

# Shelbians Battle In 'AA' Track

With teams like Dayton Roth, Dayton Jefferson, Columbus Mifflin and Cleveland Benedictine in the field, Shelby's chances are slim of becoming the first Mansfield area boys team to claim a state track—field title since New London won a Class A championship in 1946.

The only other two schools to have claimed state track titles were Mansfield Senior High in Class AA in 1945 and Galion in Class A in 1921.

The Whippets will be sending four individuals and two relay teams to state Dwight Downs will be competing in both weight events, Fred Oesch will be running in both hurdles events, Dennis Arnold will compete in the quartermile and Bret Hinaman in the low hurdles.

Shelby Coach Larry Baldrige said "We would be kidding ourselves if we thought we were going down and winning, but anything could happen. There are disqualifications, injuries..."

As he was saying that Dayton Roth's Mark Brown was trying to recover from a severe leg injury. Brown hurt himself in the low hurdles and pulled himself out of the 220. He also anchors the 880-yard relay team which qualified in 1:29.5. In the lows, he has run a 19.2.

Shelby's mile relay team, Hinaman in the lows and Downs in the shot put are all district champions. Other Mansfield area district champions are Doug Shryock of Colonel Crawford in the 880-yard run from the Bowling Green State University District and Mt. Gilead's Richard Wiehe in the mile and 880 from the Bexley High district.

Shelby's mile relay team, made up of Sophomore Tom Imhoff and Juniors Ron



TIM CONLEY  
... Willard's state qualifier

Strine, Hinaman and Arnold, set a district record in qualifying in 3:24.7. Benedictine, Jefferson and Roth all qualified with faster times as Jefferson and Roth have both been clocked at 3:20.6.

Shelby's 880-yard relay squad of Sophomore Larry Coleman, Senior Brad Carpenter and Juniors Tom Varble and Hinaman qualified in 1:32.7, but Baldrige is confident the Whippet halfmile quartet can go 1:31. They will have to because Mifflin has gone 1:29.1 and Roth 1:29.5. Shelby's 880 team took a sixth last year.

Oesch and Hinaman will be running against Dan Oliver of Wooster Triway and Wayne Mason of Columbus Mifflin. Oliver won the state in both hurdles last year and won both hurdles events in the Mansfield-Mehock Relays this season. Mason took a second in the highs and a third in the lows last year at state.

Oesch qualified in 14.5 in the highs and 20.2 in the lows and Hinaman advanced with a 19.6. Oliver has gone 13.8 and 18.8 and Mason has gone 13.7 and 19.0. If Oliver and Mason are looking over their shoulders there is good reason. Marshall Parks of Roth has gone 13.7 and 18.8

The only dash man from the area is Arnold who qualified in 50.4. He will have to break 50 seconds to run with the likes of Dennis Mosely (48.4) of Youngstown Rayen, Len Collins (48.6) of Benedictine and Robert Buckhannon (48.2) of Roth

In the weights it will be Downs (54-5 1/2) and Chuck Stone (54-4) of Bucyrus in the shot put and Downs (145-5 1/2) and Willard's Tim Conley (155-8 1/2) in the discus.

The big weightmen at state this weekend will be Gary Cummings (58-3 1/2) of Columbus DeSales and Bob Matson (55-1) of Unioto in the shot and Ron Harris (154-9 1/2) of Painesville Harvey and Jim Richter (154-1 1/2) of Medina Highland.

Shryock (1 58.0) and Wiehe (1 57.2) go to state as district halfmile champions. However, last year's champion John Anich of Akron Hoban returns. He has run 1 53.7

Wiehe's 4 27.2 mile should keep him in the thick of things. Anich has run a 4 18.1 and Joe Meyers of Bellbrook has gone 4 21.6. Other top mile runners are Vic Smith (4 22.0) of Twinsburg Chamberlain, and Richard Garcia of Genoa and Dirk Schumaker of Port Clinton, both 4 24.7 runners.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MANSFIELD AREA STATE QUALIFIERS**  
CLASS AA  
From Bowling Green State University District  
SHELBY — Dwight Downs (shot put, discus), Fred Oesch (both hurdles), 880 relay, Dennis Arnold (440), Bret Hinaman (low hurdles), mile relay  
COLONEL CRAWFORD — Doug Shryock (880)  
BUCYRUS — Chuck Stone (shot put)  
WILLARD — Tim Conley (discus)  
From Bexley High District  
MOUNT GILEAD — Richard Wiehe (mile, 880)



**TOP QUALIFIER** — Tana Luckie of the Madison High School girls track team qualified for the Class AAA district meet in four events last weekend at the sectional at Mehock Field. She anchored the winning Rams' 880-yard relay team, placed second in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes and third in the high jump. The district meet will be Saturday at Bowling Green State University.

## Six Mansfield Girls In Individual Events

By Jeanne Yockey

The three Mansfield Class AAA schools (Madison, Malabar and Mansfield Senior) will make up the largest part of the area contingent going to the High School Girls District 'AAA' Track Meet Saturday at Bowling Green State University.

The three schools will have six individuals and six relays, while three area teams will have nine individuals and two relays

In addition, two Mansfield girls have qualified in four events. Malabar's Mary Hamilton will be competing in the 100-yard dash, the high jump, the 220-yard dash and the 440-yard relay. She broke meet records in the AAA Sectional at Malabar last week in the 100 and 220, going 11.3 and 25.9 respectively.

Madison's Tana Luckie will vie in the 100, 220, high jump and 880 relay. She was second to Hamilton in the two sprints, but beat her in the high jump. She anchored the Rams to a record 1:49.5 in the relay.

Double qualifiers include Madison's Michelle Fyock in the 880 relay and the discus and Nancy Noble of Ashland in the discus and hurdles

# Wynford Seeks Repeat

Can Wynford High School repeat its 1975 performance in the Class A Girls Track Meets?

A year ago, the Royals swept past everyone on the sectional and district level and then finished third in the state meet. The 1976 squad could be as strong or stronger, despite modest statements by Coach Peggy Keller.

"We're about the same as last year, but maybe a little stronger in the field events," she said. "We've gotten a lot of points from our freshman shot putter Joyce Holman. And we moved Penny Miller from the high jump to the long jump and she's been first in most meets there"

Miller, a junior, qualified in four events for the Class A District meet at Ohio Northern Saturday. She won the 100-yard dash in a record 11.9, was second in the long jump with 16 feet, 4 1/4 inches, and ran on the winning 880-yard and mile relay teams. In 1975, she went to the state meet in the 100 (placing fourth in 11.7) and anchored the 440-relay team to a victory in 51.0

Experience will help the Royals greatly from here on, but Keller was quick to point out that five of the 14 girls who will be advancing are freshmen. Wynford

qualified someone in 13 of the 14 events, missing out only in the high jump

Keller said the girls have worked very hard in practice. She also credited a weight program and concentration on fundamentals on their good showing. "We've worked very hard, with a lot of work on stairs, starts, a lot of running, leg lifts, handoffs and improving of form. Many of the girls have bettered their time tremendously simply by improving their form."

Besides Miller in four events, the Royals will have Lisa Zeigler, a freshman, in the 220-yard dash and the 880-yard and 440-yard relays, Junior Jill Kiess in the 400-yard, 880-yard and mile relays and Senior Beth Armbruster in the 880-yard medley, 880-yard and mile relays

The Ada Meet for the Northwest District Saturday will have a total of 30 area girls competing in individual events and 17 area relays quartets vying for the top five places so they can go to the State Meet June 4-5 in Columbus.

Colonel Crawford will have six individuals and four relays, while Plymouth will have five individuals and four relays

At Upper Arlington Thursday, Northmor and Cardington will have a total of 10 individuals and two relays going after two berths in each event in the State Meet

At Kent Roosevelt Friday and Saturday, six individuals and a relay from Mapleton and Hillsdale will attempt to qualify for one of three spots in each event.

Other three-event qualifiers in Class A include Crestline's Regina Harney going to Ada in the high jump, the long jump and the 100-yard dash; Julie McQuate going to Kent Roosevelt in the hurdles, the high jump and the 880-yard relay for Mapleton and Theresa Kruger of Northmor advancing to Upper Arlington in the shot put, discus and the high jump

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK-FIELD MANSFIELD AREA DISTRICT QUALIFIERS**  
CLASS AA  
OHIO NORTHERN DISTRICT (From Shelby Sectional)  
WYNFORD — Penny Miller (long jump, 100-yard dash, 880 relay, mile relay), Lisa Zeigler (220-yard dash, 880 relay, 440 relay), Beth Armbruster (medley relay, 880 relay, mile relay), Jill Kiess (440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, mile relay), Julie Dutton (mile run, 880-yard run), Angie Volkmer (440-yard relay, mile relay), Pam Wilburn (440-yard relay, mile relay), Dianne Stiner (medley relay, mile relay), Joyce Holman (shot put), Patti Gunther (discus), Kay Kissing (discus), Ann Hofmaster (880-yard run), 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, 880-yard medley relay, mile relay  
COLONEL CRAWFORD — Tina Hardgrove (100, 220), Susan Sheely (shot put), Wendy Ryland (hurdles), Beth Shumaker (220), Dianne Lowmiller (880), Debbie Stump (880), 880 relay, 440 relay, 880 medley relay, mile relay  
SHELBY — Karen Bly (discus)

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# Mt. Gilead Runner Sparkles in Clutch

MT. GILEAD — Giving his best when it means the most has been the trademark this school year for Richard Wiehe of Mt. Gilead High.

Wiehe is a clutch performer. From the state Class AA cross-country championships last fall, through the 1976 Mansfield-Mehock Relays and now the state Class AA track championships, the lanky Mt. Gilead junior is making a name for himself.

After a rather unspectacular sophomore season, Wiehe qualified for the Class AA cross-country championship in 1975 but was an underestimated underdog. He placed second in the state with a time of 9:53. The winner, Mike Mellum

## Area Girls To Compete

Six area high schools have qualified girls for district-level competition in the Ohio High School girls Class AA track meets.

Bucyrus, Willard and Ontario will be sending six individuals and three relays to Bowling Green State University Saturday for the Northwest District Meet, while Mt. Gilead and Highland will advance six individuals and two relays to Thursday's Upper Arlington Meet for the Central District. Loudonville will be represented by three individuals and two relays Friday and Saturday at Kent Roosevelt in the Northeast District Meet.

Loudonville's Jill Fudge could be considered the strongest area hopeful, since she qualified in four events. She won the 100-yard dash at Kent State-Stark in 11.6, was second in the long jump in 16 feet, 1 inch and anchored the 440-yard and 880-yard relay teams. She is a senior.

A triple qualifier for Kent Roosevelt is Mt. Gilead's Kim Kipp, going in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash and the 440-yard relay.

Bucyrus' Kathy Boudinot will vie in the shot put and the 100-yard dash at Bowling Green.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK-FIELD MANSFIELD AREA DISTRICT QUALIFIERS**  
CLASS AA  
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT (From Malabar Sectional)  
BUCYRUS — Kathy Boudinot (shot put, 100), Mary Ellen Myers (mile), 880 relay, 440 relay  
WILLARD — Betty Phillips (100), Kathy Ludban (high jump), Debbie Van Zoest (long jump), 880 medley relay  
ONTARIO — Ann Welkel (hurdles)  
UPPER ARLINGTON DISTRICT (From Gahanna Lincoln Sectional)  
MT. GILEAD — Kim Kipp (100, 220, 440 relay), Sue London (hurdles), Kathy Chapman (discus), Coleen Whipple (discus), Karen Bachelder (high jump), 440 relay  
HIGHLAND — Tami L.awk (hurdles), 880 medley relay, relay  
KENT ROOSEVELT DISTRICT (From Cleveland John Marshall Sectional)  
LOUDONVILLE — Jill Fudge (100, long jump, 440 relay, 880 relay), Leslie Hill (hurdles), Carol Butler (mile), 440 relay, 880 relay

of Pemberville Eastwood, was clocked at 9:44.5.

Again, at the 45th Mansfield-Mehock Relays last month, Wiehe was not even mentioned in pre-race advances for the 880-yard run. However, he finished fourth in the talented field with a time of 1:59.3, less than a second behind the winner, Mike Thompson of Harper Woods (Mich.) Gallagher, at 1 58.6

Wiehe and Mark McCarthy of Mansfield Christian (high jump) were the only two athletes from Mansfield area schools to score in the huge Relays.

Now, in rounding himself into condition for the state double-AA track—field championships this weekend in Columbus, Wiehe ran the fastest 880 and mile in the school's history last Saturday.

At the Bexley Class AA district, Wiehe broke two of his own school records. He clipped his halfmile time of 1:57.9 with a 1 57.2 clocking and won the mile at 4:27.2, erasing his old mark of 4:30. The mile mark was set in a dual meet earlier this season

He actually broke the 880 record twice

last week. He first cracked the standard last Tuesday. The old record was 1:58.3 set by Randy Weber in 1972.

"The records mean quite a lot to me," said the quiet, 6-foot-4, 160-pound Wiehe. He has qualified for both the 880 and the mile this weekend in Columbus

Mt. Gilead Athletic Director Ron Thill said that competing in two events, just 90 minutes apart, is actually helpful for Wiehe.

"The funny thing about Rich this year is that he doesn't run well in the half mile unless he runs the mile. His times are much better," Thill said.

Wiehe's times at the district place him just a few clicks of the watch slower than the top six qualifiers in the state in both events. (Six places are awarded points in the state meet.) However, Richard Wiehe has been underestimated before.—Bob Sherwin.

### World Record

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