

Malabar Falcons In District Spotlight

By FRANK H. VALK

Twenty-two individual athletes and five relays teams go into the Class AAA sectional at Perrysburg Saturday with Mansfield Malabar High School seeking to carry on its winning tradition by winning in team points.

The Falcons have four individual sectional championships and a relays titlist going into the meet. Bubba Beal won the sectional in the 120-yard high hurdles at 15.0 while teammate Jeff Jenkins took the 180-yard lows.

Falcon Andy Johnson, the Mansfield-Mehock Relays half mile champion, will be favored in that event. He

won the sectional at 1:56.7 and has gone undefeated this season.

Che Che Mata takes a sectional title in the 440-yard dash with a 50.7 clocking. Mike Watson also carries the Falcon banner into the event after winning the sectional at 52 feet, 2½ inches. The Falcon 880-yard relay team also won in the sectional, putting it in top contention for a title.

Another Malabar participant who won in the sectional is Terry Carter in the 100-yard dash. He won that event at 10.0.

Representing Mansfield Senior will be Richie Allen with a 12-6 pole vault that was good for second in the

sectional. Tiger Vince Hartford is in the 100-yard dash while Tyrone Coleman, who has the best distance in the long jump in the state, will vie in that event.

Madison contestants in the district meet area Jim Garrison in the discus, Steve Schag in the 180-yard low hurdles and 120-yard highs and Kip Pierson in the pole vault.

Going from Galion are Jeff Harding in the two-mile run, Steve Myers in the long jump.

Attending the meet from Ashland Steve Hamilton in the mile run, Bob Valentine, discus, Stan Davis, 220-yard dash and Rocky Martin, shot put.



MALABAR FALCONS — The Cardinal Conference champion Malabar Falcons are, from left to right, first row: Greg McDonald, Charles Morant, Gary Catchings, Martin Black, Leon Jefferson, Matt Boyle, Ed Stockwell, Nick Olivieri; Second row: Jeff Jenkins, Terry Carter, Che Che Mata, Brad Barber, Andy Johnson, Mike Watson, Steve O'Connell, Bill Garrett. Third row: Don Luckie, Bubba Beal, Greg Morris, Larry Beard, Scott Todd, Bill Newdome, Marion Woodruff, Ken Thrush, Dudley Thomas, Ralph Majors. (News Journal staff photo)

43 Area Athletes Compete In 'AA' Track-Field Meet

Forty-three athletes from nine schools will represent the Mansfield area at the Class AA district meet at Lucas County Recreation Center Saturday.

Among the favorites for district titles are sectional champions Demetrius Reeves of Crestline in the high hurdles, Wayne White of Crestview in the mile run, Shelby's 880-yard relay team, Mike Luna of Willard, Dan Hudson of Bucyrus, Marty Ruhl of Clear Fork, Jeff Wentz of Lexington, Greg Konves of Ontario, Willard's mile relay team, Craig Hunt of Ontario in high jump, Randy Cornette of Shelby in the discus, Terry Kennedy of Bucyrus in the pole vault and Maddocks in the long jump.

Ontario and Willard are

expected to turn in strong team performances, according to Bill Booth, meet director. Ontario on the basis of winning the sectional while Willard has a double first-place threat in Maddocks. The Flash had the best long jump leap in the four sectionals going to this district last weekend. His winning leap was 21 feet, 8¼ inches.

He also has a tie for the best time in the district in the 120-yard high hurdles along with Demetrius Reeves in Crestline at 14.7. Shelby's Cornette had the second best distance in the district in the discus with a toss of 159.7.

John Thompson of Shelby will be a threat in the long jump with a distance of 20-

11¼, the second best in the district. Ontario's Craig Hunt goes into the high jump event with the best height in last week's sectional meet at 6-4¾. Steve Schertzer of Upper Sandusky is also a favorite in that event, but needed to go only 5-10 in the sectional.

Terry Kennedy of Bucyrus has a leading height in the pole vault at 13-0 while Crestview's Wayne White has the best mile clocking of 4:37.4. Al Stafford of Lexington follows in that event at 4:38.2.

Shelby's 880 relay team of Rich Steele, Jeff Flath, Bill Martin and Thompson is the leader in that event with a 1:35.6 time in the sectional. Dan Hudson of Bucyrus has the top clocking in the 180-yard low hurdles at 20.3 while Maddocks follows at 20.4 and Chuck Leicy of Ontario at 20.6.

Dan Hipsher Will Attend BG State

BOWLING GREEN — Dan Hipsher, 6-6 forward from Fostoria High School who was a first-team All-Ohio choice of both wire services, has signed and returned a national letter of intent to attend Bowling Green State University.

Hipsher is the first basketball recruit to be announced by Coach Pat Haley for the 1973-74 season.

A Fostoria, the stylish forward-center averaged 16.3 points and 14.9 rebounds during his three-year varsity career. As a senior he scored more than 20 points a game and picked off an average of 19 rebounds to lead the Redmen to a 17-5 season and a district championship.

Hipsher is also an excellent pitcher in baseball and an outstanding student with a 3.9 academic average. He plans to follow a pre-medical course of instruction in the College of Arts and Sciences at Bowling Green.

High School Sports: 'All Emotion and Attitude' Cincinnati Elder Squads Showing Class

By BILL VALE

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rev. Edward Rudemiller chomped down on his stubby brown cigar and grunted with satisfaction as he clipped another newspaper item.

"You just have to be pleased," said the stocky, blond, bespectacled priest.

In his 11 years as athletic director of Cincinnati Elder High School, the school's basketball team has won the state championship — the first Cincinnati school to do so, a 155-pound wrestler has won the school's first state championship medal in that sport, and the baseball team started out 12-0.

For the first nine games the football team was not only undefeated, but was unscored on. The team finished 9-0-1, but was not in-

vited to Ohio's first high school football tournament because the records of its competition did not turn up enough points in the computer.

"There's no way you can plan for that," he said, "you don't know what the competition is going to do. Lancaster had an 8-3 record for two years in a row. Last year they went 5-5.

"If I've learned anything at all about high school sports," said Rudemiller, a 130-pound running back at Elder in 1950, "it is that they are unpredictable.

"It's all emotion and attitude.

"Take our basketball team, I'm sure that this being our 50th anniversary had a lot to do with it. This whole school is way high about it.

"Everybody discounted us because we were small. And I think that was an advantage. Anyway, the kids were so high on them I think they rattled everybody else.

"When you win a state tournament you can't say you are the best in Ohio. There were probably a lot of better teams in the state.

"What can you say is only that you won the tournament and that your players played the best in a pressure situation."

Elder is a Roman Catholic school, run by parish priests. It has 1,672 students, a 10 per cent drop from last year when tuition increased more than \$500.

Parents of the students are generally white, middle class and live in the city's predominantly Catholic Western Hills area.

"We've always had respectable teams," said Rudemiller. "And there's a 50-year-old tradition here. Every kid who grows up around here wants to play for Elder."

Does he expect a slump next year?

"I guess so," he shrugged, sitting in his basement cubicle office crammed with papers, trophies and records.

"What can you do for an encore after an undefeated football season, a state basketball championship and a baseball team that doesn't think it can lose?"

Class AA at Columbus

Fredericktown and Mt. Gilead High Schools meet teams from the Central district in Class AA track-field at Columbus Northland.

The Freddie's have three individuals and a relays team competing, Mike Koelbl in the 880-yard run, Dan Brown, 180-yard low hur-

dles and Bill Hughes, two-mile run and the mile relay team.

Jeff Carr, Monte Ward, Steve Gardner and Randy Weber will go for Mt. Gilead along with the mile relay squad Carr will be in two events, the 120-yard high hurdles and 180-yard lows

Jeff Wentz of Lexington has the second top time in the 220-yard dash at 23.0. Ontario's Greg Konves is second leading two-miler at 9:58.5. Other Sectional champions in this district are Wauseon, Woodmore and Elida.

Preliminaries and field events are slated to get underway at 10 a.m. with finals at 12:30 p.m.

Stowe Traded

MIAMI (UPI) — In what Miami Dolphins Coach Don Shula called "the best deal we were able to work out" for all concerned, Otto Stowe, a popular but sometimes balky wide-receiver, was traded to the Dallas Cowboys for wide receiver Ron Sellers and a second-round draft choice.

Class A at Ada

Buckeye Central, New London, Plymouth, Lucas and South Central are slated to compete in the Class A track-field district at Ada.

Going for Plymouth will be Mike Adams, the leading entrant in the two-mile run and Steve Adams in the same event. Ted Blankenship will be in the shot put while teammate Brad Buz-

zard will compete in the 440-yard dash and Ken Lucas in the mile run.

Attending for Lucas are Jim Lerch, mile run; Steve Payne two-mile run; Greg Mauk, 880-yard run and the 880-yard and mile relay teams.

South Central's Roy Howard is in two events, the discus and shot put.

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Class A at Kent

Attending the Class A district track meet at Kent Roosevelt will be Hillsdale, Black River and Mapleton.

Representing Hillsdale in the individual events will be Gary Kline, and Joel Obrecht in the 440-yard dash while the mile relay and 880-yard relay teams also qualified.

Mapleton has Ted Ice-

man, 120-yard low hurdles; Pete Murtaugh, mile run; Roger Crossen and Ken Myers, 440-yard dash; Phil Biddinger, 880-yard run, Bill Brady, pole vault and the mile relay team.

Black River's representative to the meet is Russ Braudt in the two-mile run.

Murtaugh, Crossen and Biddinger won their events in the sectional competition.

Troy High Ace 'Signs' With Ashland Eagles

ASHLAND — All-Ohio basketball player Rich Steineman of Troy High School has signed a grant-in-aid at Ashland College.

The 6-8 Steineman was "all-everything" in the Dayton area as he averaged 24 points and 15.5 rebounds per game in 1972-73. He won third-team All-Ohio, All-Dayton area, All-Western Ohio League and topped the Dayton area in scoring.

He participated in the Midwest Basketball Classic in Dayton, scoring 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds in only half the game. He was named alternate in District Nine for the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

Ashland coach Joe Gottfried said, "I am really pleased to sign Rich. He shoots extremely well for a big man and looks like a great prospect. Besides scoring and rebounding so well this year, he also shot

65 per cent from the floor and 72 per cent from the line. And to top it off, he is 6-8 and 210 pounds and still growing."

Steineman's high school coach, Bob Denari, said that "quite a few major-university schools really wanted Rich but he was impressed with Ashland and its successful program ever since he visited the College."

One of the finest games for Steineman this year came against Greenville High School when he scored 44 points, hitting on 20 of 25 field goal attempts. That was a school record, as was his 22-rebound effort in one game.

Big Break

ATLANTA (UPI) — Henry Aaron broke into the then Milwaukee Braves' starting lineup in spring training of 1954 when outfielder Bobby Thompson fractured an ankle.

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