

Regional Notebook:

4 Mansfield Athletes Get Ohio Berths

By DICK KINNEY

Four Mansfield high school athletes will represent their respective schools Saturday at the Class AA State track and field meet to be held at Gahanna Lincoln High School.

Frank Wilkins, Jeff Linta and Paris Jones from Malabar and Hugh Mask of Mansfield Senior earned their way into the State yesterday at Mehoek Field in regional competition.

Wilkins and Mask each qualified in two events. Linta and Jones made it in their pole vault and high jump specialties respectively.

But another prospective representative, the Malabar mile relay team, came closest among "near" qualifiers when it tied for the fourth position with Berea Midpark.

The team of Dexter Davis, Terry Hall, Terry Franks and Tom Baker won the first heat of the event, but the second heat contained the top three places and, of course, Midpark.

It was the final race of the day, and the teams had a 20-minute rest period before having to re-run the race to see who would travel to Gahanna. The 3:28.0 time posted in the initial Malabar try was a new Falcon record.

In the run-off, Malabar stayed fairly close during the first three places, but when anchorman Baker got the baton, the Falcons were approximately 15 yards behind. A strong comeback by the long-striding junior nearly pulled the match out, but fell one-strike short at the finish.

LINTA, WHO IS QUESTING to repeat his 1969 state title and place a fifth state championship vault trophy in the family trophy case, cleared what he considers a "qualifying height" at 14 feet to win the regional crown.

His nearest competition had lost out after clearing 13-6 and the determined senior went on to try for new heights.

With the bar set up to 14-6, Linta easily cleared it on his first try and his confidence, both before and after, was not to be questioned.

At that point however, with the bar set at a regional record height of 15-1, the near hour of relaxation between jumps caught up with Linta who failed in three tries for a new standard.

In practice afterward, Jeff cleared the 15-1 height on his second try and then missed in two tries at 15-6.

SOME OF THE BAD luck which befell Linta, causing the long rest, was caused by some other bad luck which came to Sandusky's Bob Crabb who cleared 13-6 on his first try to cement second place.

On Crabb's first try at the 14-foot mark, his pole broke in half and it was nearly a half-hour before a replacement could be brought to the field — the pole used by another Malabar vaulter, Dave Graham.

Crabb was a member of the Sandusky 880-yard relay team and further time was added to Linda's wait while Crabb was running. The Blue Streak vaulter tried once with the Malabar pole, but couldn't get the feel and didn't come close to making the height. Having second place locked up, Crabb scrubbed his other two jumps and resolved to return to Sandusky to break in a new pole for the Ohio meet.

WILKINS CAME CLOSE to being the No. 1 high hurdler to emerge from the regional — a matter of prestige only since no team scores were kept.

But Woodmore's Dave Fegley turned in a better "lean" to edge Wilkins although both steeple-jumpers posted a time of 14.2 seconds.

The race was not nearly as close between those two runners in the 180-yard lows. Fegley again captured the first-place position, but Wilkins finished half-a-second back with two other hurdlers in between. Fegley's 20-second showing was just one-tenth of a second better than Mac Thomas of Elyria. Fegley showed a 19.9 in morning qualifiers.



DEJECTED WINNER — Malabar's Jeff Linta sits on the pole vault runway after failing in his third try at 15-foot one-inch in yesterday's Class AA regional track meet at Mehoek Field. Linta, however, had already cleared 14-6 which was a foot better than the runner-up.

Ohio Track Meets Booked on Saturday

COLUMBUS — The 63rd Ohio Class AA and Class A track and field championships will be held Saturday. Winners in the state meet will automatically qualify for the sixth Ohio Classic at Mansfield's Mehoek Field the following weekend.

The two classes will be separated, the Class A athletes set to compete at Upper Arlington High School and the Class AA stars at Gahanna Lincoln High School.

Mt. Gilead Hurdler in Two Wins

COLUMBUS — Three Mansfield area athletes won events in the regional Class A track-field meet last night at Worthington High School.

Mt. Gilead's Jerry Staley won both hurdles events in the meet which served as a qualifier for the state "A" meet next Saturday at Upper Arlington High School. Staley set a record of 20.0 in the 180-yard low hurdles, breaking a record set by Jerry Slaughter of Colonel Crawford, Bruce Melton of Crestline came home first in the two-mile run in a sparkling 9:58.3.

Greg Ward of Fredericktown qualified in the 100, 220 and 180 lows.

Among the Richland County qualifiers were Charles White of Crestview in the 180 lows and the Plymouth 880-yard relay team.

First four placers in each event qualified.

CLASS A REGIONAL TRACK MEET
At Worthington

TRACK EVENTS
120-yard high hurdles — 1, Jerry Staley, Mt. Gilead, 14.9.
100-yard dash — 3, Greg Ward, Fredericktown, 10.2.
880-yard relay — 2, New London, 1:33.4; 3, Plymouth, 1:33.7.
440-yard dash — 4, Jim Conrad, Loudonville, 59.4.
180-yard low hurdles — 1, Jerry Staley, Mt. Gilead, 20.0; 3, Charles White, Crestview, 22.5; 4, Greg Ward, Fredericktown, 20.6. (Record, Old mark of 20.3 set in 1969 by Jerry Slaughter, Colonel Crawford).
880-yard run — 3, Andy Cole, Wynford, 2:03.6; 4, Steve Slansberry, Mt. Gilead, 2:03.7.
220-yard dash — 3, Greg Ward, Fredericktown, 22.8; 4, Neal Bardon, Wynford, 22.9.
Two-mile run — 1, Bruce Melton, Crestline, 9:58.3.
Mile relay — 3, Wynford, 3:32.6; 4, Mt. Gilead, 3:37.4.

FIELD EVENTS
Long Jump — 1, Neal Bardon, Wynford, 20 feet, 9 inches.
Discus — 3, Ernie Burkhardt, Crestline, 152 feet, 11 inches.

First Femme Tourney Set

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The First Women's World Soccer Tournament will be played in Italy in July with teams from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, England, Mexico, Switzerland and Italy.

The president of the International Women's Football Federation, Vinicio Lucci, said the organizing committee had received applications from West Germany and Sweden but had to turn them down because they were received too late.

Regional Track Meet ...

REGIONAL TRACK MEET
At Mehoek Field

(Summary of Regional track and field meet at Mehoek Field. Four qualified in each event for state meet next Saturday at Gahanna Lincoln High School.)

120-yard high hurdles — 1, Dave Fegley, Woodmore, 14.2; 2, Frank Wilkins, Malabar, 14.7; 3, Tim Diewald, Oberlin, 14.3; 4, Bob Conroy, Sylvania, 14.5; 5, Bob Hunt, Tiffin, 14.6.

100-yard dash — 1, Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, 9.8; 2, Bob Lawson, Toledo Libbey, 9.9; 3, Mac Thomas, Elyria, 10.0; 4, Joe Kendrick, Strongsville, 10.0; 5, Paul Miles, Paulding, 10.1. (Ties record set in 1968, 1969 by Chuck Barrison, Willard and 1969 preliminaries by Lavon Jackson, Sandusky).

Mile run — 1, Rick Schnitzer, Perrysburg, 4:21.2; 2, Steve Benson, Berea Midpark, 4:21.3; 3, Mike Burley, Berea, 4:23.0; 4, Jeff Schnell, Toledo DeVilbiss, 4:23.5; 5, Keith Newman, 4:24.9.

880-yard relay — 1, Toledo Libbey (Cartester Jones, Bob Newbern, Jerry O'Neal, Bob Lawson), 1:30.7; 2, Sandusky, 1:31.0; 3, Brecksville, 1:31.2; 4, Elyria, 1:31.4; 5, Fairview, 1:31.8.

440-yard dash — 1, Rick Radioan, Olmstead Falls, 49.7; 2, Ron Taylor, Toledo

Scott, 49.7; 3, Jim Patrick, Marion Harding, 51.0; 4, Larry Collins, Medina, 51.5; 5, John Ratocny, Toledo St. Johns, 51.7.

180-yard low hurdles — 1, Dave Fegley, Woodmore, 20.0; 2, Mac Thomas, Elyria, 20.1; 3, Tom Gasser, Toledo Macomber, 20.3; 4, Frank Wilkins, Malabar, 20.5; 5, Jack Berman, Cleveland Rhodes, 20.5.

880-yard run — 1, Jon Schrock, Bay Village, 1:56.9; 2, Earl Ransom Smith III, Fremont Ross, 1:58.3; 3, Rick Schnitzer, Perrysburg, 1:58.9; 4, Mike Schwab, Lakewood, 1:58.9; 5, John Gladieux, Lakota, 1:59.9.

220-yard dash — 1, Frank Crawford, Toledo Scott, 21.7; 2, Joe Kendrick, Strongsville, 21.8; 3, Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, 21.9; 4, Kirk Eurer, Cleveland Rhodes, 21.9; 5, Ralph Rawlis, Mansfield Senior, 22.4.

Two-mile run — 1, John Gutledge, Medina, 9:33.3; 2, Dan O'Hearn, Berea, 9:37.9; 3, Tim Wasco, Lorain Senior, 9:40.7; 4, Mill Place, Tiffin Columbian, 9:42.7; 5, Rich Brown, Sandusky, 9:46.8.

Mile relay — 1, Toledo Scott (Marvin Gibson, Frank Crawford, Roosevelt Muntzer, Ron Taylor), 3:24.0; 2, Brecksville, 3:24.1; 3, Bay Village, 3:25.7; 4, Berea Midpark, 3:28.0; 5, Malabar (Dexter Davis, Terry Hall, Terry Franks, Tom

Baker), 3:28.0. (Midpark won fourth position in run-off).

FIELD EVENTS
Long jump — 1, John Schwann, Toledo St. Johns, 23 feet, 9 inches; 2, Rick Upchurch, Springfield Local, 22:0; 3, Mike Churchill, Sandusky, 21:9½; 4, Alex Tucker, Port Clinton, 21:7; 5, Sonny Coles, Norwalk, 21:2½. (Record, Old mark of 23-1¼ set in 1969 by Schwann).
High jump — 1, Rick Kuhns, Elyria, 6 feet, 2½ inches; 2, Paris Jones, Malabar, 6:3½; 3, William Brown, Elida, 6-1; 4, Jerry Davis, Toledo Woodward, 6-0; 5, Scott Showalter, Bay Village, 6-0.
Shot put — 1, Ray Felton, Lorain Senior, 54 feet, 8½ inches; 2, Melvin Mansfield, Toledo Woodward, 53-5½; 3, Hugh Mask, Mansfield Senior, 52-7¼; 4, Dale Lima, Osego, 52-7.
Discus — 1, Mark Deming, Sandusky, 170 feet, 6 inches; 2, Kevin Farrell, Brecksville, 166-11; 3, Charles Mauer, Fairview, 162-2½; 4, Hugh Mask, Mansfield Senior, 160-10½; 5, Bob Rodgers, Sandusky, 154-6½.
Pole vault — 1, Jeff Linta, Malabar, 14 feet, 6 inches; 2, Bob Crabb, Sandusky, 13-6; 3, George Fisher, Olmsted Falls, 13-4; 4, Don Gallagher, Cleveland Rhodes, 13-0.

Easy Jump Pays Off In Fourth

The classiest high jumper in the Region II track-field meet may have finished in fourth place. Here's how:

Four men in each event qualify for the state meet. Three jumpers easily snatched up places one, two and three, but fourth? Three jumpers had departed when the bar was upped to 6-1, so officials decided to hold a jump-off among these three for the final qualifying position.

REPEAT PAYS
Jerry Davis, Toledo Woodward, and Scott Showalter, Bay Village, cleared 6-1, the height they had failed to make during regular competition. Velma Evans of Sandusky dropped out of the picture when he failed on three attempts.

The bar was raised to 6-2½. Davis went over on his first try. Showalter skimmed over on his first attempt. Still tied.

Now the bar was raised to 6-3½, the height made by first-place finisher Rick Kuhns of Elyria and second-place finisher Paris Jones of Mansfield Malabar. Showalter missed, but Davis was not even close — to hitting the bar. He sailed over by a good two or three inches — the class of the field.

Reed Given Car as Gift

NEW YORK (UPI) — Willis Reed, center and captain of the New York Knicks, was presented a 1970 car by Sports magazine for his selection as Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association's play-offs.

Reed, who led the Knicks in scoring during the regular season, played the seventh and deciding game of the play-offs against Los Angeles with a painful hip injury and helped inspire New York to victory.



LONE RECORD — The long jump event had a new regional record effort yesterday by John Schwann of Toledo St. Johns who leaped 23 feet nine-inches to break his 1969 record by nearly half a foot.



BUSY STREAK — Sandusky Blue Streak sprinter Elmer Lippert looks ahead to the Class AA Ohio track and field meet Saturday at Gahanna Lincoln High School after qualifying in yesterday's Region II meet in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and as anchorman on the second-place Sandusky 880-yard relay team.

It's Dr. Collier

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — It's Dr. Blanton Collier, now the coach of the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League received an honorary doctor of law degree Saturday from Georgetown College, where he was graduated in 1927.

Schwann Soaring To Far Places

Toledoan John Schwann feels the state high school long jump championship belongs to him. "This is my year," the lanky jumper from St. John High School said yesterday afternoon after recording the longest jump in Ohio this spring.

Competing in the Region II track-field meet at Mehoek Field, Schwann uncorked a leap of 23 feet, nine inches, his best ever, to break the meet record of 23-1¼. Holder of the shattered mark? The same Schwann.

Off to a slow start this season because of a sprained ankle, Schwann has been gaining momentum in preparation for the state meet. "Last year, I was nervous and impatient at the state meet. We had to wait for the completion of the Class A jumping before we (Class AA jumpers) could take our jumps and I got tired of waiting," Schwann said.

"Consequently, I jumped poorly, finishing in seventh place. This time around, I plan to win. In fact, I hope to clear 24 feet. I need a jump of 24 feet or better to get an invitation to the Golden West track meet held in California for high school seniors. And, believe me, I would like to compete in that meet."

SCHWANN won the Toledo City League meet with a jump of 23-4, his longest jump prior to yesterday. The record leap came after a foul on his first attempt. He jumped twice more, but failed to clear 23 feet. "I was cold and really couldn't get too fired up in the finals. I had already sewed up a trip to the state meet."

"For some reason, I really jump well here at Mehoek Field. I wanted to compete in the Mansfield Relays this spring, but my ankle had been sprained while I was playing basketball and I knew I would not be ready for any stiff competition."

Schwann, 6-3, 168 pounds, is not blessed with blazing speed as so many good long jumpers are. "I get my distance on spring and height. Height — that's what I work on in practice. I figure if I can get up high, I'll go out far. And it works. — BILL ROGERS.

Christian Schools in Trackfest

Between 175 and 200 athletes from Christian schools in four states will compete in the sixth annual Mansfield Christian Invitational track and field meet Friday at Mehoek Field.

The meet features separate events for boys and girls, both in senior and junior high divisions.

Defending boys' champion Lansing, Mich., will be joined by host Mansfield, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Osceola, Ind. Mansfield is entering the high school division for the first time with a team of ninth and tenth graders.

FIRST COMPETITION
The senior high boys' 440-yard relay will start competition at noon. There are ten events for boys and five for girls in the senior high division. Indianapolis took girls' honors last year.

Entered in the junior high division are ten teams, from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, as well as Ohio. Points for the seven boys' and five girls' events are combined for one trophy in this division. Celeryville of Willard is the defending champion.

Following the meet there will be a picnic for participants at the Therm-O-Disc recreation building. Trophies and ribbons will be presented after the picnic.

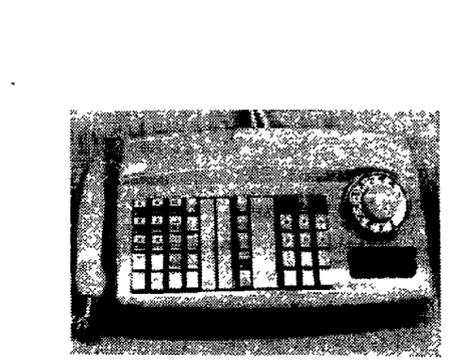


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