

SPORTS

Schnee sisters attain first, second in DII district meet

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CROSS COUNTRY

GALION — Edison and Western Reserve, plus four individuals, extended their seasons during the girls' district meet Saturday.

At the Galion site in Division III, the Lady Chargers finished third with 75 points, while Western checked fourth at 119. Seneca East topped the field with 52 points, followed by Colonel Crawford, 70.

In addition to Edison and Western, New London and Plymouth competed in Division III at Galion, while Willard and Norwalk were in Division II at the same spot.

New London finished sixth with 147 points.

Norwalk and Plymouth didn't field enough runners for a full team.

Meanwhile, St. Paul and Monroeville competed in Division III at Terra Community College in Fremont.

St. Paul recorded seventh with 173 points in District 1, while Monroeville was ninth with 200 in District 2.

The top four teams and 16 individuals moved on to the regional

meet, which is scheduled for Tiffin Saturday.

Willard's Danielle Stockmaster, Norwalk's Brittany Van Natta and St. Paul's Amanda Allard and Luda Pasechynk were the qualifying individuals.

The Schnee sisters led Edison to its spot.

Kelly Schnee was first overall at 19:56, while Shelly Schnee was second in 20:00.

Also for the Lady Chargers, Nicole Hoag was 21st in 21:40; Maria Carratola, 27th, 21:55; Sarah Frock, 31st, 22:03; Mandi Wurmser, 39th, 22:40 and Donna Wilson, 41st, 22:46.

"Both had PRs for the season," coach Dean Stanfield said.

But others stepped up to help the cause.

"We had a full team-effort," Stanfield said. "You want them to run their best at the end of the season."

Mara Lee Albright topped Western, finishing fifth at 20:12. Jackie Davis took 18th in 21:25; Rebecca Bement, 33rd, 22:13; Caitlin Bement, 37th, 22:32; Brittany Pickett, 40th, 22:40; Jessica Patrick,

47th, 23:32 and Jennifer Drennen, 59th, 24:19.

"Five of my seven PRd, and the first two girls dropped huge amounts of time," coach Keith Landis said. "From top to bottom, we had an excellent day."

The fourth place in the district comes off a second for the Lady Roughriders at the Firelands Conference meet Oct. 5.

"The kids are definitely tuned in for the conference and after and that's how we gear the workouts," Landis said.

For New London, Megan Shepherd was 20th in 21:29; Holly Perkins, 30th, 22:01; Jenn Bottomlee, 34th, 22:16; Courtney Wuensch, 38th, 22:34; Holly Romelfanger, 43th, 22:58 Jen Suvar, 46th, 23:13 and Katy Davis, 51st, 23:40.

"The girls came a long way," coach Dan Olien said of his team. "For only having one girl back, they really worked hard, and worked well together."

Meanwhile, Stockmaster collected seventh in 19:49; Van Natta, 15th, 20:30; Allard, 11th, 21:16 and Pasechynk, 16th, 21:29.

Also running for the Lady Flashes were: Andrea Minich, 34th, 21:56; Stacey Massie, 37th,

22:09; Catherine Luna, 41st, 22:27; Alicia Niedermeier, 42nd, 22:30; Kristen Buurma, 44th, 22:53 and Lindsay Niedermeier, 47th, 24:14.

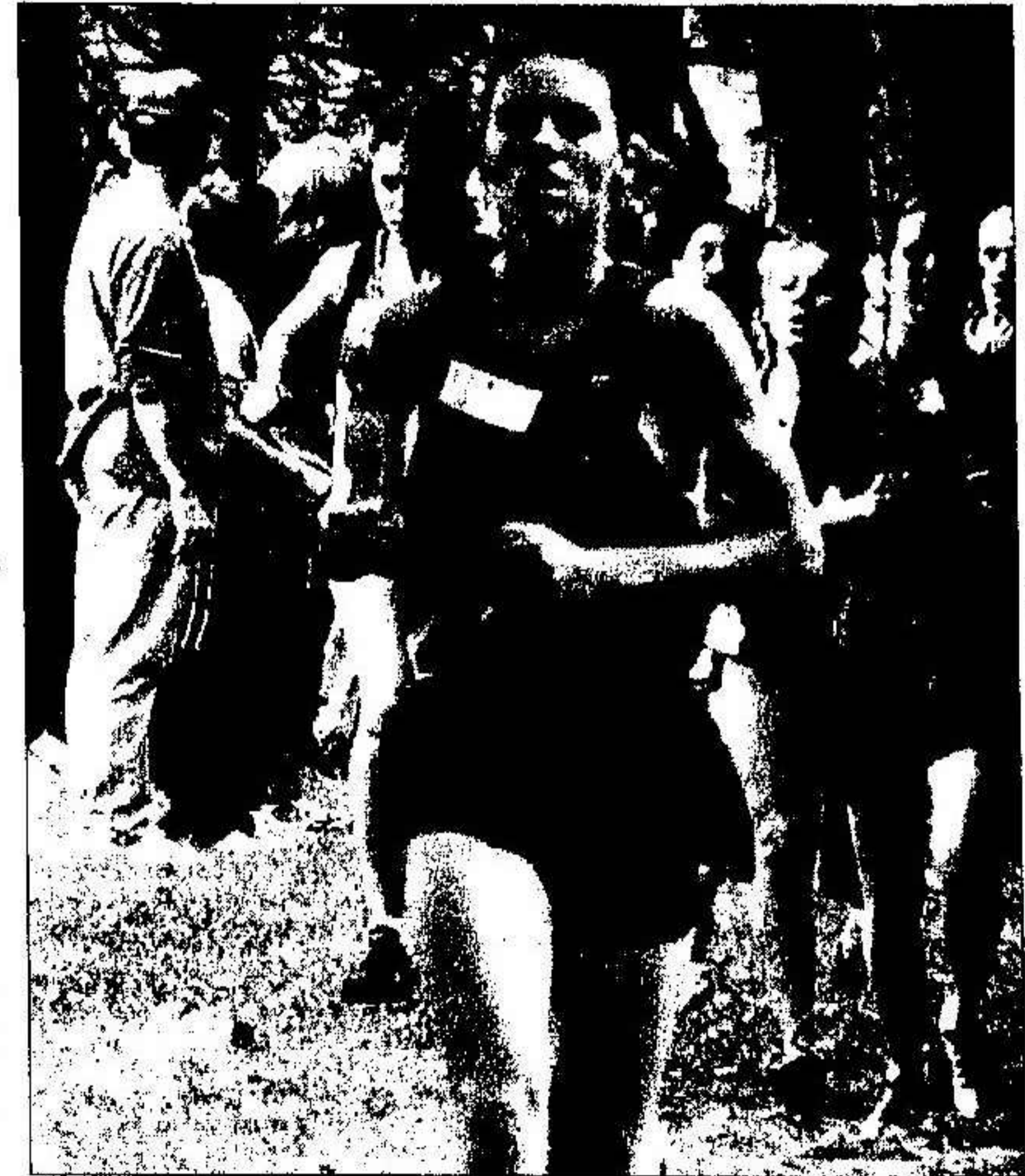
Other Norwalk runners with places and times consisted of: Jillian Hoyt finished 38th in 22:13; Jessica Brown, 49th, 24:19 and Anna Babcock, 51st, 24:32.

In addition to Allard and Pasechynk for St. Paul, Katherine Osborn was 50th in 24:52; Lindsay Bungard, 51st, 25:05; Tiffany Woudstra, 55th, 25:22; Sara Nickoli, 65th, 26:35 and Alyssa Gross, 71st, 31:18.

Charlene Downing paced Monroeville, finishing 21st in 22:13. Also for the Lady Eagles, Tarah Faren was 43rd in 24:10; Jenny Wilhelm, 26:24; Renee Karnehm, 55th, 26:35; Dannielle Scherley, 59th, 27:08 and Brooke Ruffing, 65th, 29:44.

"We had a young girls team with several first time runners," Eagles coach Wayne Chasney said. "They had a good season and we look forward to building this team in the future."

The first girls' race is Division III at 1:20 p.m., followed by Division II girls, 2:05 and Division I girls, 2:50.



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Kelly Schnee competes for Edison during DII district action at Galion Saturday.

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State-ranked Wildcats captured DIII district meet

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GALION — New London, Edison and Plymouth highlighted the boys' district meet at Ammans Reservoir Saturday.

The three teams, along with four individuals, qualified to Saturday's regional meet at Tiffin.

The Wildcats, Chargers, Big Red, Western Reserve, Norwalk and Willard all competed at the Galion site. New London, Plymouth and Western were in Division III competition, while Edison, Norwalk and Willard participated in Division II.

Meanwhile, Monroeville and St. Paul were at the Division III Terra Community College in Fremont site.

The top four teams and 16 individuals all qualified to the regional meet, which is

The Wildcats, who are ranked ninth in the state in Division III, finished first with 47 points. It was the third district title out of the last four years for New London.

Colonel Crawford took second at 70 points, followed by Plymouth, 89 and Crestview, 95. Western finished eighth with 179 points.

In Division II, Edison claimed third with 107 points. Perkins captured the title with 80 points, followed by

Shelby at 100. Ontario notched the fourth spot with 111 points.

Willard finished eighth with 200 points, while Norwalk checked in 10th at 214.

Willard's Ricky Featheringill and Norwalk's Scott Hamernik, and Monroeville's Kyle Schaffer and Brian Koch placed in the top-16 to move on.

New London was led by Thomas Landis, who claimed third in 16:50. He was followed by Russ Roberts, sixth, 17:17; Zac Sendelbach, 10th, 17:36; David Kamm, 13th, 17:50; Jordan Campbell, 15th, 17:54; Ben Kaufman, 22nd, 18:23 and Jeremy Amburgy, 27th, 18:34.

Landis cut 13 seconds off his previous best.

"They've worked very hard," coach Dan Olien said. "They're a close-knit group. It's all about team."

The Wildcats also picked up their fifth big-meet win of the season and improved the overall mark to 87-5.

Jeremy Rowe paced Plymouth, finishing seventh in 17:26. Adam Wade picked up 17th in 18:00; Mike Pritchard, 18th, 18:08; Mike Ball, 21st, 18:18 and Skylar

Branstool, 26th, 18:29.

Edison placed three runners in the top-20. Aaron Jones led the way, at 10th, in 17:06. Pete Hill attained 17th in 17:25; Brian Collins, 19th, 17:27; Matt Triana, 30th, 17:56; Jeff Meinert, 31st, 17:56; A.J. Hart, 48th, 18:41 and Jonathon Sutter, 18:42.

"We're real excited," coach Dean Stanfield said. "It was the first time our top-five all finished in the 17s. Their work ethic is the reason for a lot of this."

Meanwhile, Featheringill took 13th in 17:14; Hamernik, 14th, 17:16; Schaffer, ninth, 17:41 and Koch, 16th, 18:00.

Also for Willard, Jordan Sickel was 24th in 17:29; Joseph Schloemer, 51st, 18:43; Travis Salyer, 53rd, 18:48; Rafael Martinez, 59th, 19:26; Kyle Wilson, 75th, 21:15 and Mark Rice, 78th, 21:58.

Also for Norwalk at the district meet, Adam Wetzel was 32nd in 17:57; Damon Polta, 44th, 18:25; David Springer, 57th, 19:14; Adam Warner, 67th, 19:59 and Levi Amerine, 76th, 21:17.

Springer, Warner and Amerine all achieved personal records.

Dan Cammarn registered 23th in 18:24 for Western. He was followed by Matt Maloney, 25th, 18:28; Shawn Martz, 35th, 19:17; Nicholas Gordon, 43rd, 19:58;

Ryan Burch, 53rd, 21:40; Perry Tracht, 58th, 22:48 and Carlos Ramos, 62nd, 24:15.

At Terra, Monroeville recorded seventh in District 2 with 159 points, while St. Paul was 12th in District 1 with 256.

Other Monroeville runners with places and times included:

In the open race, James Kasten Jr. ran a 22:11.

For the Eagles, Schaffer was ninth at 17:41; Koch, 16th, 18:00; Ben Wilhelm, 41st, 19:13; Nick Ryan, 45th, 19:26; Dan Wendt, 53rd, 19:45; Drew Karnehm, 62nd, 20:18 and Levi Vladiff, 67th, 20:53.

"The boys ran a very good race in a very tough district," coach Wayne Chasney said. "We are very pleased to have both Kyle and Brian advance to regionals. This is the first time we've had runners advance since reinstating the program three years ago.

For St. Paul, Bryan Allard recorded 42nd for the Flyers, who were at the Terra site, in 19:34. Also, Nick Fries was 60th in 20:28; Josh Beebe, 67th, 21:27; Scott Gfell, 21:31; Pat Kijowski, 72nd, 22:08 and Matt Holmer, 75th, 22:31.

The boys are slated to start the regional meet with Division III at 11:05 p.m., followed by Division II, 11:50 and Division I, 12:35.



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Edison's Aaron Jones runs in the Division II district race at Galion's Ammans Reservoir Saturday. Jones helped the Chargers advance to the regional meet with a 10th-place finish.