

# Edison boys run away from field for regional title

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TIFFIN — The Edison Chargers ran away from a powerful field Saturday to win the Division II regional title at Hedges Boyer Park and reserved a spot in Saturday's state championship race.

The Chargers finished with 74 points, staking claim that they are a team to be reckoned with this weekend at Scioto Downs in Columbus.

The other state qualifying teams were Galion, which placed second with 101 points, while Wauseon was third with 117.

Norwalk finished eighth with 176 points.

Qualifying as individuals to the state from the area were Willard's Richard Featheringill and Edison's Sarah Foster.

The top three teams and top 12 individuals overall qualified to run Saturday in the state meet.

Leading the way for the Chargers was senior Jeff Meinert, finishing fifth overall in a time of 16:29. Following Meinert was sophomore Josh Dow in 15th place, who finished in 17:18.

Senior Pete Hill finished 26th overall in 17:38, followed by junior Tyler Johns at 33rd, 17:51; sophomore Zach Rospert, 35th, 17:52; sophomore Bryant Strayer, 77th, 18:53 and senior Cameron Ground, 87th, 19:20.

Edison coach Dean Stanfield was pleased with the victory.

"They put it together as a team (Saturday)," Stanfield



Foster



Featheringill

said. "We struggled the last couple of weeks getting everyone to run their best times, but they were able to put it together today.

"Our fourth and fifth runners stepped up and ran great races. Pete Hill struggled a little bit last week, but he ran a great race. They all ran well."

This win couldn't have come at a better time for the Chargers.

"This was a substantial win," Stanfield said. "This is great momentum for the state meet coming up."

Featheringill finished the race in fourth place overall in 16:26.

As for Featheringill, he expected to return to Columbus this season.

"I made it last year," he said. "I finished 31st last year, and I am going for the podium this year. I want to be in the top 15 (this weekend). I can be right up there."

Running in the state meet was one of the goals set for this year.

"I just wanted to consistently improve this year," Featheringill said. "I knew I could make it (to state) because I did it last year."

The Willard runner said his strategy Saturday was to run up



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Edison senior Pete Hill moves along the course during Division II regional meet competition Saturday at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.

front.

"I knew I could stay up there with the leaders," he said. "I

knew they would run a quick pace, and I ended up running a 5-minute first mile. That was pret-

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ty fast."

Featheringill's teammate, junior Jordan Sickel, finished in 24th place, crossing the line in 17:32.

Norwalk was led by juniors Adam Wetzel and James Kasten. Wetzel finished 36th in 17:53, while Kasten was 38th in 17:56.

Following the two juniors were seniors David Springer at 51st in 18:10 and Edward Christie, 56th, 18:14.

Next to finish for the Truckers were sophomore Andy Wetzel at 67th, 18:32, junior Adam Warner, 86th, 19:19 and senior Stephen Reitzel, 88th, 19:21.

Norwalk coach Bob Knoll was not satisfied with the results.

"The first three didn't run their usual races," Knoll said. "They had been running well all year but they were a little off (Saturday)."

Being a little off wasn't because of the windy conditions.

"The only reason I can say is because two of the three went to see a play on Thursday," Knoll said. "They got home late and that threw everything off a little bit."

On the girls' side, Willard finished fifth as a team with 195 points, just missing a trip to the state meet.

The top four teams and 16 overall finishers advanced to the final weekend.

Winning the meet was Napoleon with a meager 56 points, followed by Defiance with 91. Van Wert grabbed third with 105 points, while Tiffin

Columbian was fourth with 192 points.

Foster, who qualified to the state meet with the Lady Chargers in 2002, finished third overall in 19:47.

"This is my first trip to state as an individual," she said. "I am really excited about that."

Stanfield said the regional meet was the first season Foster has been able to run without injury.

"I had a back injury from basketball last year and the year before that I had tendinitis in my knee," Foster said.

"This is the first year I have been healthy."

Finishing in the top three Saturday was Foster's goal, and now an all-Ohio finish is next on the list.

"My strategy will be the same (Saturday)," Foster said. "I will go out slow and then work in the second and third mile."

Willard was paced by Tracey Stockmaster, who finished 22nd in 21:05.

Following Stockmaster was Victoria Predmore at 41st in 21:38; Alicia Niedermeier, 52nd, 22:04; Stephanie Reiderman, 61st, 22:14; Megan Van Pelt, 71st, 22:28; Rebecca Keefer, 85th, 22:54 and Catherine Luna, 113th, 24:33.

Norwalk's lone runner in the girls' race was Megan Music, who placed 24th overall in 21:12.

Evan Gaynor of Delta won the boys' race in 16:03, while Julia Weisenborn of Tontogany Otsego claimed the girls race in 19:16.

# Gabrielle Wuensch, Coombs advance to state meet

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TIFFIN — New London sophomores Troy Coombs and Gabrielle Wuensch will be the area's only representatives Saturday in the Division III boys, and girls, state cross country meet.

Coombs finished 14th in the boys' race, finishing the course with a time of 17:08, while Wuensch also ran her way to a 14th place finish. Her time was 20:32.

Both qualified for the regional meet as members of a team, however they will be the only two running this weekend.

New London's boys finished 12th in the 20 team field with 277 points.

The top five teams and 20 individuals overall qualified for Saturday's state meet at Scioto Downs in Columbus.

Winning the boys' race was Lima Central Catholic with 99 points, followed by Ashland Crestview at 123; Old Fort, 126; Haviland Wayne Trace, 136 and Kansas Lakota, 166.

Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic was 16th with 340, while Plymouth finished 19th at 468.

New London coach Dan Olien talked about his team's performances.

"My goal every year is to win the Firelands Conference," Olien said. "That is always the first item of business."

"But we also like to see each of the teams progress through each round and qualify for the state meet."

With New London being represented by both a member of the

boys and girls team shows progress is being made, Olien said.

"The boys had a very young team this year," Olien said. "We have some good kids coming up from the middle school, and we are losing only two seniors."

"The girls' team will have everybody back next year and they should be joined by a good eighth-grade team."

Rounding out the team for New London Saturday was Zac Sendelbach at 37th in 17:46; Brandon Lang, (89th, 18:36; Kyle Cramer, 97th, 18:44; Nathan Grys, 102nd, 18:51; Cory Landis, 134th, 19:36 and David Dvorak, 138th, 19:58.

Plymouth qualified for the regional meet for the third straight year.

Leading the way for the Big Red was Skylar Branstool.

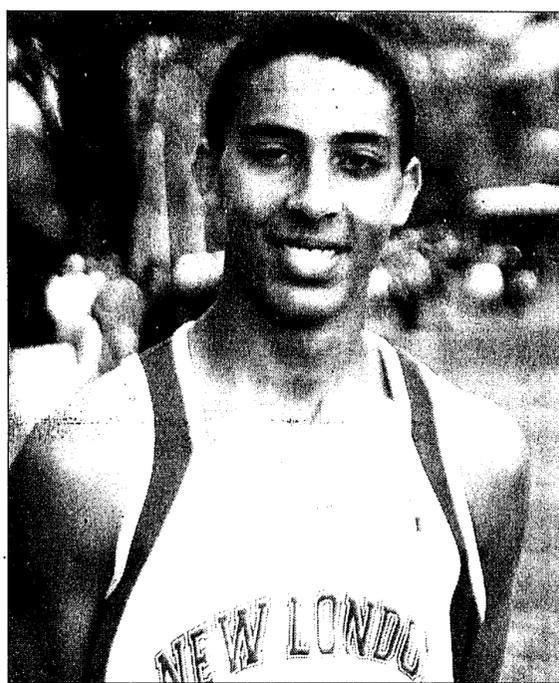
He finished the race in 17:43, good for 33rd place.

Following Branstool were Evan Fackler at 71st in 18:21; Matt Ball, 137th, 19:55; Bryant Foster, 151st 21:08 and Mike McKenzie, 154th, 21:34.

Big Red coach Marty McKenzie was satisfied with Plymouth's season.

"Everybody is coming back for next year," McKenzie said, adding this is the third year in a row they have traveled this far.

"In the history of Plymouth High School, no other team has been to the regional three times besides baseball," McKenzie said. "The cross country team made it to state from 1971 to 1974, and they won the state championship in 1971 and 1974."



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New London sophomore Troy Coombs qualified to the state meet Saturday at Scioto Downs in Columbus. Coombs finished in 14th in Division III for his state spot.

"We are the next team to make it here three years in a row."

On the girls' side, New London finished eighth with 234 points, while St. Paul was 15th with 353.

Winning the regional title was Findlay Liberty Benton with 64 points, followed by Coldwater with 104; Old Fort, 137; Seneca East, 143 and North Robinson Colonel Crawford, 180.

After Wuensch for New London was sister Danielle Wuensch with a time of 21:26, good for 29th place.

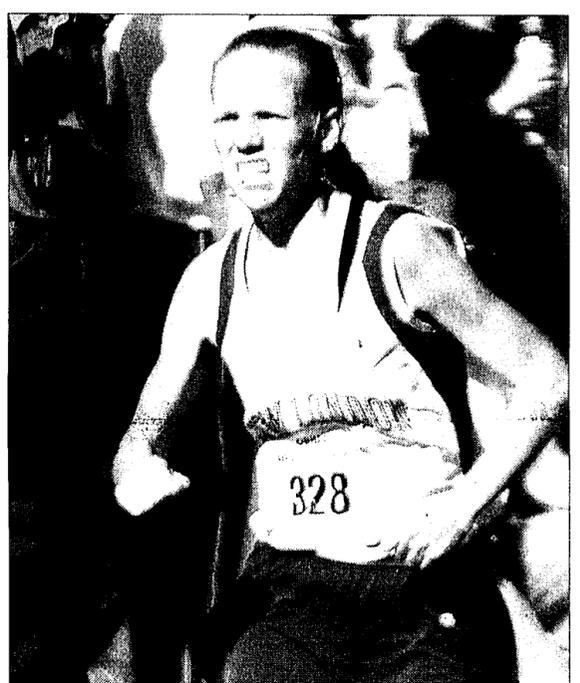
Next for the Wildcats was Megan Shepherd at 81st in 23:03, followed by Tiffany Trimble at 100th in 23:33; Jennifer

Bottomlee, 104th, 23:38; Holly Perkins, 126th, 24:21 and Emma Schwinn, 152nd, 26:18.

St. Paul was led by Amanda Allard, who finished 36th in 21:36. Following Allard was Caitly Fitzgerald at 60th in 22:35; Sara Nickoli, 103rd, 23:38; Danielle Missler, 119th, 24:12; Lindsay Bungard, 153rd, 26:19; Kay Osborne, 157th, 27:41 and Coty Weimer, 160th, 28:50.

Three area individuals qualified for the Tiffin regional, but their bids for the state meet fell short.

Monroeville's Lynsey Schaffer finished 59th in 22:34, Western Reserve's Samantha Boyd of took



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New London sophomore Gabrielle Wuensch runs in the Division III regional meet Saturday at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.

61st in 22:39 and Plymouth's Ashley Speicher placed 76th in 22:56.

Jason Ordway of Holgate won

the Division III boys' race in 16:14, while the girls' champion was Defiance Ayersville's Audra Brown in 19:29.

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