

7 Champions Return In District Track

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First-place winners return in seven of the 15 events in the Class A district track meet to be held Saturday at Mehock Field in Mansfield.

Athletes from 15 schools will be trying to qualify for the regional Class A meet to be held at Worthington May 17. The top two finishers in each event will go to Worthington.

Jerry Slaughter of Colonel Crawford looms as the top hurdler. He won the lows last year and has gone 20.2 this year, just below the record of 20.4. Slaughter was third in the 1968 highs.

Dean Harmony of New London, Don Stephens of Riverdale, Gary Bowman of Crestview, and Tom Henry and Jim Adams of Plymouth are the top sprinters. Harmony won the 100 last year in 10.6. Bowman was third last year and has gone 10.2 this year. Henry and Adams have both been timed in 10.4. Stephens won the 220 in 1968. Bowman, second last year, has the best mark of 22.5, which is the meet record.

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John Altman, a big tackle on Riverdale's football team, is the best shot putter at 51 feet, five inches. Robert Johnson of New London, second last year, has thrown the discus 142 feet, two inches for the top mark.

MORE TOPPERS

The long jump will be up for grabs with Bowman's mark of 19 - 7 tops. Randy Phillips of Ridgemont, second last year, is the only entrant to clear six feet in the high

jump. He has gone 6 - 2. Several boys are capable of winning the pole vault, including Bill Wilson of Lucas, who has sailed 11 - 6.

The Class AA district meet will be held at the same time as Class A. Preliminaries start at 10 a.m. with finals scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Medals go for the top three places with ribbons going to fourth and fifth. Crestview, which edged Attica by one point, is the defending team champion.

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Mile run (4:42.0, 4:46.8) — 1, Ed Slone, Crestview, 4:47; 3, Bill Human, Riverdale, 5:06; 5, Randy Conley, Plymouth, 4:58. Best marks: Dave Kessler, Republic, 4:55; Tom Fruth, Attica, 4:56; Ken Fortney, Attica, 4:58; Dave Clady, Buckeye Central, 4:49.6.

880-yard relay (1:34.1, 1:36.5) — Best marks: Riverdale, 1:36.4; Plymouth, 1:36.0; Attica, 1:36.8.

440-yard dash (52.1, 54.9) — 1, Terry Buzard, Plymouth, 53.7; 2, Randy Smith, South Central, 1:00.1; 4, Andy Cole, Wynford, 5; Dave Wolford, Crestview, 55.2. Best marks: Drew Arvay, Lucas, 54.2; Dave Didion, Norwalk St. Paul, 53.0; Dave Weaver, Attica, 54.0.

180-yard low hurdles (20.4, 21.7) — 1, Jerry Slaughter, Colonel Crawford, 20.2; 2, Jack Gutilla, Attica, 21.0. Best marks: John Hamman, Plymouth, 21.3; Charles White, Crestview, 21.3.

880-yard run (2:02.2, 2:03.5) — 1, Sean Studer, Attica, 2:05.8. Best marks: Andy Cole, Wynford, 2:06.4; Jack Kramer, Hardin Northern, 2:08; Terry Buzard, Plymouth, 2:08; Mark Ernberger, Lucas, 2:08.3.

220-yard dash (22.5, 24.0) — 1, Don Stephens, Riverdale, 23.6; 2, Gary Bowman, Crestview, 22.5; 4, Dean Harmony, New London, 23.2. Best marks: Curt Tinge, Hardin Northern, 23.8; Dave Heyman, Norwalk St. Paul, 23.0; Steve Missler, Norwalk St. Paul, 23.5; Tom Henry, Plymouth, 22.7; Jim Adams, Plymouth, 22.9.

Two-mile run (10:19.4, 10:37.6) — 1, Doug Kritzler, Hardin Northern, 10:15; 2, Mike Fruth, Attica, 10:58; 4, Roger Eichelberger, Crestview, 10:42; 5, Dave Reid, Crestview, 11:05. Best times: Dick DeLong, Hardin Northern, 10:55.

Mile relay (3:35.5, 3:42.5) — Best times: Attica, 3:42.6; Crestview, 3:44; New London, 3:45.9.

Shot put (55-2¼, 46-10) — Best marks: John Altman, Riverdale, 51-5; Dennis Bogner, Attica, 44-11½; Ronnie Hoover, Ridgmont, 44-0.

High jump (6-3¾, 5-10) — 2, Randy Phillips, Ridgmont, 6-2. Best marks: Jim Clark, Plymouth, 5-10; George Dalton, Western Reserve, 5-10; William Finley, Western Reserve, 5-10.

Long jump (21-6, 19-6) — Best marks: Gary Bowman, Crestview, 19-7; Jim Adams, Plymouth, 19-4; Steve Missler, Norwalk St. Paul, 19-1.

Discus — (171-6, 133-0) — 2, Robert Johnson, New London, 142-2; 4, Don Montgomery, Wynford, 131-4. Best marks: John Altman, Riverdale, 140-2¼; Ron Stollard, Crestview, 135-11.

Pole vault — (13¾, 11-6) — 3, Steve Collins, Norwalk St. Paul, 11-9; 4, Bill Wilson, Lucas, 11-6. Best marks: Tim Van Slick, 12-6; Dave Wazniak, Norwalk St. Paul, 12-0; Bill Finley, Western Reserve, 12-0.