on 10:12.05.

Ritz posted the first individual win in a running event when she turned in a 62.20 to win the 400.

Junior Kristen Massey cleared eight hurdles in 51.34 for the victory in the 300 meter lows.

With the meet title wrapped up for quite some time, the Eagles soared in the shuttles. The team of Massey, Arbogast, Cedar Sands and Estep turned in a 1:11.44 to win the shuttles.

Bellaire received an individual title in the field thanks to freshman Brittany Falcone. She won the discus with a twirl of 104-11.

Linsly's Amanda Raymond gave the Cadets their only two individual wins by sweeping the short sprints. She won the 100 meter dash in 13.16 and added the 200 with a 27.71.

Monroe Central's team of Jackie Hayes, JoJo Rodrigues, Kayla Wall and Ashley Hayes posted a 53.07 for the victory.

Barnesville's Shayla Markovich prevailed in the shot put with an impressive mark of 36-1

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Devils' point total was the most scored in the entire meet. The win marks the 12th championship in the school's history.

"We set the goal to win this meet early in the season," Red Devils' head coach Tony Ciroti said. "The overall (championship) is something we thought we had a chance at and it's really special to win that, too. This is a really strong team. This is a team on and off the track and I couldn't ask for a better group of young men."

St. Clairsville was led by junior hurdler Malachi Mellema, who made his first OVAC meet one to remember. After competing at Kiski Prep last season, Mellema moved to Belmont County and recorded his first two individual conference titles. He won the highs in 14.71 and the intermediates in 39.24.

Junior Austin Passmore won the class title in the 800 meter run, circling his home oval twice in 2:02.10 for the title.

Senior Isiah Green won the 200 meter dash, posting a 23.42.

In the field, the Red Devils got it rolling and basically never looked back.

Senior Josiah Rhodes edged his teammate, Justin Heatherington, for the high jump crown. Both cleared 6-2.

Junior standout Jordan Vincent continued his fine season in the long jump, leaping to a class 4A record mark of 22-ft-4 1/4.

The Devils' 4x2 team of Green, Vincent, Mellema and Zach Bigelow turned in a blistering 1:31.91 to win the 800 relay. The team of Green, Vincent, DeVon Harris and Bigelow turned in a 44.26.

St. C.'s shuttle team of Christian Oberdick, Heatherington, Braedyn Mihalic and Mellema skinned 40 hurdles in 64.77 for the title.

Runner-up Martins Ferry had a strong showing.

Junior Jacob Bishop was a double winner in Class 4A. He won the 1600 meters in 4:31.40. He added the 3200 title in 10:20.33.

The Purple Riders received an individual win

from Javon Garriel in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.59.

Buckeye Local captured a pair of events. Senior Tristan Jones won the discus with a twirl of 123-10.

Junior Matt Smith claimed the 400 meter dash in a time of 51.04.

Union Local captured the final event when the team of Trenton Tipton, Aaron Prout, Brian McWhorter and Josh Bolyard posted a 3:35.03 to win the 4x4.

IN CLASS 3A, a nip-and-tuck battle was expected with as many as four schools have legitimate title hopes. That turned out to be the case, but the Bellaire Big Reds' depth won out. Bellaire fought off Steubenville Catholic Central by eight points, Barnesville by nine and Magnolia was a distant fourth with 58 tallies.

For the Big Reds and head coach Shawn Valloric, it's the school's first track crown since 2006 and 23rd crown overall.

"When you can qualify in 14 or 15 events, it's a matter of performing on Saturday and our kids did that," Valloric said. "We were two points away last year, but we told the kids it's like the apple on the tree that you have to go up and grab. We had to go grab this even though we had good qualifying days."

The Big Reds got big points in the field. Freshman strong man Cole LaRoche marked the gravel at 52-3 1/2 to win the class and overall title in the iron ball event.

Senior Dylan Marling captured the 3A pole vault with a clearance of 13-feet.

Bellaire's points kept coming on the track. The team of Trenton Gibson, Tyler Stewart, Griffen Heatherington and Chase Yoho posted an 8:29.84 for the 4x8 title.

Junior Justyn Keyser won the class title in the high hurdles, clocking in at 15.99.

Barnesville posted its first victory in the discus thanks to a mark of 146-7 from senior Logan Castello.

It's only other win came when junior Caide Bunfill claimed the long jump crown with a mark of 20-1 1/2.

IN CLASS 1A/2A, Wheeling Central had claimed 112 OVAC championships in the school's illustrious athletic history. However, only one of those had been in boys track and it came in 2004. The Knights are bringing another pennant back to East Wheeling after they fought off Caldwell, which scored 80 points despite having only six athletes participate.

"I thought our boys had maybe just as good of a chance as the girls," Central head coach Eric Belancic said. "We had a good shot last year, but needed a perfect meet. We were still in the hunt. I thought we were the favorite since we returned, basically, everyone and our kids have been performing well. It was just a matter of getting the job done and our kids found a way to do it."

Igniting the Knights' scoring was junior John Burkhalter. He claimed the long jump by a half inch with his mark of 21-ft-0 1/2. He added to his haul by claiming the 110 high hurdles in 15.89.

Senior Chase Harler added to his lengthy athletic resume with an OVAC title in the 400 meter dash. He ran a 51.81 to edge teammate JaQuan Jackson by a hundredth of a second.

The Knights 4x2 team of Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varlas posted a 1:33.74 for the win by nearly three seconds. The same foursome returned to the oval a short-time later and claimed the 4x1 in 45.43.

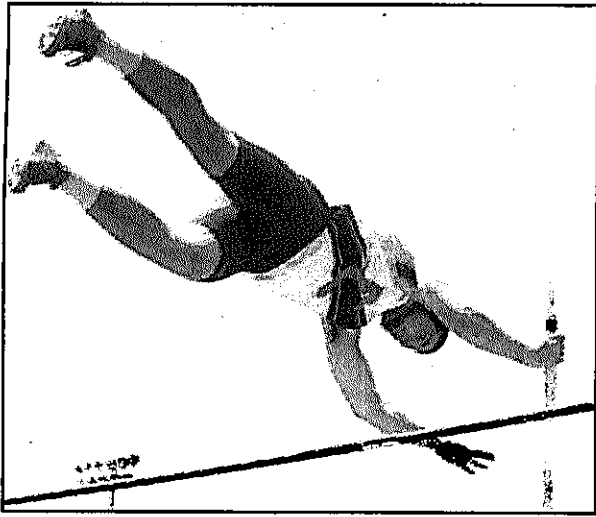
Central put the finishing touches on its crown when the team of Price, Varlas, Harler and Jackson joined forces for a 3:36.18, which won the 4x4 and set a new class record.

Shadyside's lone field win came in the pole vault where Shadow Gibson prevailed at 10-6. He was the only vaulter in the class to clear a height. Freshman Chase Stewart won the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:22.08.

River's Lukas Isaly won the 300 meter intermediate hurdles with a solid 40.97 effort, which set a new conference record in his class.



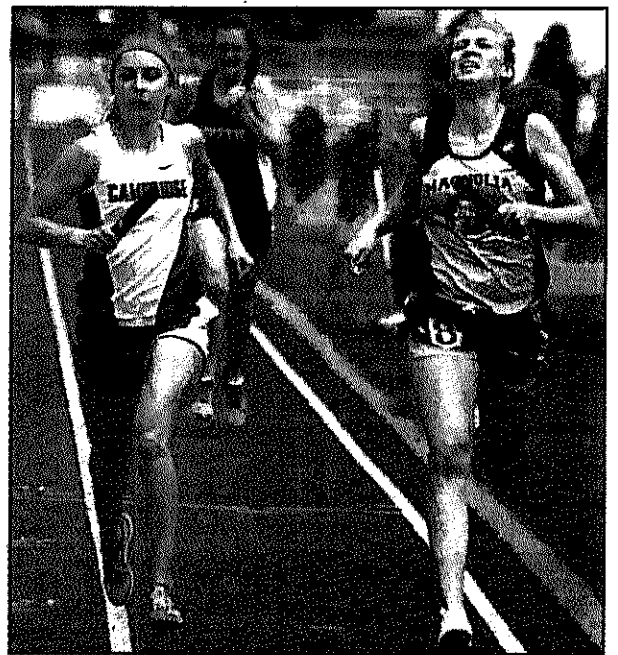
Scenes from the OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships



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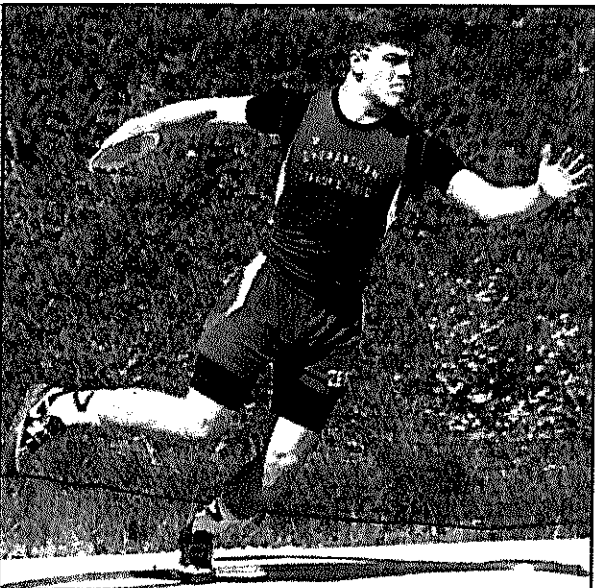
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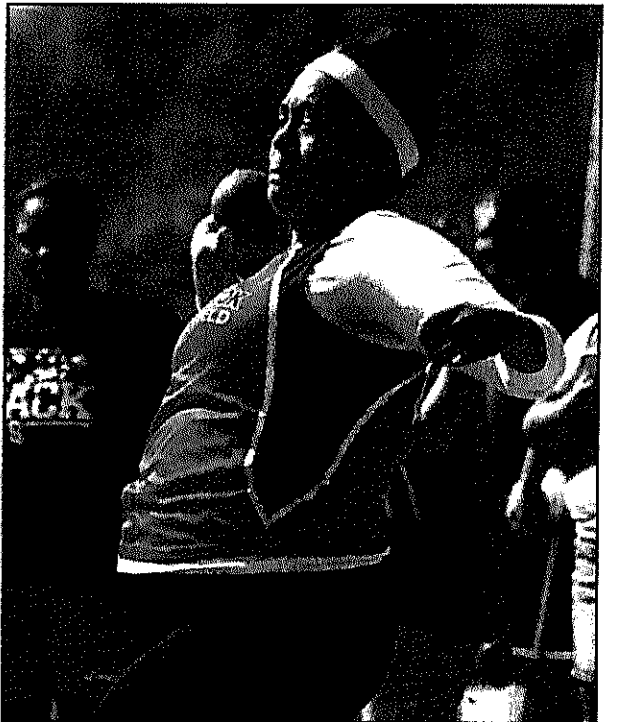
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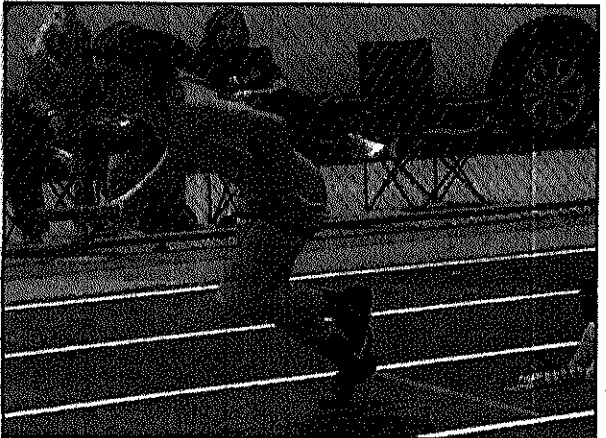
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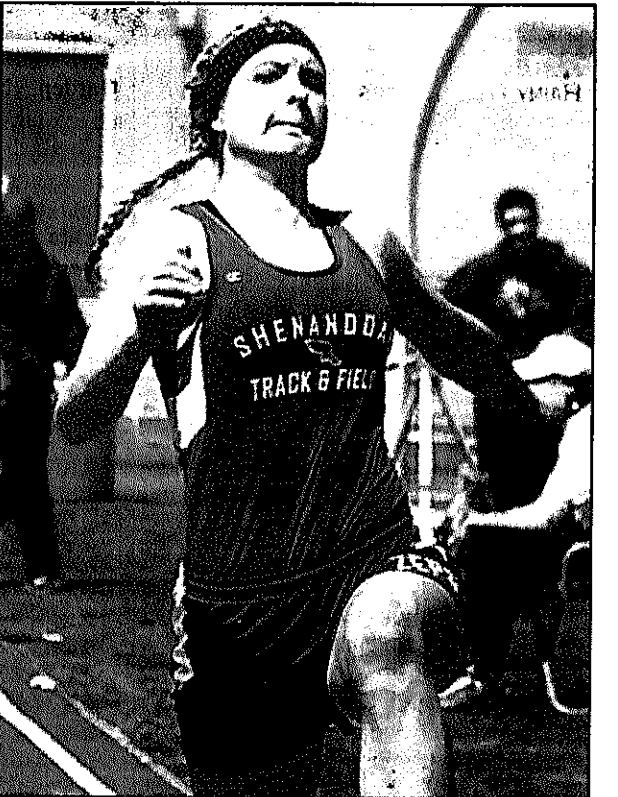
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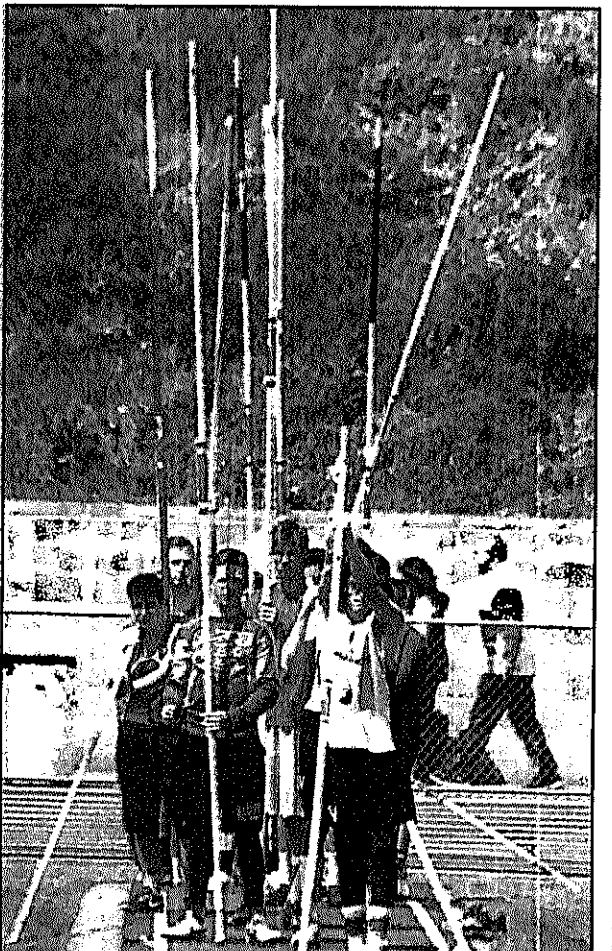
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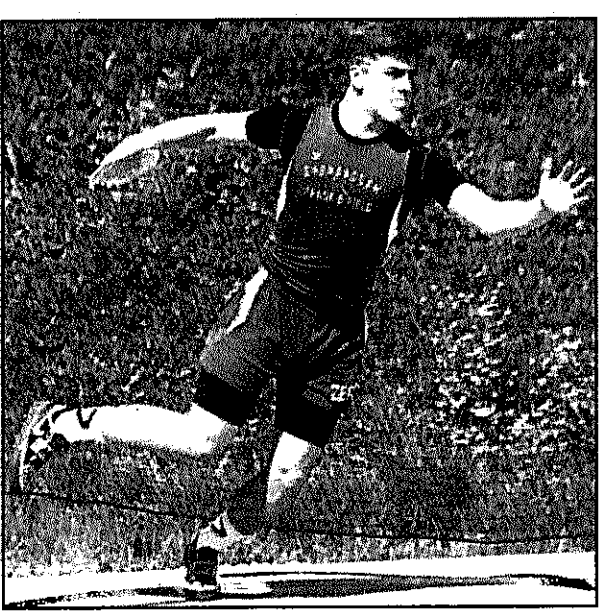


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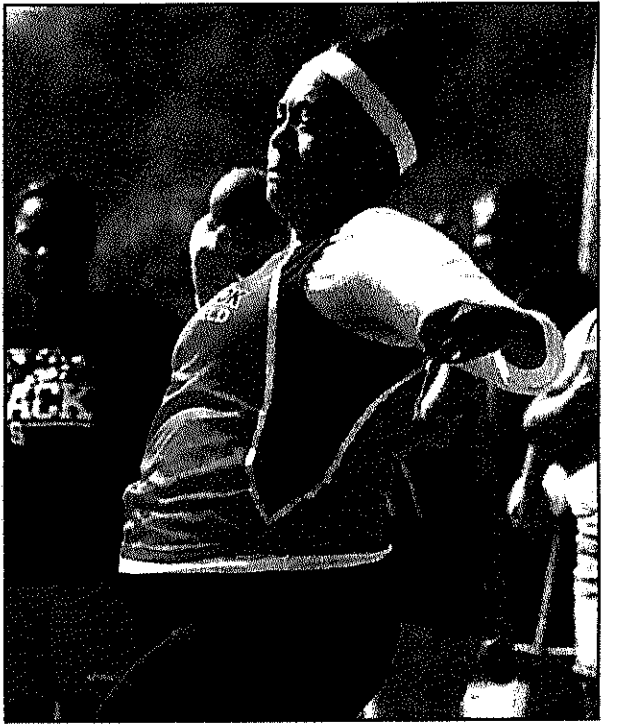


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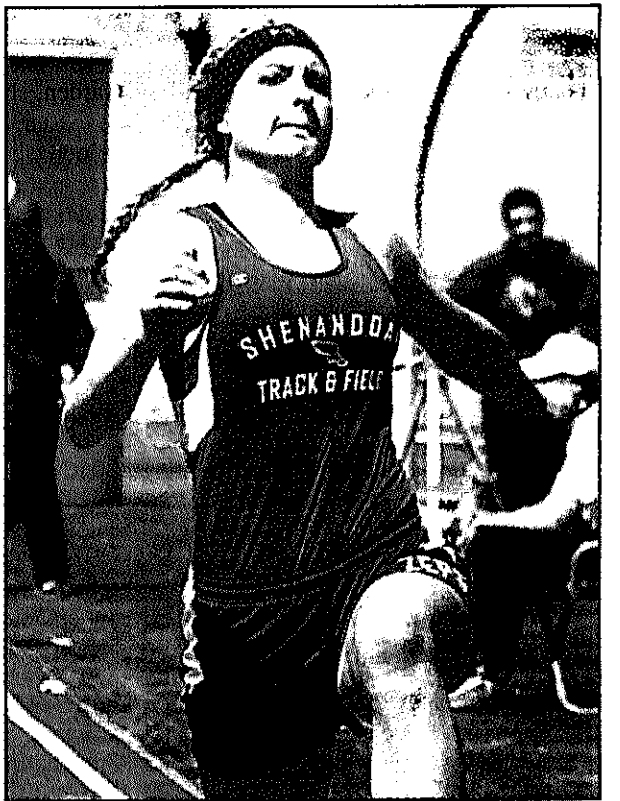
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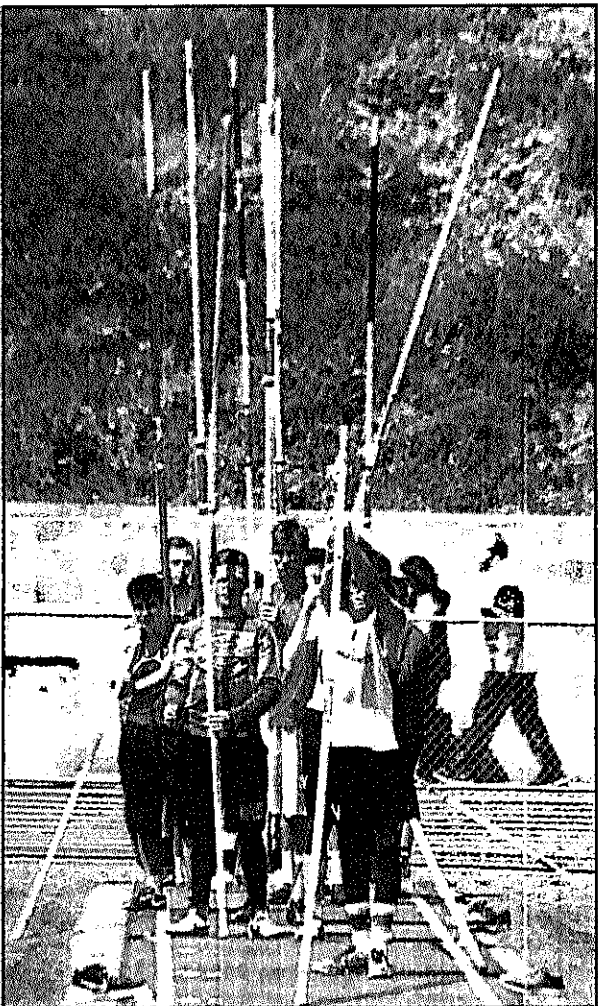
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A group of competitors await their turn during warm-ups for the boys' pole vault competition at the OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships.



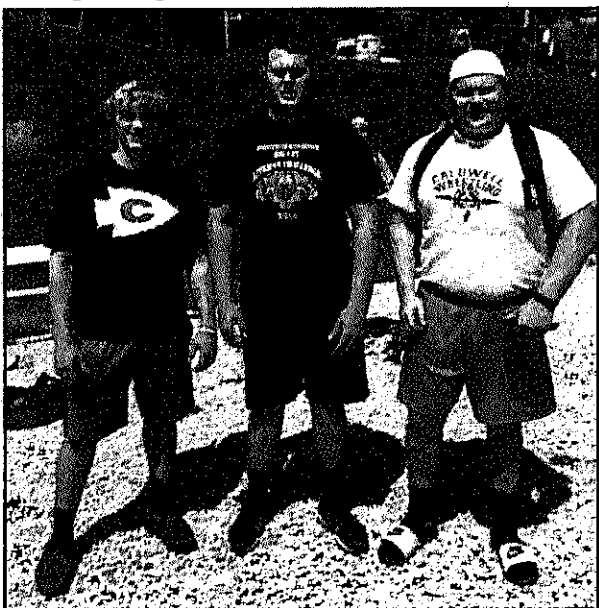
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Caldwell High's Taylor Ramsey releases the shot put during Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships in St. Clairsville.



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Shenandoah High's Isaac Dimmerling clears the bar in the Boys High Jump during Saturday morning's OVAC track meet at St. Clairsville High School.



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This trio of local "big fellas" enjoyed success in the weight throws at Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships. Pictured, l to r, are Sheldon Archer of Caldwell, Josh Sills of Meadowbrook and Chance Rucker of Caldwell.



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Cambridge boys capture OVAC 5A track title

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The Cambridge High boys captured the Class 5A title to headline local teams in the annual OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships which wrapped up week-long activities at the Red Devil Stadium on Saturday.

Coach J.R. Fox's Bobcats claimed the Class 5A crown with 100 points, which also placed them third overall behind Class 4A champion St. Clairsville (146) and Class 3A winner Bellaire (104). Rounding out the boys' division winners was Wheeling Central in Class 1A/2A (94).

Locally, Caldwell placed second in Class 1A/2A; Barnesville was third, Shenandoah took seventh and Buckeye Trail placed eighth in Class 3A; and Meadowbrook was seventh in Class 4A.

In the girls' meet, Morgantown claimed the Class 5A and overall titles with 138 points, with Class 3A winner Magnolia as the overall runner-up with 132. Martins Ferry (98) prevailed in Class 4A while Wheeling Central (84) was the Class 1A/2A titlist.

The top finish for local girls' teams was Barnesville, which placed third in Class 3A while Shenandoah was sixth and Buckeye Trail was eighth. Cambridge took fourth in Class 5A; Meadowbrook was fifth in Class 4A and Caldwell wound up eighth in Class 1A/2A.

The local area also acquitted itself nicely in individual and relay competition throughout the championship meet, including a dozen first place winners in their

respective divisions.

The lone double-winner locally was Caldwell's Sean Whetstone, who won both the 800-meter run (2:05.00) and the 1600-meter run (4:45.14) in Class 1A/2A.

Other event winners included Garrett Dostall of Cambridge in the 5A shot put (48-5.5); Josh Sills of Meadowbrook in the 4A shot put (49-3); Dalton Delancey of Meadowbrook in the 4A pole vault (13-6); Trey Dougherty of Buckeye Trail in the 3A 800-meter run (2:03.18); Logan Castello of Barnesville in the 3A discus (146-7); Caide Bunfill of Barnesville in the 3A long jump (20-1.5); Sheldon Archer of Caldwell

in the 1A/2A shot put (47-2); and Caldwell's 4x800-meter relay team of Benton Parmiter, Jacob Niswonger, Levi Pemberton and Sean Whetstone (8:44.20).

On three local girls won their class' events —Diamond Johnson of Meadowbrook in the 4A 100-meter dash (12.94); Emily Paden of Buckeye Trail in the 3A pole vault (11-0); and Shayla Markovich of Barnesville in the 3A shot put (36-1).

Buckeye Trail sophomore phenom Kylie Cutlip — a likely contender in four events — was unable to compete due to illness.

Here's a look at the local athletes who placed in their respective divisions at Saturday's meet:

Boys

Cambridge (Class 5A) — Garrett Dostall, 1st in shot put (48-5.5); Adam Fox, 2nd in high jump (6-0), 3rd in 110 hurdles (15.81) and 3rd in in pole vault (13-0); Alex Leeper, 2nd in 200 (23.18) and 3rd in 100 (11.61);

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Garrett Knott/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com
Cambridge High's Lily Ritz clears the high jump bar during Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships at St. Clairsville.



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Barnesville High's Caide Bunfill captured Class 3A honors in the boys' long jump at Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.



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Caldwell High's Sean Whetstone rounds the corner in the 800-meter run during Saturday afternoon's OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships at St. Clairsville. Whetstone scored a Class 1A/2A "double" by winning both the 800-meter run (2:05.00) and the 1600-meter run (4:45.14).



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Buckeye Trail High's Emily Paden clears the bar during competition in the girls' pole vault at the OVAC Cal Giffin Track Championships at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. Paden won the Class 3A title with a leap of 11-0.



Local athletes turn in solid efforts at OVAC Meadowbrook wins

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(23.18) and 3rd in 100 (11.61); Connor Aleshire, 2nd in 400 (51.33); Blake High, 3rd in high jump (5-10), 4th in pole vault (12-6) and 5th in 110 hurdles (16.39); Jake Pershing, 3rd in 300 hurdles (40.77); Nicholas Oliver, 3rd in long jump (18-4.5); 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Josh Seckman, High, Pershing, Fox) in 59.52; 3rd in 4x200 relay (Aiden Cahoon, Isaiah Abel, Aleshire, Leeper) in 1:33.68; 3rd in 4x400 relay (Cahoon, Abel, Pershing, Aleshire) in 3:36.80; 4th in 4x100 relay (Abel, Taurean Brown, Seckman, Leeper) in 45.29; 6th in 4x800 (Ben Stillions, Ben Ogle, Cole Smith, Madison Lawton) in 8:51.21.



Meadowbrook (Class 4A)
Dalton Delancey, 1st in 4A pole vault (13-6); Josh Sills, 1st shot put (49-3); Tanner Hewison, 3rd in high jump (6-0).

Barnesville (Class 3A)
Logan Costello, 1st in discus (146-7) and 4th in shot put (42-4); Caide Bunfill, 1st in long jump (20-1.5) and 3rd in 200 (23.70); Kohl Campbell, 2nd in 110 hurdles (16.40) and 3rd in 300 hurdles (42.01); 2nd in 4x200 relay (Campbell, Stephens, Royce Hall, Bunfill) in 1:33.79; 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Logan Crumbaker, Daniel Brown, Tannor Burkhart, Campbell) in 1:02.28; 2nd in 4x400 relay (Stephens, Bunfill, Dalton Turner, Matthew Burkhart) in 3:35.61; 3rd

in 4x800 relay (Burkhart, Logan Crumbaker, Cole Meyers, Turner) in 9:01.53; Brown, 4th in pole vault (11-0); Burkhart, 5th in 400 (52.12) and 5th in 800 (3:14.02); Jordan Graham, 5th in shot put (38-7.5); Kane Stephens, 6th in 400 (53.76).

Shenandoah (Class 3A)
Nick Miller, 2nd in discus (135-8); 2nd in 4x100 relay (Cameron Forshey, Tucker Sebring, Joseph Laipply, Nick Miller) in 45.89; Zak Biancarelli, 3rd in 400 (51.27); Isaac Dimmerling, 3rd in high jump (5-4); Jacob Fowler, 4th in discus (123-11).

Buckeye Trail (Class 3A)
Trey Dougherty, 1st in 800 (2:03.18); Chase Stillion, 2nd in 3A pole vault (12-6); 4th in 4x100 relay (Chase Stillion, Austin Snodgrass, Colin Gooding, CJ McCall) in 47.74.

Caldwell (Class 1A/2A)
Sean Whetstone, 1st in 1600 (4:45.14) and 1st in 800 (2:05.00); Sheldon Archer, 1st in shot put (47-2) and 2nd in discus (127-2); 1st in 4x800-meter relay (Benton Parmiter, Jacob Niswonger, Levi Pemberton, Whetstone) in 8:44.20; Chance Rucker, 2nd in shot put (44-11.25) and 4th in discus (119-4); Niswonger, 2nd in 3200 (10:30.36); Parmiter, 3rd in 1600 (5:11.14); Pemberton, 3rd in 3200 (10:55.50);

Girls
Cambridge (Class 5A)
Chloe Elliott, 2nd in pole vault (8-6); Lilly Ritz, 2nd in high jump (5-2); 2nd in 4x400 relay (Charlie Endly, Tia Johnson, Lilly Ritz, Elizabeth LaShelle-Phillips) in 4:12.89; Phillips, 4th in 1600 (5:34.13) and 5th in 3200 (12:32.44); 4th in 4x800

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| Overall Top 10 | |
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| 1. Wheeling Central, 84; 2. River, Shadyside, 68; 3. River, 68; 4. Clay-Battle, 50; 5. Madonna, 32; 6. Tinkly Christian, 28; 7. St. John Central, 20; 8. Caldwell, 20; 9. Hundred, 18; 10. Pine Grove Valley, 18; 11. Cameron, 8. | |
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(Johnson, Tess McConkey, Savanaugh Anderson, Elizabeth LaShelle-Phillips in 10:12.01); 4th in shuttle hurdle relay (Ashley Frattali, Madyson Ancell, Katie Eldredge, Johnson) in 1:12.57; Endly, 4th in 400 (1:01.20); Johnson, 4th in 300-meter hurdles (49.66); Jon Jon Smith, 5th in shot put (30-9.25); McConkey, 5th in 800 (2:33.31).

Meadowbrook (Class 4A)
Diamond Johnson, 1st in 100 (12.94) and 2nd in 400 (1:02.10); Sydney Black, 2nd in 300-meter hurdles (50.70); 2nd in 4x400 relay (Black, Abbi Wood, Taylor Goodnite, Johnson) in 4:18.50; 3rd in 4x200-relay (Johnson, Sydney Black, Morgan Oswald, Wood) in 1:51.84; Jonet Mitchell, 4th in shot put (30-10.25).

Barnesville (Class 3A)
Shayla Markovich, 1st in shot put (36-1) and 2nd in dis-

cus (103-2); Karleigh Clouse, 2nd in long jump (15-6.5) and 2nd in 200 (27.77); Trista Newsom, 2nd in pole vault (8-0); 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Cara Singleton, Harlie Stewart, Trista Newsom, Jayna Hannahs) in 1:16.30; Caitlyn Toohey, 3rd in discus (91-11).

Shenandoah (Class 3A)
2nd in 4x200 (Jensen Ciacci, Bailey Dixon, Jacey Clifton, Drew Pakes) in 1:54.25; Allison Dixon, 3rd in long jump (14-11.5) and 3rd in 100-meters (13.64); 3rd in shuttle hurdle relay (Emilee Norman, Bailey Dixon, Clifton, Brooklyn May) in 1:20.21; 4th in 4x100 relay (Ciacci, Clifton, Pakes, Dixon) in 58.56.

Buckeye Trail (Class 3A)
Emily Paden, 1st in pole vault (11-0); Haley Williams, 3rd in pole vault (7-6); Emily Hastings, 3rd in high jump (4-10); 3rd in 4x100 relay (Sydney Lowry, Alauna Butler, Bailey Cross, Karrington Pontius) in 53.30.

Caldwell (Class 1A/2A)
Mattea Schockling, 2nd in discus (101-10); Taylor Ramsey, 3rd in shot put (33-4.5); 3rd in 4x800 (Lauren Fry, Hannah Pfeffer, Olivia King, Lindsey Furr) in 10:57.58.

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Morgan's case, ran themselves out of possible scoring opportunities.

"We had some baserunners," Conlon admitted, "but couldn't get hits when we needed them. Our defense played solid today and the infield made plays when they needed to which forced Morgan to earn it. They played as a team and everyone did what they were supposed to do. This group is starting to figure out how to close out and win games."

Morgan had an opportunity in the first inning when Braydon Hoskinson singled and advanced to second on a hit to third base by Jordan Work. Hoskinson rounded the bag at second and got caught in a rundown where he was tagged out.

The Raiders (9-13) again missed out on a scoring opportunity in the third when Tyler Hook led off with a single and advanced to second on a single by Morgan pitcher Mason Edgell and then went to third on a ground out to short by Hoskinson. Sharenberg then got Work to ground to short and Wade Urdak threw him out at first to end the threat.

The other base-running error by the Raiders came in the fifth frame when Edgell singled and on a steal of second, the ball was thrown into center field and he rounded to base to move to third. Wiggins backed up on the throw and threw to second getting him in a run down where he was eventually tagged out by second baseman Ryan Rusnak.

Morgan again threatened in the sixth when Hoskinson led off with a single and Work followed with a double, but Scharenberg struck out Dylan Nesselroad, got Travis Johnson to pop up to catcher Ben Davis and then coaxed Austin Boyd to ground out to Rusnak at second.

In the seventh, with one last opportunity, Morgan's Cole Earich led off with a single and pinch-hitter Colton Davis sacrifice bunted him to second. He then took third on a passed ball, but Scharenberg struck out Hook and Edgell to end the game.

Meadowbrook (11-14) had baserunners at second in the third and fifth innings, but couldn't manage a timely hit to bring them around.

Scharenberg (4-1) picked up the mound win with a complete-game effort, fanning eight and walking just one while allowing eight hits.

"He (Scharenberg) has been a bulldog down the stretch for us," Conlon said. "He has been good mentally on the mound and comes through when he needs to."

Edgell took the hard-luck loss, striking out four, walking one and hitting one batter, the one that ended up being the winning run.

Morgan posted a 8-4 hitting edge offensively led by Edgell and Hoskinson with two singles each and Work with a double.

Meadowbrook's four hits were singles by Urdak, Steve McPeck, Christian Dodd and DH Kaleb Graham.

Next up for the Colts is No. 2 seed St. Clairsville.

"St. Clairsville is a very good team," Conlon admitted. "They are well-coached and will just have to go play. In high school baseball, you never know what will happen."

NEXT — Meadowbrook travels to St. Clairsville on Tuesday at 5 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Greg Robinson
Caldwell High's Jack Ridenour (front center) has announced his intention to attend Ohio Valley University where he will be a member of the baseball team. On hand for the announcement were his parents, Phil Ridenour (left) and Megan Leasure (right) while in the back (l-r) are head coach Brian Wheeldin,



Local athletes turn in solid efforts at OVAC

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 (23.18) and 3rd in 100 (11.61); Connor Aleshire, 2nd in 400 (51.33); Blake High, 3rd in high jump (5-10), 4th in pole vault (12-6) and 5th in 110 hurdles (16.39); Jake Pershing, 3rd in 300 hurdles (40.77); Nicholas Oliver, 3rd in long jump (18-4.5); 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Josh Seckman, High, Pershing, Fox) in 59.52; 3rd in 4x200 relay (Aiden Cahoon, Isaiah Abel, Aleshire, Leeper) in 1:33.68; 3rd in 4x400 relay (Cahoon, Abel, Pershing, Aleshire) in 3:36.80; 4th in 4x100 relay (Abel, Taurean Brown, Seckman, Leeper) in 45.29; 6th in 4x800 (Ben Stillions, Ben Ogle, Cole Smith, Madison Lawton) in 8:51.21.



Meadowbrook (Class 4A)
 Dalton Delancey, 1st in 4A pole vault (13-6); Josh Sills, 1st shot put (49-3); Tanner Hewison, 3rd in high jump (6-0).

Barnesville (Class 3A)
 Logan Costello, 1st in discus (146-7) and 4th in shot put (42-4); Caide Bunfill, 1st in long jump (20-1.5) and 3rd in 200 (23.70); Kohl Campbell, 2nd in 110 hurdles (16.40) and 3rd in 300 hurdles (42.01); 2nd in 4x200 relay (Campbell, Stephens, Royce Hall, Bunfill) in 1:33.79; 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Logan Crumbaker, Daniel Brown, Tunnor Burkhart, Campbell) in 1:02.28; 2nd in 4x400 relay (Stephens, Bunfill, Dalton Turner, Matthew Burkhart) in 3:35.61; 3rd

in 4x800 relay (Burkhart, Logan Crumbaker, Cole Meyers, Turner) in 9:01.53; Brown, 4th in pole vault (11-0); Burkhart, 5th in 400 (52.12) and 5th in 800 (3:14.02); Jordan Graham, 5th in shot put (38-7.5); Kane Stephens, 6th in 400 (53.76).

Shenandoah (Class 3A)
 Nick Miller, 2nd in discus (135-8); 2nd in 4x100 relay (Cameron Forshey, Tucker Sebring, Joseph Laipply, Nick Miller) in 45.89; Zak Biancarelli, 3rd in 400 (51.27); Isaac Dimmerling, 3rd in high jump (5-4); Jacob Fowler, 4th in discus (123-11).

Buckeye Trail (Class 3A)
 Trey Dougherty, 1st in 800 (2:03.18); Chase Stillion, 2nd in 3A pole vault (12-6); 4th in 4x100 relay (Chase Stillion, Austin Snodgrass, Colin Gooding, CJ McCall) in 47.74.

Caldwell (Class 1A/2A)
 Sean Whetstone, 1st in 1600 (4:45.14) and 1st in 800 (2:05.00); Sheldon Archer, 1st in shot put (47-2) and 2nd in discus (127-2); 1st in 4x800-meter relay (Benton Parmiter, Jacob Niswonger, Levi Pemberton, Whetstone) in 8:44.20; Chance Rucker, 2nd in shot put (44-11.25) and 4th in discus (119-4); Niswonger, 2nd in 3200 (10:30.36); Parmiter, 3rd in 1600 (5:11.14); Pemberton, 3rd in 3200 (10:55.50);

Girls

Cambridge (Class 5A)
 Chloe Elliott, 2nd in pole vault (8-6); Lilly Ritz, 2nd in high jump (5-2); 2nd in 4x400 relay (Charlie Endly, Tia Johnson, Lilly Ritz, Elizabeth LaShelle-Phillips) in 4:12.89; Phillips, 4th in 1600 (5:34.13) and 5th in 3200 (12:32.44); 4th in 4x800

| Girls Team Scoring | |
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| Overall Top 10 | |
| 1. Morgantown, 138; 2. Magnolia, 132; 3. Martins Ferry, 98; 4. St. Clairsville, 92; 5. Wheeling Central, 74; 6. Wheeling Park, 77; 7. Steubenville, 62; 8. Wheeling Park, 79; 9. Indian Creek, 72; 10. Steubenville Catholic, 68; 11. Shadyside, 68. | |
| Class 5A | |
| 1. Morgantown, 138; 2. Steubenville, 82; 3. Wheeling Park, 77; 4. Cambridge, 50; 5. Weir, 42; 6. John Marshall, 40; 7. Warren Local, 39; 8. Parkersburg South, 27; 9. University, 23; 10. Brooke, 19; 11. Beaver Local, 8. | |
| Class 4A | |
| 1. Martins Ferry, 88; 2. St. Clairsville, 82; 3. Indian Creek, 72; 4. Union Local, 58; 5. Meadowbrook, 44; 6. Oak Glen, 26; 7. Harrison Central, 18; 8. Edison, 14; 9. Buckeye Local, 8; 10. East Liverpool, 6. | |
| Class 3A | |
| 1. Magnolia, 132; 2. Steubenville Catholic, 68; 3. Barnesville, 58; 4. Bellaire, 46; 5. Linley, 40; 6. Shenandoah, 30; 7. Fort Frye, 26; 8. Buckeye Trail, 28; 9. Mohr Central, 14. | |
| Class 1A/2A | |
| 1. Wheeling Central, 64; 2. River, Shadyide, 68; 2. River, 68; 4. Clay-Battala, 50; 5. Madonna, 32; 6. Trinity Christian, 26; 7. St. John Central, 28; 8. Caldwell, 20; 9. Hundred, 18; 10. Pine Grove Valley, 16; 11. Cameron, 8. | |
| Boys Team Scoring | |
| Overall Top 10 | |
| 1. St. Clairsville, 148; 2. Bellaire, 104; 3. Cambridge, 100; 4. Steubenville Catholic, 98; 5. Wheeling Central, 94; 6. Martins Ferry, 68; 7. Barnesville, 85; 8. Morgantown, 83; 9. Caldwell, 80; 10. Wheeling Park, 78. | |
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| Class 1A/2A | |
| 1. Wheeling Central, 64; 2. Caldwell, 60; 3. Shadyide, 70; 4. River, 62; 5. Toronto, 52; 6. Pine Grove Valley, 50; 7. Paden City, 24; 8. Madonna, 18; 9. St. John Central, 10; 9. Hundred, 10; 11. Bridgeport, 7. | |

(Johnson, Tess McConkey, Savanaugh Anderson, Elizabeth LaShelle-Phillips in 10:12.01); 4th in shuttle hurdle relay (Ashley Frattali, Madyson Anceil, Katie Eldredge, Johnson) in 1:12.57; Endly, 4th in 400 (1:01.20); Johnson, 4th in 300-meter hurdles (49.66); Jon Jon Smith, 5th in shot put (30-9.25); McConkey, 5th in 800 (2:33.31).

Meadowbrook (Class 4A)
 Diamond Johnson, 1st in 100 (12.94) and 2nd in 400 (1:02.10); Sydney Black, 2nd in 300-meter hurdles (50.70); 2nd in 4x400 relay (Black, Abbi Wood, Taylor Goodnite, Johnson) in 4:18.50; 3rd in 4x200-relay (Johnson, Sydney Black, Morgan Oswald, Wood) in 1:51.84; Jonet Mitchell, 4th in shot put (30-10.25).

Barnesville (Class 3A)
 Shayla Markovich, 1st in shot put (36-1) and 2nd in dis-

cus (103-2); Karleigh Clouse, 2nd in long jump (15-6.5) and 2nd in 200 (27.77); Trista Newsom, 2nd in pole vault (8-0); 2nd in shuttle hurdle relay (Cara Singleton, Harlie Stewart, Trista Newsom, Jayna Hannahs) in 1:16.30; Caitlyn Toohey, 3rd in discus (91-11).

Shenandoah (Class 3A)
 2nd in 4x200 (Jensen Ciacci, Bailey Dixon, Jacey Clifton, Drew Pakes) in 1:54.25; Allison Dixon, 3rd in long jump (14-11.5) and 3rd in 100-meters (13.64); 3rd in shuttle hurdle relay (Emilee Norman, Bailey Dixon, Clifton, Brooklyn May) in 1:20.21; 4th in 4x100 relay (Ciacci, Clifton, Pakes, Dixon) in 58.56.

Buckeye Trail (Class 3A)
 Emily Paden, 1st in pole vault (11-0); Haley Williams, 3rd in pole vault (7-6); Emily Hastings, 3rd in high jump (4-10); 3rd in 4x100 relay (Sydney Lowry, Alauna Butler, Bailey Cross, Karrington Pontius) in 53.30.

Caldwell (Class 1A/2A)
 Mattea Schockling, 2nd in discus (101-10); Taylor Ramsey, 3rd in shot put (33-4.5); 3rd in 4x800 (Lauren Fry, Hannah Pfeffer, Olivia King, Lindsey Furr) in 10:57.58.



Make Sure To Train Properly For the Hills

Memorial Day weekend has become synonymous with the Ogden Half Marathon. This year's race is scheduled for Saturday, May 28 and, as always, it features some pretty tough hills. Are you ready for them? Are you training so that you won't be surprised or overwhelmed by the grueling course?



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When training for any race, it's vitally important to check the course ahead of time and prepare for it. Since the Ogden is a road race, you should be sure to do most of your training on asphalt courses so that your body becomes accustomed to the pounding it will take from an unforgiving surface.

We all know about the notorious hills that are an integral part of the Ogden Race and working some hills into your training now will only help you when race day rolls around. Not only will you build endurance, but also you will learn to pace yourself so that you don't run out of steam when you reach the last couple miles of the race. Your legs need to be steady for the uphill climbs of 29th Street and Wheeling Hill. Don't avoid the hills because you find them unpleasant; you'll regret it later.

Plus, if you run up a hill, you're going to have to run back down. Failing to prepare adequately for downhill runs can be every bit as detrimental as failing to prepare to run up them. We all love the downhills, but if you take them too quickly you risk cramping and other issues. Remember that running hills, if not done properly, can cause a myriad of problems including fatigue, strain and muscle fiber tears. You're asking a lot of your quads and hamstrings, so treat them with care.

Doing Hill Repeats is an excellent way to help you prepare for the strength you will need to get to the tops of those taxing hills. Downhill

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Photo by Seth Staskey

Wheeling Central track and field star John Burkhalter takes flight during his victory Saturday in the long jump.

Knights Win 2nd Boys' Title

Burkhalter Ignites Wheeling Central's Championship

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Hungry was the adjective to describe Wheeling Central, Bellaire, St. Clairsville and Cambridge's track teams this week.

All four left Red Devil Stadium feeling fulfilled after they ended title droughts — some longer than others — in boys' track and field Saturday as the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship wrapped up after its five-day stay.

In Class 1-A/2-A, Wheeling Central had claimed 112 OVAC championships in the school's illustrious athletic history. However, only one of those had been in boys' track and it came in 2004. The Knights are bringing another pennant back to East Wheeling after they fought off Caldwell, which scored 80 points despite having only six athletes participate.

"I thought our boys had maybe just as good of a chance as the girls," Central coach Eric Belancic said. "We had a good shot last year, but needed a perfect meet. We were still in the hunt. I thought we were the favorite since we

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Central, Magnolia Capture Crowns

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — It took the better part of five days, but the final OVAC champions of the 2015-16 school year have been crowned.

The OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship wrapped up at sun-drenched Red Devil Stadium on Saturday with four champions — Wheeling Central (1-A/2-A), Magnolia (3-A), Martins Ferry (4-A) and Morgantown (5-A) being crowned.

In Class 1-A/2-A, the celebration for Wheeling Central will probably last for quite some time because it's been quite some time since it found itself in the winners circle. Thanks to strength on the track, Coach Eric Belancic's Knights tallied 84 points, which comfortably outdistanced runnersup River and Shadyside, both of which finished with 68 points.

"It was definitely a hard-fought win that I knew was

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Photo by Seth Staskey

John Marshall standout Torie Derron on her way to victory in the high hurdles on Saturday.

Favorite Nyquist Is King of Ky. Derby

Bay Colt Remains Without a Defeat

By BETH HARRIS
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The racing world wondered if there was a worthy successor to last year's Triple Crown champion American Pharoah.

Enter Nyquist. The bay colt who lacks any distinctive markings won the Kentucky Derby by 1 1/4 lengths on Saturday, improving to 8-0 in his career as the fourth consecutive favorite to win the race.

Ridden by Mario Gutierrez, Nyquist ran 1 1/4 miles

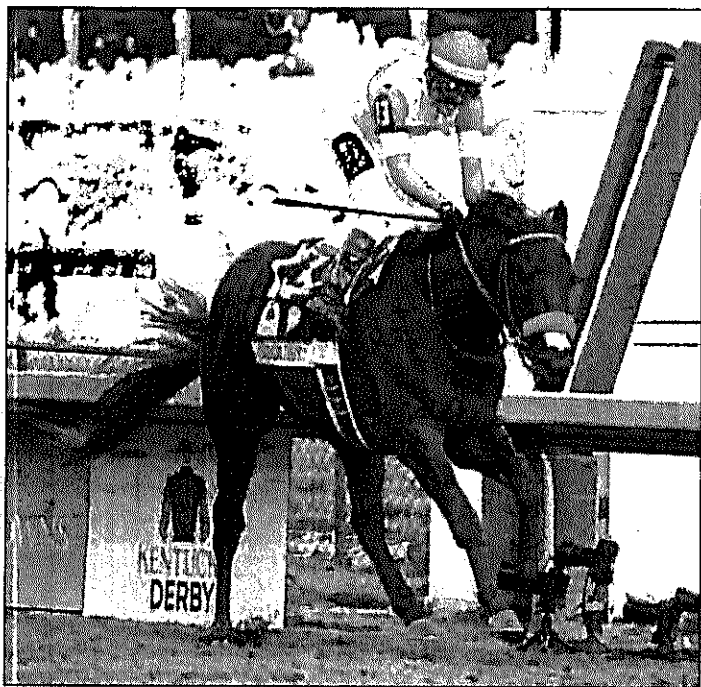
in 2:01.31. The 3-year-old colt became the eighth unbeaten winner in the race's 142-year history, and the first since Big Brown in 2008. He paid \$6.60, \$4.80 and \$3.60 as the 2-1 favorite in the full field of 20 horses.

"We got a beautiful trip from the start to the end," Gutierrez said.

Nyquist delivered a second Derby win for Gutierrez, trainer Doug O'Neill and owner J. Paul Reddam. The Southern California-based team was behind 2012 Derby and Preakness winner I'll Have Another.

"This is such a special horse," O'Neill said. "You

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AP Photo

Mario Gutierrez celebrates after riding Nyquist to victory during the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby.

Caps Beat Pens To Remain Alive

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin did everything he could to keep the Washington Capitals' season alive.

Ovechkin threw his body around, skated around and through Pittsburgh's defense and scored a power-play goal to help the Capitals beat the Penguins 3-1 in Game 5 on Saturday night.

Behind a two-point game from Ovechkin and 30 saves by Braden Holtby, Washington cut its deficit to 3-2 and forced Game 6 on Tuesday night in Pittsburgh. T.J. Oshie also scored on the power play and Justin Williams at even strength, cracking Matt Murray after the goaltender looked superhuman for most of the series.

Murray allowed three goals on 19 shots and was victimized on a brutal turnover by defenseman Brian Dumoulin that led to Williams' goal. Meanwhile, Holtby was stellar and at his best when he stopped three in a less than minute on Evgeni Malkin, Patric Hornqvist and Justin

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going to come down to the last race," Belancic said.

Actually, it came down to the next-to-last, but that's just a matter of semantics.

The Maroon Knights got going early on the track and were never really challenged en route to the school's second conference girls' track title and first since 1985.

"We qualified well (on Tuesday and Thursday), but you can never take anything for granted," Belancic said. "The kids competed as hard as they could in every single race and found a way to get the job done. I spent countless hours crunching numbers, so for it to be over and win the meet, it's both a relief, but it's also very satisfying."

The Maroon Knights didn't get their first win until the 4x2 when the team of Maria Dzmura, Ireland Wayt, Nikki Nolte and Lindsey Baker posted a meet-record time of 1:46.33.

The strength in relays continued to the 4x1 when

the same foursome posted a meet-record time of 50.47

Central put the finishing touches on its title when the team of Nicole Billie, Meghan Porter, Ireland Wayt and Nolte posted a 4:18.41 to win the 4x400.

Ireland Wayt gave the Knights their first individual champion when she ran two laps in 2:28.60 to win the 800.

River got its first victory in the long jump, thanks to junior Zoey Miller's mark of 14-feet, 8-inches. On the track, the Pilots rode the legs of senior standout Abby Caldwell, who added to her already impressive resume with victories the 100-meter dash in 12.66 and the 300 lows in a meet-record time of 45.88.

Shadyside put up a valiant effort in finishing in a tie for second.

Senior McKayla Kinemond ignited things with a victory in the pole vault and a 10-6 clearance.

The Tigers' 4x8 team of

Haylee Gregan, McKayla Kinemond, Sophia Ferrelli and Ashley Visnic prevailed in the first running event of the day with an impressive time of 10:04.63, which was a meet record by 5 seconds.

Kinemond posted her second individual title when she raced a lap in 60.26 to win the 400.

Bridgeport junior Candace Kenziarski won the shot put with a mark of 36-3 1/2.

St. John Central, which saw its girls' title streak snapped at 14, prevailed in one event as senior standout Lindsey Froehlich won the discus with a twirl of 130-7.

Valley's Rachel Baker captured the high jump in the small-school class with a leap of 4-10.

Madonna's shuttle team of Tessie Tokash, Emily Rovira, Dominique Brown and Gabriella Anile skimmed 40 hurdles in 69.08.

In Class 3-A, Magnolia flexed its muscle early and

often en route to claiming its first conference title since 1995.

The Blue Eagles set the tone for the week during Monday and Wednesday's action when they advanced to the championship day in 14 of the 18 events. Taking that a step farther, they claimed a gold medal in their class in six events.

"We knew it would be tough because Steubenville Central and Buckeye Trail both have good teams," Magnolia coach Mike Harwick said. "We were runner-up last year, but we didn't game plan real well. We sat down and really looked at all of the stats from the other teams and planned how to get points. But still, the credit goes to the girls because they came out and performed."

Junior jumper Bailey Estep set the tone for the Blue Eagles when she won the long jump (16-6) and high jump (5-4).

On the track, it was more of the same for Magnolia. It extended its lead thanks to a victory in the 4x8 with the team of Bre Barbera, Rachel Arbogast, Jordan Delaney and Bri Ritz running eight laps on 10:12.05.

Ritz posted the first individual win in a running event when she turned in a 62.20 to win the 400.

Junior Kristen Massey cleared eight hurdles in 51.34 for the victory in the 300 lows.

With the meet title wrapped up for quite some time, the Eagles soared in the shuttles. The team of Massey, Arbogast, Cedar Sands and Estep turned in a 1:11.44 to win.

Steubenville Catholic was led by Kara Kakascik in the 800 as she prevailed with a 2:15.58. The Crusaders captured the high-hurdle title thanks to junior Theresa Duff's 17.51.

The Catholic Central 4x2 team of Rebecca Bodo, Emma Borden, Mikayla Gorman and Kakascik post-

ed a 1:52.96 for a victory.

In the 4x4, the Crusaders team of Gorman, Bodo, Lauren Hunt and Kakascik posted a 4:30.73 for the victory.

Buckeye Trail, which competed without sophomore Kylie Cutlip due to illness, received a victory in the pole vault thanks to sophomore Emily Paden. She cleared 11-0 for the title.

Bellaire received an individual title in the field thanks to freshman Brittany Falcone. She won the discus with a twirl of 104-11.

Linsly's Amanda Raymond gave the Cadets their only two individual wins by sweeping the short sprints. She won the 100 in 13.16 and added the 200 with a 27.71.

Monroe Central's team of Jackie Hayes, JoJo Rodrigues, Kayla Wall and Ashley Hayes posted a 53.07 for the victory.

Barnesville's Shayla Markovich prevailed in the shot put with an impressive mark of 36-1.

In Class 4-A, Martins Ferry's girls kept it going. The Purple Riders fought off St. Clairsville for their fifth straight OVAC title, which is the longest active streak in the conference and the second longest of all time.

"We had some girls step up and they improved on their seeds from throughout the week," Ferry coach Rich Materkoski said. "We knew they were capable of doing that, but it was a matter of coming out and doing it. We've battled with St. Clairsville all year long, so we knew they'd be right there with us. We were able to squeeze out every possible point, which is very important in this meet."

The Riders were led by senior hurdler Tyesha Allen as she swept the two hurdle events. She won the highs in 15.62 and added the lows in a career-best 45.79.

Sophomore Kyona Johnson captured the title in the long jump with a mark of

15-11 1/4 to jumpstart the Riders' scoring.

The Riders' 4x1 team of Dalethia Johnson, Bailey Barries, Lea Coleman and Allen turned in a 51.79 to win by nearly 5 full seconds.

The Riders took the lead for good when their team of Lauryn Walker, Chloe Sutton, Samaira Jones and Johnson captured the shuttles in 1:13.45.

St. Clairsville led most of the event until the Riders took the lead at the shuttles. En route, the Red Devils won four events.

Senior Brea Reitter captured the pole vault with a 9-0 clearance. Senior McKayla Westlake was the top high jumper in the class with a 5-0 effort.

On the track, the Red Devils foursome of Sydney Freeman, Emily Baire, Paige McGlothlin and Kennady Walker posted a 1:46.83 for the title.

Walker posted a 200 victory with a 26.47 clocking.

Indian Creek had a strong showing, too. The Redskins captured the 4x8 when the team of Jaid Bly, Spencer Neville, Madison Smith and Kelsey Lewis posted a 10:31.79.

Smith was also impressive in winning the 400 meter dash. She posted a brisk 57.77, which was a championship meet and stadium record.

Lewis recorded an individual title after winning the 800 in a time of 2:19.76.

The Redskins' foursome of Bly, Megan Price, Lewis and Smith blazed a 4:06.08 to win the 4x4 by nearly 12 seconds.

Union Local's Baylee Wiseman captured the long jump at 33-4 3/4.

On the track, Jets' junior Megan Bateman turned in a strong showing. She won the 1,600 and 3,200 in times of 5:47.30 and 12:32.33.

Oak Glen's Bridget Bemis was the champion in the discus with a mark of 107-1.

In Class 5-A, Morgantown, which is coached by Shadyside graduate Steve Blinco, won its first title since 2013 and third in school history. The Mohigans also captured the overall crown. Steubenville finished second with 82 points, which was 56 behind Morgantown.

Big Red was led by Lysiah Rice as she claimed both the 100 and 200 in 12.44 and 26.01, respectively.

Classmate Elise Watts also had an impressive showing by setting an OVAC, stadium and Class 5-A record in the long jump when she marked the sand at 18-0 1/2.

Senior Amyrah Forte claimed gold in the shot put with a mark of 34-7.

Big Red's 4x2 team of T'Kayla Kelley, Kira Newburn, Carlee Jenkins and Rice ran a 1:45.69 to capture the top spot.

John Marshall's Torie Derraw turned in a brilliant afternoon of work. She started by winning the high jump with a championship and stadium record mark of 5-8. On the track, Derraw added

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mountaineer XPress Project
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. CP16-357-000



Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas) has filed an application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. CP16-357-000. Columbia Gas' application proposes, among other things, (i) construction and operation of 170.1 miles of various diameter pipelines, (ii) modifications to one existing compressor station and two new compressor stations proposed under separate proceedings, (iii) construction of three new compressor stations, (iv) three new regulating stations, (v) and other modifications at a number of aboveground facility sites, all of which will occur in West Virginia.

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY. Columbia Gas is a "natural gas company" as defined under the Natural Gas Act engaged primarily in the business of transporting natural gas and operating underground storage fields in interstate commerce under authorizations granted by and subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC. Columbia Gas operates facilities located in the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

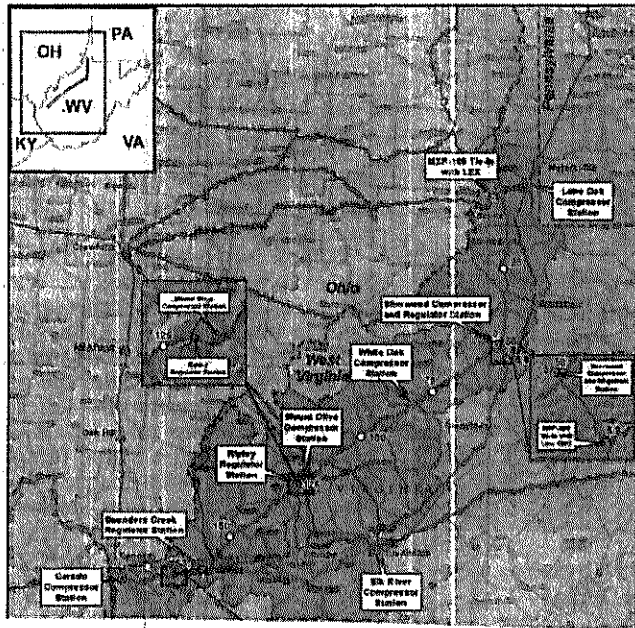
PROJECT'S PURPOSE. The application asks the FERC to authorize Columbia to (i) construct and operate 170.1 miles of various diameter pipelines, (ii) modifications to one existing compressor station and two new compressor stations proposed under separate proceedings, (iii) construction of three new compressor stations, (iv) three new regulating stations, (v) and other modifications at a number of aboveground facility sites, all of which will occur in West Virginia. The project will provide an approximately 2,700,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of capacity available for firm transportation service to Columbia's TCO Pool for delivery to markets across Columbia's system, including markets in West Virginia, and other mutually agreeable points.

PROJECT LOCATION. A map indicating the general location of the construction associated with the project is shown below, pipeline and facilities will all be located in Marshall, Putnam, Tyler, Doddridge, Ritchie, Calhoun, Wirt, Roane, Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Cabell, Wayne, and Kanawha Counties, West Virginia. Columbia Gas anticipates commencing construction in November 2017, with a project in-service date of November 2018. In the event the project is approved, Columbia Gas may need an easement and/or other land rights from you to construct the project, unless these land rights have already been granted to Columbia Gas by you or a previous owner of your property.

FOR MORE INFORMATION. A copy of the application Columbia Gas filed with the FERC is available at: the Cabell County Public Library, Calhoun County Public Library, Doddridge County Public Library, Harlan Public Library, Jackson County Public Library, Kanawha County Public Library, Marshall County Public Library, Pine Grove Public Library, Putnam County Public Library, Ritchie County Public Library, Roane County Public Library, Tyler County Public Library, Boone-Kenova County Public Library and Wirt County Public Library. The application is also accessible via the FERC's website. Visit www.ferc.gov, and select eLibrary (in the upper right hand corner of the screen). Perform a search using Docket No. CP16-357-000. For further information, interested persons can contact Columbia Gas' toll-free number at 1-888-499-3450.

A separate copy of FERC's notice of the application specifically stating the date by which timely motions to intervene are due, together with FERC's information sheet on how to intervene in FERC proceedings, was mailed to affected landowners and government entities.

Information about citizen rights under FERC regulations can be found at the FERC Web site, www.ferc.gov, then selecting For Citizens, Getting Involved. The FERC's informational pamphlet, "An Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline On My Land?" is available at the Web site by selecting For Citizens, Citizens Guides. This information also can be obtained by calling the FERC's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-3372.



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returned basically everyone and our kids have been performing well. It was just a matter of getting the job done and our kids found a way to do it."

Igniting the Knights scoring was junior John Burkhalter. He claimed the long jump by a half inch with his mark of 21-feet, 1/2-inch. He added to his haul by claiming the 110 high hurdles in 15.89.

Senior Chase Harler added to his lengthy athletic resume with an OVAC title in the 400. He ran a 51.81 to edge teammate JaQuan Jackson by a hundredth of a second.

The Knights 4x2 team of Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varlas posted a 1:33.74 for the win by nearly 3 seconds. The same foursome returned to the oval a short time later and claimed the 4x1 in 45.43.

Central put the finishing touches on its crown when the team of Price, Varlas, Harler and Jackson joined forces for a 3:36.18, which won the 4x4 and set a class record.

Shadyside's lone field win came in the pole vault where Shadow Gibson prevailed at 10-6 and was the only vaulter in the class to clear a height. Freshman Chase Stewart won the 3,200 with a time of 10:22.08.

River's Lukas Isaly won the 300 intermediate hurdles with a solid 40.97 effort, which set a conference record in his class.

Toronto's Ty West was the champion in the 100 with an 11.58. In the 200, West prevailed again and lowered his class record by a hundredth of a second thanks to a 22.94.

Paden City's shuttle team

of Jacob Pierce, Cade Myers, Logan Carroll and Deven Price posted a 61.57 to set a class record in the hurdle relay.

Valley's Tucker Cain had quite the day and never stepped foot on the track. He won the high jump, equaling his own class record at 6-4.

Hundred claimed its only OVAC title in the discus ring when senior Aaron Kolat prevailed with a twirl of 129-11.

In Class 3-A, a nip-and-tuck battle was expected with as many as four schools have legitimate title hopes. That turned out to be the case, but Bellaire's depth won out. The Big Reds fought off Steubenville Catholic by eight points, Barnesville by nine and Magnolia was a distant fourth with 58.

For the Big Reds and coach Shawn Valloric, it's the school's first track crown since 2006 and 23rd crown overall.

"When you can qualify in 14 or 15 events, it's a matter of performing on Saturday and our kids did that," Valloric said. "We were two points away last year, but we told the kids it's like the apple on the tree that you have to go up and grab. We had to go grab this even though we had good qualifying days."

The Big Reds got big points in the field. Freshman strong man Cole LaRoche marked the gravel at 52-3 1/2 to win the class and overall title in the shot.

Senior Dylan Marling captured the pole vault with a clearance of 13-0.

Bellaire's points kept coming on the track. The team of Trenton Gibson, Tyler Stewart, Griffen Heatherington and Chase Yoho posted an 8:29.84 for the 4x8 title.

Junior Justyn Keyser won the class title in the high hurdles, clocking in at 15.99.

Steubenville Catholic, which led much of the meet, got its first win in the 4x2 when the squad of John-Paul Tysz, Matt Kilonsky, Aidan Gotta and Justin Hartzell sprinted two laps in 1:32.58. The same team also passed the baton to victory in the 4x1, breaking the tape at 44.95.

Tysz won the 200 in 23.38.

Barnesville posted its first victory in the discus thanks to a mark of 146-7 from senior Logan Castello. It's only other win came when junior Caide Bunfill claimed the long-jump crown with a mark of 20-1 1/2.

Magnolia's Cole McGee got his team going when he captured the high jump with a clearance of 5-8. Talented sophomore Brooks Parsons blazed a lap in 50.84 to win the 400.

Senior Jared Kacor got over eight hurdles in 40.98 to win the 300 intermediates.

The final two titles of the day also went back to New Martinsville. The team of Kacor, Cole McGee, Jack Booth and Riley Nice posted a 62.23 to win the shuttles.

The 4x4 team of Nice, Booth, Kacor and Parsons won by nearly 4 full seconds with a 3:31.88.

Linsly, which saw its

streak of titles snapped at three, received an individual win from Iffy Chima in the 100. He posted an 11.65.

Buckeye Trail's Trey Dougherty won the 800 in 2:03.18.

In Class 4-A, St. Clairsville climbed back to the top of the conference's mountain and did so impressively. The Red Devils' point total was the most scored in the entire meet. The win marks the 12th championship in the school's history.

"We set the goal to win this meet early in the season," Red Devils coach Tony Ciroti said. "The overall (championship) is something we thought we had a chance at and it's really special to win that, too. This is a really strong team. This is a team on and off the track and I couldn't ask for a better group of young men."

St. Clairsville was led by junior hurdler Malachi Mellema, who made his first OVAC meet one to remember. After competing at Kiski Prep last season, Mellema moved to Belmont County and recorded his first two individual conference titles. He won the highs in 14.71 and the intermediates in 39.24.

Junior Austin Passmore won the class title in the 800, circling his home oval twice in 2:02.10.

Senior Isiah Green won

the 200, posting a 23.42.

In the field, the Red Devils got it rolling and never looked back.

Senior Josiah Rhodes edged his teammate, Justin Heatherington, for the high jump crown. Both cleared 6-2.

Junior standout Jordan Vincent continued his fine season in the long jump, leaping to a 4-A record of 22-4 1/4.

The Devils' 4x2 team of Green, Vincent, Mellema and Zach Bigelow turned in a blistering 1:31.91 to win the 800 relay. The team of Green, Vincent, DeVon Harris and Bigelow turned in a 44.26.

St. C.'s shuttle team of Christian Oberdick, Heatherington, Braedyn Mihalic and Mellema skimmed 40 hurdles in 64.77 for the title.

Runner-up Martins Ferry had a strong showing.

Junior Jacob Bishop was a double winner. He won the 1,600 in 4:31.40 and added the 3,200 title in 10:20.33.

The Purple Riders received an individual win from Javon Garriel in the 100 with a time of 11.59.

Buckeye Local captured a pair of events. Senior Tristan Jones won the discus with a twirl of 123-10 and junior Matt Smith claimed the 400 in a time of 51.04.

Union Local captured the final event when the team of Trenton Tipton, Aaron Prout, Brian McWhorter and Josh Bolyard posted a

3:35.03 to win the 4x4.

Oak Glen's lone win came when the team of Canyon Colson, Zach Myes, Cyle Perez and Tanner Gorby posted a time of 8:18.58 to win the 4x800 relay.

In Class 5-A, Cambridge's strength in the jumps, hurdles and relays propelled it to the big-school title, which is its seventh overall. Morgantown finished second with 83 points.

Wheeling Park had a strong showing.

Senior hurdling ace Richard Cummings gave Mellema all he wanted in the highs. He won the title in 14.80.

Junior Quamaezius Mosby won the long jump with a mark of 20-2.

The Patriots' 4x1 team of Justin Levelle, Cummings, Jamez Coles and Elijah Bell turned in a 43.40 to set a class 5A record and win the title.

The shuttle squad of Timothy Goldbaugh, Jake Pedelose, Coles and Cummings blazed a 58.10 for the title.

Weir's Donovan Spencer swept the 100 and 200 titles. He won the shorter race in 11.15. He posted a 22.33 to win the 200.

Brooke's 4x2 team of Derek Jenkins, Nathan Green, Jacob Kennedy and Gavin Lewis blistered two laps in 1:31.18 for the title.

A few events later, Kennedy won the 300 intermediate hurdles in a time of 40-flat.

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May 4, 2016

OVAC track qualifying continues



SHADYSIDE'S SOPHIA Ferrelli runs her leg of the 4x800 meter relay during Tuesday's OVAC class 1A/2A meet held at Red Devil Stadium on Tuesday. The Tigers team won the event and set a meet record in a time of 10:09.87.

By **SETH STASKEY**
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Trey Elerick competes in the discus during the OVAC Class 4A qualifying at Red Devil Stadium on Tuesday. Elerick was the top qualifier in the event.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Half the field is set. The OVAC Track and Field Championship qualifying continued Tuesday at Red Devil Stadium with Classes 4-A and 1-A/2-A getting into the mix.

The meet resumes at 4 today with remaining field events for Classes 5-A and 3-A, while the two divisions that competed Tuesday returning to the Belmont County Seat on Thursday to complete the field for Saturday's championship races.

■ In the 1-A/2-A meet, the puzzle pieces started to come together with none of the pre-meet favorites suffering any kind of major hiccup.

Shadyside's girls led the way in a trio of events. Senior standout McKayla Kinemond set a class record, soaring over the pole vault at 10-feet, 3-inches. She then ran a leg on the top 3,200 team when joined by Haylee Gregan, Sophia Fer-

relli and Ashley Visnic. The quartet posted a time of 10:09.87. Near the end of the competition, Kinemond turned in a 61.56, which was tops in the 400 field.

Wheeling Central, which expects to score well Saturday, nearly had the biggest misstep of the night. The Maroon Knights' 800 team was permitted to run by itself after it missed its scheduled heat. The foursome of Maria Dzmura, Ireland Wayt, Nikki Nolte and Lindsey Baker made the most of the opportunity, posting a 1:49.49.

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The 4-A girls team race is also wide open. Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Indian Creek and Oak Glen have all had impressive qualifying rounds.

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Freshman Emily Baire led the way in the long jump with a 15-5 1/4.

Martins Ferry senior Tyesha Allen posted a 48.69, which was nearly three full seconds faster than anyone else in the class in the low hurdles.

The Purple Riders shuttle team of Laurn Walker, Samaira Jones, Chloe Johnson and Kyona Johnson posted a 1:15.60.

Oak Glen's Alexandra Arnott led the

800 qualifying with a 2:23.62. Senior Bridget Bemis led the way with a 106-8.

Union Local junior Megan Bateman paced the 1600 qualifying with a time of 5:46.52.

Indian Creek's Megan Price, Jaid Bly, Madison Smith and Kelsey Lewis paced the 4x4 by nearly 10 full seconds with a 4:15.83.

In the boys 1-A/2-A meet, Wheeling Central, Caldwell, Shadyside and River appear to be set to embark on a meet-long battle.

Wheeling Central's John Burkhalter posted a 41.96, which was good enough for a meet record. He broke the record he set last season.

The Maroon Knights paced the 4x1 in 46.20 with a team that was comprised of JaQuan Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varlas.

River's 4x4 team of Aiden Taylor, Parker Caretti, Chase Brown and Joey

Flannery raced to a mark of 3:39.13, which is a new meet record.

Toronto's Ty West has been impressive during the qualifying action. He set a meet record in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.95.

Paden City's shuttle team of Jacob Pierce, Cade Myers, Logan Carroll and Deven Price posted a 1:05.60 to lead the way in the hurdle relay.

Valley, which figures to score well in the field, paced the high jump with Tucker Cain soaring over 6-2.

In 4-A, St. Clairsville has established itself as the clear-cut favorite, but Martins Ferry also had a strong two days and could challenge.

Red Devils senior Isiah Green led the 200 qualifying with a time of 23.33.

Junior Malachi Mellema added the 300 hurdles to his lineup on Saturday, skimming eight timbers in 40.58 for the top seed by more than three seconds.

The Devils also paced the high jump thanks to freshman Justin Heatherington soaring over 6-feet.

Martins Ferry's Kevin Simpson paced the 800 meter run with a 2:03.54.

Harrison Central's Zack Henry paced the 1600 meter in 4A with a solid 4:33.83 clocking.

The Huskies' 4x1 team of Tison Johnson, DeJuan Caldwell, Tyler West and Travis Stenson turned in a 44.97 to lead the qualifying.

Oak Glen's shuttle team of Colin Stanley, Dakota Graves, Connor Rosenlieb and Dakota Warren was the top qualifier with a 66.10.

Union Local led the 4x4 with a team of Trenton Tipton, Aaron Prout, Brian McWhorter and Jolsh Bolyard turned in a 3:39.19 to lead the way.

Buckeye Local's Ryan Morrow was the top 4A shot put entrant with a mark of 47-9 1/4.

OVAC track qualifying opens at St. Clairsville



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LINSLY'S AMANDA Raymond and Monroe Central's Ashley Hayes race in the qualifying round of Class 3A 100 meter dash during Monday's OVAC Track and Field Championship at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium.

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The quest for an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track and field title is officially under way.

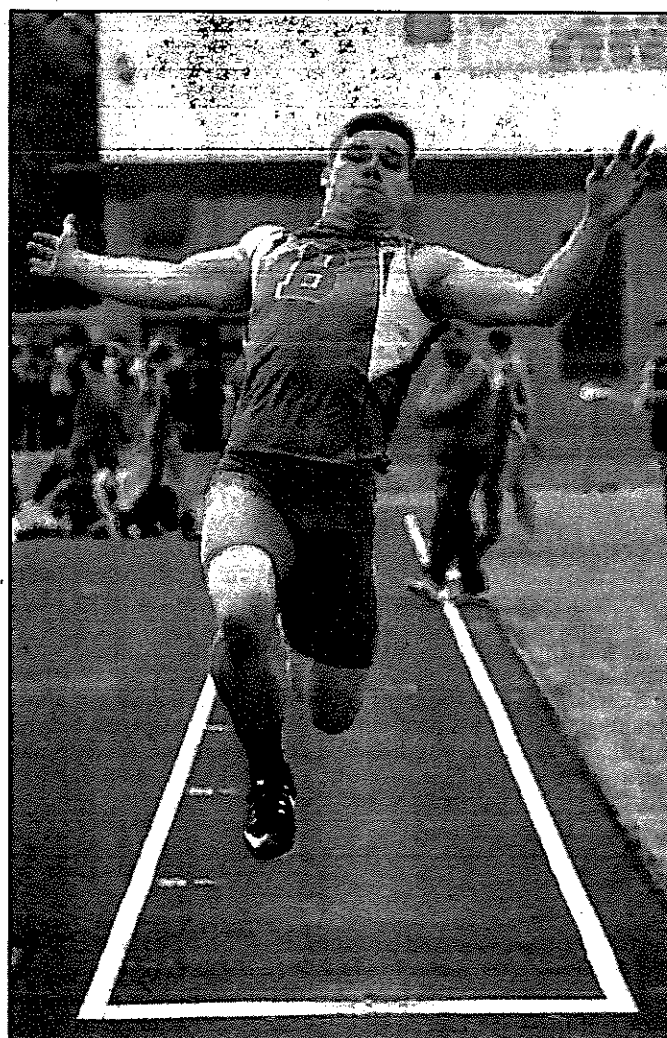
Day one of the five-day track and field extravaganza — better known as the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship — was held at overcast and somewhat chilly Red Devil Stadium. The qualifying rounds for Classes 3A and 5A were held. They'll finish their qualifying rounds on Wednesday afternoon, while the remaining two classes — 4A and 1A/2A — will begin their march toward Saturday's finals this afternoon at 4.

THE 3A TEAM race was one of the more wide-open events and with one day down, it's easy to see why. Seven different schools produced one of the top boys' qualifiers in the class, while only four different schools had a top girls' qualifier.

Bellaire junior Justyn Keyser paced the field in the 110 high hurdles with a 16.14.

Barnesville junior Caide Bunfill marked the sand at 20-ft-1 to lead the long jump qualifiers.

Defending champion Linsly isn't expected to go quietly when the dust settles. Senior Ify Chima ran an 11.35, which



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BARNESVILLE'S CAIDE Bunfill leaps off the board to a mark of 20-ft-1 during the OVAC Class 3A qualifying at Monday's opening night of the OVAC Track and Field Championship.

was the top 100 meter time.

Steubenville Catholic Central turned in a solid 8:35.51 to pace the 4x800 qualifying. The team was comprised of Brody Mihalyo, Nick Solema, Evan Moore and Brady Bolger.

The Crusaders — with a team of John Tysz, Matt Kilonski, Aidan Gotta and Justin Hartzell — sprinted two laps in 1:33.14 to lead the 4x2 field.

Magnolia's Brooks Parsons — who is just a sophomore — ran a solid 51.95 to set the tone in the 400 meter dash.

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Valley's Rachel Baker went over 4-10 to pace the high jump field.

Bridgeport's Candace Kenziarski established a class record in the shot put. Actually, she set two records. She broke the mark of 35-1 and then broke that mark with a toss of 36-4 1/2.

Many of the same schools enjoyed strong starts in the boys' portion of the meet, too.

Wheeling Central junior John Burkhalter skimmed 10 hurdles in 16.13 to lead the way in the 110 highs. Earlier he set the bar in the long jump with a mark of 20-6.

The Maroon Knights' 800 team turned in a 1:35.30, which was two seconds better than its nearest competitor. The team was comprised of JaQuan Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varlas.

A short time later, Jackson and teammate Chase Harler paced the 400 qualifying, posting a 51.29 and 52.68, respectively.

Toronto's Ty West set a class record in the 100, posting a solid 11.31 to advance in the short sprint.

Shadyside freshman Chase Stewart led the small-school 3,200runners, circling the oval eight times in 10:25.77.

Valley's Tucker Cain led the pole vault by soaring over 13-feet.

■ The 4-A girls' race appears to be a wide-open affair with the likes of Indian Creek, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Union Local and Oak Glen all off to strong starts in qualifying.

Indian Creek led the way in the 3,200 relay to get the evening started. The team of Jaid Bly, Spencer Neville, Madison Smith and Kelsey Lewis joined forces for a 10:39.66.

Smith was the only 400 entrant to go under a minute in the class. She broke the tape at 59.44.

Martins Ferry's Tyesha Allen led the way in the 100 high hurdles, posting a

16.00, which was more than two seconds better than any other 4-A hurdler.

St. Clairsville's Kennady Walker led the way in the 100 with a 13.17.

With Walker on the anchor, the Red Devils paced the 800 relay field in 1:48.83. She was joined by Sydney Freeman, Emily Baire and Paige McGlothlin.

In the field, Red Devils senior Mikayla Westlake was the top qualifier in the high jump. She soared past 4-10. Senior Brea Reitter cleared 9-0 to pace the pole vault qualifying.

Union Local's Megan Bateman — fresh off an impressive performance at the Gloria Dawes Invitational last Friday — led the 3,200 qualifying with a time of 12:17.05.

Baylee Wiseman paced the shot put entrants with a mark of 34-4 1/2.

St. Clairsville's boys' had a strong day of qualifying. Junior hurdler Malachi Mellema set the pace and a record in the high hurdles, turning in a 14.55 that set a class record.

Junior sprinter Zach Bigelow edged out teammate Isiah Green by a hundredth of a second for the top 100 spot with an 11.55.

The Red Devils' 800 team of Green, Jordan Vincent, DeVon Harris and Bigelow posted a 1:33.49 to lead the way.

In the field, the Devils received a strong effort from junior Trey Elerick in the discus with a mark of 128-6 and from Vincent in the long jump. He marked the sand at 21-2 1/4.

Martins Ferry junior Jacob Bishop led the way in the 3,200, posting a 10:10.45, which was 14 seconds better than his nearest competitor.

Union Local's Josh Bolyard paced the 400 with a time of 52.16.

Oak Glen's 3,200 team of Canyon Colson, Zach Mynes, Tanner Gorby and Cyle Perez posted an 8:21.22 to fight off Martins Ferry for the top spot.



OVAC Championship Field Set

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St. John Central, which has won or shared the last 14 small-school girls' track crowns, paced three events during the course of the

evening.

Senior ace Jessica Alvey — a returning all-Ohioan — posted a 2:30.42 to lead the 800 meters. Earlier in the meet, she marked the sand at 15-7 1/2.

In the discus ring, senior standout Lindsey Froehlich launched the platter to a mark of 131-2, which smashed her own meet record by 11 feet.

Madonna's shuttle team of Tessie Tokash, Emily Rovira, Dominique Brown and Gabrielle Anile turned in a 1:10.94 to pace the event.

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Photo by Seth Staskey

Wheeling Central's Kenadee Wayt sprints in the 200 meter dash during the OVAC Championship.

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Buckeye Trail's Chase Stillion soared over 13-feet to lead the pole vault.

Shenandoah's Nick Miller was the top discus thrower with a 137-ft-6 effort.

In the girls' side of the meet, Barnesville senior Shayla Markovich paced the shot put qualifying with a heave of 33-10 1/4.

Magnolia led the way in the 4x8. The team of Bre Barbera, Rachel Arbogast, Jordan Delaney and Bri Ritz turned in a 10:24.80 to advance.

Ritz was the top qualifier from the class in the 400 meter dash. She posted a 63.43.

The Blue Eagles took the top two spots in the high jump qualifying thanks to jun-

iors Bailey Estep and Alayna Cline. They went 5-4 and 4-10, respectively.

Buckeye Trail's sophomore phenom Kylie Cutlip — who set an Ohio State record in the 300 low hurdles (42.11) during Saturday's Wayne Warrior Relays in Huber Heights led the 3A qualifying in the high hurdles. She posted a 15.13, which was more than two seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

Classmate Emily Paden broke her own class 3A record in the pole vault with an 11-6 leap.

Steubenville Central's Kara Kakascik — who is more known for her 800 meter speed — led the qualifying in the 100

meter dash with a 13.35.

The Crusaders team of Rebecca Bodo, Emma Borden, Mikayla Gorman and Kakascik advanced in the 4x2 with a time of 1:53.18.

IN 5A, another nip-and-tuck team battle appears to be on the horizon for this weekend.

Wheeling Park's boys posted the top time in the 110 meter hurdles thanks to senior Richard Cummings. He cleared 10 hurdles in 14.84.

The Patriots got going in the field thanks to a long jump mark of 19-ft-2 1/2 by junior Quamaezius Mosby.

Weir's Donovan Spencer was the fastest 100 meter sprinter in the big-school field by two hundredths of a second. He posted an 11.05, while Brooke's Gavin Lewis checked in with an 11.07.

The Bruins set the pace in the 4x200. The team of Derek Jenkins, Nathan Green,

Jacob Kennedy and Lewis posted a 1:32.84.

Steubenville senior Lysiah Rice led the way in the 100 meter dash, posting a 12.58.

With Rice on the anchor, Big Red demonstrated their speed in the 4x2. She was joined by T'Kayla Kelley, Kira Newburn and Carlee Jenkins en route to a 1:48.51.

John Marshall senior Torie Darrow broke her own high hurdle record in leading the qualifying. She skimmed 10 hurdles in 14.65, which was one hundredth of a second faster than her prior mark.

Brooke's Amy Rine led the shot put-field in 5A. She launched the iron ball to a mark of 33-5 1/2.

Cambridge's Lily Ritz paced a solid high-jump field. She soared over the bar at 5-6, equaling Darrow's class record, which she set a year ago.

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capped the outburst with a run-scoring single.

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Shady-side (15-7) scored three times in

OVAC track qualifying concludes for 3A and 5A

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — With most of the meet contested in weather more suited for ducks, the 3A and 5A schools completed their qualifying rounds at the annual OVAC Track and Field Championship Wednesday evening.

Now, those divisions will await results from tonight's final day of qualifying and then prepare for Saturday's championship meet, which is slated to begin at 10 a.m. for field events and noon for running.

Today is the final day of qualifying as 1A/2A and 4A return to Red Devil Stadium for the final eight events.

The 3A boys race continues to evolve as one of the more entertaining team races in quite some time. As many as five schools — Barnesville, Bellaire, Linsly, Magnolia and Steubenville Central — all have a legitimate chance at taking home the top trophy.

Barnesville junior Matthew Burkhart raced two laps in 2:05.79 to pace the 800 qualifying by 15 hundredths of a second over Bellaire's Trenton Gibson.

Bellaire paced the 4x400 thanks to the team of Chase Yoho, Gibson, Griffen Heatherington and Deondre Burney. That quartet posted a 3:32.88 and narrowly fought off both Magnolia and Barnesville.

The Blue Eagles led the way in the high jump thanks to senior Cole McGee, who soared over 5-8.

On the track, Magnolia's foursome of Jared Kacor, McGee, Jack Booth and Riley Nice posted a 653.45 to lead the shuttle qualifiers.

Sticking with the hurdle theme, Kacor paced the 300 intermediate hurdles with a 41.65 clocking.

Steubenville Central earned the top spot in the other field events contested, which was the shot put. James Howard marked the gravel at 48-11 3/4. On the track, John-Paul Tysz led the 200 meter dash qualifying with a 23-flat.

The Crusaders' team of John-Paul Tysz, Matt Kilonsky, Aidan Gotta and Justin Hartzell passed the baton for a lap to a time of 44.74.

In the 3A girls, Magnolia is the clear favorite for the title after yet another solid afternoon of qualifying.

Blue Eagles' junior Kristen Massey posted a 50.69 to top the low-hurdle field.

Magnolia's team of Massey, Rachel Arbogast, Cedar Sands and Bailey Estep paced the shuttles by more than five seconds with a 1:13.08.



ABOVE: BARNESVILLE'S Matthew Burkhart and Bellaire's Trenton Gibson race toward the finish line in the 800 meter run during Wednesday's qualifying action at the OVAC Track and Field Championship in St. Clairsville. Burkhart prevailed with a 2:05.79. **LEFT:** BARNESVILLE'S Karleigh Clouse crosses the finish line in the 200 meter dash with the top time in Class 3A during Wednesday's meet at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium.

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Estep started her day by leading the long jump qualifying with a mark of 16-ft-1 3/4.

Barnesville set the pace in the 200 meter dash thanks to senior Karleigh Clouse's 27.60.

Steubenville Central senior Kara Kakascik — one of the area's most versatile athletes — led the field in the 800 meter run with a 2:20.66. She paced the 100 on Monday.

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Bellaire's Brittany Falcone led the discus qualifying by nearly 10 feet thanks to her 107-foot mark.

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Senior Elise Watts led the long jump field with a mark of 17-1 1/2, which was nearly a foot better than her nearest competitor.

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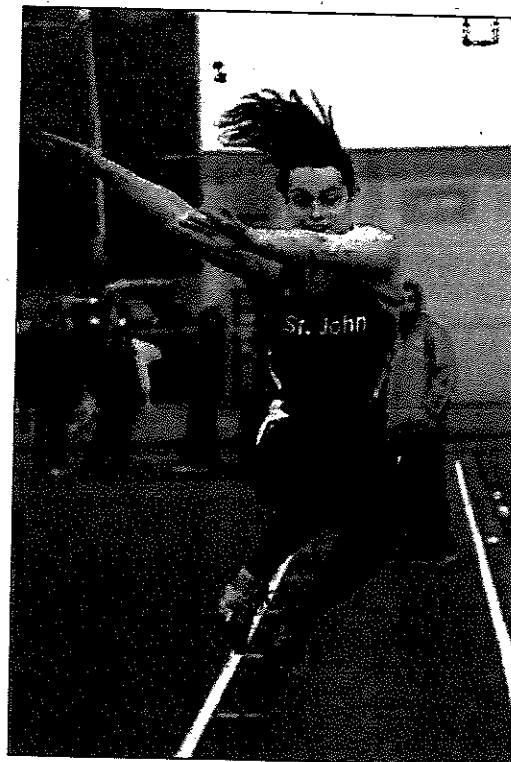
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The Red Devils team of Sydney Freeman, Walker, Hannah Jordan and Mechenzie Wood led the way with a 52.06.

Freshman Emily Baire led the way in the long jump with a 15-5 1/4.

Martins Ferry senior Tyesha Allen posted a 48.69, which was nearly three full seconds faster than anyone else in the class in the low hurdles.



ABOVE: THREE area distance runners, from left, Terrell Tuttle, Jacob Bishop and Zach Henry race in the 1600 meter Class 4A qualifying during Thursday's meet. Henry was the first to cross the line.

LEFT: ST. John Central senior Jessica Alvey jumps toward the top mark in OVAC Class 1A/2A during qualifying action.

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The Purple Riders shuttle team of Lauryn Walker, Samaira Jones, Chloe Johnson and Kyona Johnson posted a 1:15.60.

Oak Glen's Alexandra Arnott led the 800 qualifying with a 2:23.62. Senior Bridget Bemis led the way with a 106-8.

Union Local junior Megan Bateman paced the 1600 qualifying with a time of 5:46.52.

Indian Creek's Megan Price, Jaid Bly, Madison Smith and Kelsey Lewis paced the 4x4 by nearly 10 full seconds with a 4:15.83.

IN THE BOYS 1A/2A meet, Wheeling Central, Caldwell, Shadyside and River appear to be set to embark on a meet-long battle.

Wheeling Central's John Burkhalter posted a 41.96, which was good enough for a meet record. He broke the record he set last season.

The Maroon Knights paced the 4x1 in 46.20 with a team that was comprised of JaQuan Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varlas.

River's 4x4 team of Aiden Taylor, Parker Caretti, Chase Brown and Joey Flannery raced to a mark of 3:39.13, which is a new meet record.

Toronto's Ty West has been impressive during the qualifying action. He set a meet record in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.95.

Paden City's shuttle team of Jacob Pierce, Cade Myers, Logan Carroll and Deven Price posted a 1:05.60 to lead the way in

the hurdle relay.

Valley, which figures to score well in the field, paced the high jump with Tucker Cain soaring over 6-2.

IN 4A, St. Clairsville has established itself as the clear-cut favorite, but Martins Ferry also had a strong two days and could challenge.

Red Devils senior Isiah Green led the 200 qualifying with a time of 23.33.

Junior Malachi Mellema added the 300 hurdles to his lineup on Saturday, skimming eight timbers in 40.58 for the top seed by more than three seconds.

The Devils also paced the high jump thanks to freshman Justin Heatherington soaring over 6-feet.

Martins Ferry's Kevin Simpson paced the 800 meter run with a 2:03.54.

Harrison Central's Zack Henry paced the 1600 meter in 4A with a solid 4:33.83 clocking.

The Huskies' 4x1 team of Tison Johnson, DeJuan Caldwell, Tyler West and Travis Stenson turned in a 44.97 to lead the qualifying.

Oak Glen's shuttle team of Colin Stanley, Dakota Graves, Connor Rosenlieb and Dakota Warren was the top qualifier with a 66.10.

Union Local led the 4x4 with a team of Trenton Tipton, Aaron Prout, Brian McWhorter and Jolsh Bolyard turned in a 3:39.19 to lead the way.

Buckeye Local's Ryan Morrow was the top 4A shot put entrant with a mark of 47-9 1/4.



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UNION LOCAL'S Megan Bateman runs toward top 4A mark in the 1600 meter run during OVA qualifying at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium Thursday.

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OVAC Qualifying Under Way

Cal Giffin OVAC Championship begins in St. C.

By SETH STASKEY
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The quest for an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track and field title is officially under way.

Day one of the five-day track and field extravaganza — better known as the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championship — was held at overcast and somewhat chilly Red Devil Stadium. The qualifying rounds for Classes 3-A and -5A were held. They will finish their qualifying rounds on Wednesday afternoon, while the remaining two classes — 4A and 1A/2A — will

begin their march toward Saturday's finals this afternoon at 4 p.m.

The 3-A team race was one of the more wide-open events and with one day down, it's easy to see why. Seven different schools produced one of the top boys' qualifiers in the class, while only four different schools had a top girls' qualifier.

Bellaire junior Justyn Keyser paced the field in the 110 high hurdles with a 16.14.

Barnesville junior Caide Bunfill marked the sand at 20-ft-1 to lead the long jump qualifiers.

Defending champion Linsly isn't expected to go quietly when the dust

settles. Senior Iffy Chima ran an 11.35, which was the top 100 meter time.

Stuebenville Catholic turned in a solid 8:35.51 to pace the 4x800 qualifying. The team was comprised of Brody Mihalyo, Nick Solema, Evan Moore and Brady Bolger.

The Crusaders — with a team of John Tysz, Matt Kilonski, Aidan Gotta and Justin Hartzell — sprinted two laps in 1:33.14 to lead the 4x2 field.

Magnolia's Brooks Parsons —

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who is just a sophomore — ran a solid 51.95 to set the tone in the 400 meter dash.

Buckeye Trail's Chase Stillion soared over 13-foot to lead the pole vault.

Shenandoah's Nick Miller was the top discus thrower with a 137-ft-6 effort.

On the girls' side of the meet, Barnesville senior Shayla Markovich paced the shot put qualifying with a heave of 33-10 1/4.

Magnolia led the way in the 4x8. The team of Bre Barbera, Rachel Arbogast, Jordan Delaney and Bri Ritz turned in a 10:24.80 to advance.

Ritz was the top qualifier from the class in the 400 meter dash. She posted a 63.43.

The Blue Eagles took the top two spots in the high jump qualifying thanks to juniors Bailey Estep and Alayna Cline. They went 5-4 and 4-10, respectively.

Buckeye Trail's sophomore phenom Kylie Cutlip — who set an Ohio State record in the 300 low hurdles (42.11) during Saturday's Wayne Warrior Relays in Huber Heights led the 3-A qualifying in the high hurdles. She posted a 15.13, which was more than two seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

Classmate Emily Paden broke her own class 3A record in the pole vault with an 11-6 leap.

Stuebenville Catholic's Kara Kakascik — who is more known for her 800 meter speed — led the qualifying in the 100 meter dash with a 13.35.

The Crusaders team of Rebecca Bodo, Emma Borden, Mikayla Gorman and Kakascik advanced in the 4x2 with a time of 1:53.18.

In 5-A, another nip-and-tuck team battle appears to be on the horizon for this weekend.

Wheeling Park's boys posted the top time in the 110 meter hurdles thanks to senior Richard Cummings. He cleared 10 hurdles in 14.84.

The Patriots got going in the field thanks to a long jump mark of 19-ft-2 1/2 by junior Quamaezius Mosby.

Weir's Donovan Spencer was the fastest 100 meter sprinter in the big-school field by two hundredths of a second. He posted an 11.05, while Brooke's Gavin Lewis checked in with an 11.07.

The Bruins set the pace in the 4x200. The team of Derek Jenkins, Nathan Green, Jacob Kennedy and Lewis posted a 1:32.84.

Stuebenville senior Lysiah Rice led the way in the 100 meter dash, posting a 12.58.

With Rice on the anchor, Big Red demonstrated their speed in the 4x2. She was joined by T'Kayla Kelley, Kira Newburn and Carlee Jenkins en route to a 1:48.51.

John Marshall senior Torie Derrow broke her own high hurdle record in leading the qualifying. She skimmed 10 hurdles in 14.65, which was one hundredth of a second faster than her prior mark.

Brooke's Amy Rine led the shot put-field in 5A. She launched the iron ball to a mark of 33-5 1/2.

Cambridge's Lily Ritz paced a solid high-jump field. She soared over the bar at 5-6, equaling Derrow's class record, which she set a year ago.



John Marshall's Torie Derrow competes in the 100m high hurdles event at the Cal Griffin OVAC Track and Field Championship Monday in St. Clairsville.

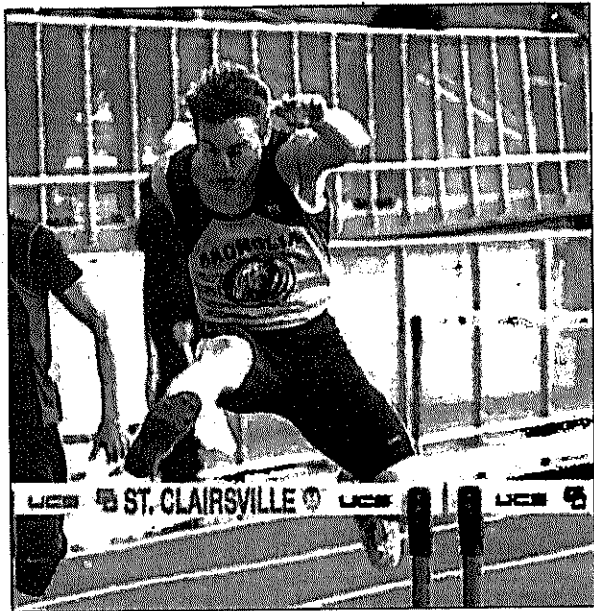


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Magnolia's Jared Kacor competes Wednesday in the 300 hurdles portion of OVAC qualifying.

Qualifying Is Almost Done

OVAC track nearly ready for the finale

By SETH STASKEY
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — With most of the meet contested in weather more suited for ducks, the 3-A and 5-A schools completed their qualifying rounds at the annual OVAC Track and Field Championship on Wednesday.

Now, those divisions will await results from today's final qualifying round and then prepare for Saturday's championship meet, which is slated to begin at 10 a.m. for field events and noon for running.

Today is the final day of qualifying as 1-A/2-A and 4-A return to Red Devil Stadium for the final eight events.

The 3-A boys' race continues to evolve as one of the more entertaining ones in quite some time. As many as five schools — Barnesville, Bellaire, Linsly, Magnolia and Steubenville Catholic — have a legitimate chance at taking home the top trophy.

Barnesville junior Matthew Burkhart raced two laps in 2:05.79 to

pace the 800 qualifying by 15 hundredths of a second on Bellaire's Trenton Gibson.

Bellaire paced the 1,600 relay thanks to the team of Chase Yoho, Gibson, Griffen Heatherington and Deondre Burney. That quartet posted a 3:32.88 and narrowly fought off both Magnolia and Barnesville.

The Blue Eagles led the way in the high jump thanks to senior Cole McGee, who soared over 5-feet, 8-inches.

On the track, Magnolia's foursome of Jared Kacor, McGee, Jack Booth and Riley Nice posted a 653.45 to lead the shuttle qualifiers.

Sticking with the hurdle theme, Kacor paced the 300 intermediates with a 41.65 clocking.

Steubenville Catholic earned the top spot in the other field events contested, which was the shot put. James Howard marked the gravel at 48-11 3/4. On the track, John-Paul Tysz led the 200 qualifying with a 23-flat.

The Crusaders team of John-Paul Tysz, Matt Kilonsky, Aidan Gotta and Justin Hartzell passed

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Central Looks To Run Strong

OVAC track qualifying continues

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Half the field is set.

The OVAC Track and Field Championship qualifying continued Tuesday at Red Devil Stadium with Classes 4-A and 1-A/2-A getting into the mix.

The meet resumes at 4 today with remaining field events for Classes 5-A and 3-A, while the two divisions that competed Tuesday returning to the Belmont County Seat on Thursday to complete the field for Saturday's championship races.

■ In the 1-A/2-A meet, the puzzle pieces started to come together with none of the pre-meet favorites suffering any kind of major hiccup.

Shadyside's girls led the way in a trio of events. Senior standout McKayla Kinemond set a class record, soaring over the pole vault at 10-feet, 3-inches. She then ran a leg on the top 3,200 team when joined by Haylee Gregan, Sophia Ferrelli and Ashley Visnic. The quartet posted a time of 10:09.87.

Near the end of the competition, Kinemond turned in a 61.56, which was tops in the 400 field.

Wheeling Central, which expects to score well Saturday, nearly had the biggest misstep of the night. The Maroon Knights' 800 team was permitted to run by itself after it missed its scheduled heat. The foursome of Maria Dzmura, Ireland Wayt, Nikki Nolte and Lindsey Baker made the most of the opportunity, posting a 1:49.49.

Valley's Rachel Baker went over 4-10 to pace the high jump field.

Bridgeport's Candace Kenziarski established a class record in the shot put. Actually, she set two records. She broke the mark of 35-1 and then broke that mark with a toss of 36-4 1/2.

Many of the same schools enjoyed strong starts in the boys' portion of the meet, too.

Wheeling Central junior John Burkhalter skimmed 10 hurdles in 16.13 to lead the way in the 110 highs. Earlier he

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Photo by Seth Staskey

Wheeling Central's John Burkhalter competes in the 110-meter high hurdles during OVAC Track and Field Championship qualifying Tuesday in St. Clairsville.

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set the bar in the long jump with a mark of 20-6.

The Maroon Knights' 800 team turned in a 1:35.30, which was two seconds better than its nearest competitor. The team was comprised of JaQuan Jackson, Brandon Angalich, Bray Price and Aric Varias.

A short time later, Jackson and teammate Chase Harler paced the 400 qualifying, posting a 51.29 and 52.68, respectively.

Toronto's Ty West set a class record in the 100, posting a solid 11.31 to advance in the short sprint.

Shadyside freshman Chase Stewart led the small-school 3,200runners, circling the oval eight times in 10:25.77.

Valley's Tucker Cain led the pole vault by soaring over 13-feet.

■ The 4-A girls' race appears to be a wide-open affair with the likes of Indian Creek, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Union Local and Oak Glen all off to strong starts in qualifying.

Indian Creek led the way in the 3,200 relay to get the evening started. The team of Jaid Bly, Spencer Neville, Madison Smith and Kelsey Lewis joined forces for a 10:39.66.

Smith was the only 400 entrant to go under a minute in the class. She broke the tape at 59.44.

Martins Ferry's Tyesha Allen led the way in the 100 high hurdles, posting a 16.00, which was more than two seconds better than any other 4-A hurdler.

St. Clairsville's Kennady Walker led the way in the 100 with a 13.17.

With Walker on the anchor, the Red Devils paced the 800 relay field in 1:48.83. She was joined by Sydney Freeman, Emily Baire and Paige McGlothlin.

In the field, Red Devils senior Mikayla Westlake was the top qualifier in the high jump. She soared past 4-10. Senior Brea Reitter cleared 9-0 to pace the pole vault qualifying.

Union Local's Megan Bateman — fresh off an impressive performance at the Gloria Dawes Invitational last Friday — led the 3,200 qualifying with a time of 12:17.05.

Baylee Wiseman paced the shot put entrants with a mark of 34-4 1/2.

St. Clairsville's boys' had a strong day of qualifying. Junior hurdler Malachi Mellema set the pace and a record in the high hurdles, turning in a 14.55 that set a class record.

Junior sprinter Zach Bigelow edged out teammate Isiah Green by a hundredth of a second for the top 100 spot with an 11.55.

The Red Devils' 800 team of Green, Jordan Vincent, DeVon Harris and Bigelow posted a 1:33.49 to lead the way.

In the field, the Devils received a strong effort from junior Trey Elerick in the discus with a mark of 128-6 and from Vincent in the long jump. He marked the sand at 21-2 1/4.

Martins Ferry junior Jacob Bishop led the way in the 3,200, posting a 10:10.45, which was 14 seconds better than his nearest competitor.

Union Local's Josh Bolyard paced the 400 with a time of 52.16.

Oak Glen's 3,200 team of Canyon Colson, Zach Mynes, Tanner Gorby and Cyle Perez posted an 8:21.22 to fight off Martins Ferry for the top spot.

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the baton for a lap to a time of 44.74.

In the 3-A girls, Magnolia is the clear favorite for the title after yet another solid afternoon of qualifying.

Blue Eagles junior Kristen Massey posted a 50.69 to top the low-hurdle field.

Magnolia's team of Massey, Rachel Arbogast, Cedar Sands and Bailey Estep paced the shuttles by more than five seconds with a 1:13.08.

Estep got her day started by leading the long jump qualifying with a mark of 16-1 3/4.

Barnesville set the pace in the 200 thanks to senior Karleigh Clouse's 27.60.

Steubenville Catholic senior Kara Kakascik led the field in the 800 with a 2:20.66. She paced the 100 on Monday.

The Crusaders team of Mikayla Gorman, Rebecca Bodo, Lauren Hunt and Kakascik turned in a 4:27.39 to lead the 1,600 relay

qualifying.

Bellaire's Brittany Falcone led the discus qualifying by nearly 10 feet thanks to her 107-0 mark.

■ The 5-A boys is shaping up to be an 18-event battle with several schools in the thick of the chase.

Wheeling Park's boys grabbed the top qualifying spot in the 300 intermediate hurdles thanks to senior Richard Cummings' 40.92 effort.

The Patriots' shuttle team of Timothy Goldbaugh, Jake Pedelose, Jamez Coles and Cummings skimmed 40 timbers in a blazing 58.42 for the top spot.

Brooke, which was impressive during the 800 relay Monday, turned in a 44.68 to edge Park by three hundredths of a second. The team was made up of Derek Jenkins, Nathan Green, Ethan Secrist and Gavin Lewis.

Weir's Donovan Spencer set a

class record in the 200 with his 22.39 clocking.

Steubenville senior Johnnie Blue was the top big-school shot putter with a mark of 49-1 1/2.

In the big-school girls' competition, Steubenville had a solid two days of qualifying.

Senior Elise Watts led the long jump field with a mark of 17-1 1/2, which was nearly a foot better than her nearest competitor.

Fellow seniors Zyairah Yetts and Amyrah Forte both advanced in the discus, grabbing the top two spots at 99-5 and 98-0.

Wheeling Park's shuttle team of Sydney Moffett, Tamara Bumgardner, Kayley Miller and Bailey Druschel clocked an impressive 67.70 to pace the hurdle relay.

Weir's Stephanie Pennacchio posted a 49.05 to earn the top spot in the 300 low hurdles.

John Marshall's Torie Derrrow was the top qualifier in the 200 with a solid 26.20.