Plymouth's Smart qualifies in hurdles

Plymouth's Todd Smart will be competing in the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at state this weekend.

He won the 110-high hurdles at regionals in a time of 14.81 and took third place in the 300 lows at 39.6. His season best performances have been 14.3 in the lows and 39.6 in the intermediates.

Smart, a junior, qualified for the state track meet last season in the high hurdles.

Seneca East's boys 3200-meter relay team finished second at the Bowling Green regionals and qualified for state with a time of 8:23. Members of the team include Chad Reed, Kevin Dick, Shawn Stevens and Micah Getter.

Also earning a ticket to Columbus was the Tigers' Cal Miller, who finished third in the discus with a throw of 154-feet. Matt Fritz qualified in the 110-meter hurdles, taking third with a time of 15.5.

Plymouth's Todd Smart, who finished second in the 110 meter high hurdles at the state meet last year as a sophomore and also qualified for the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, won both events yesterday in times of 14.9 and 40.5, respectively.

"I'm just glad to make it to next week," said Smart moments after the conclusion of the meet. "I probably ran pretty close to the best time I've run this year in the 300.

"I think the high's are my best event since I finished second in the state in that event last year. Up until then, I felt the 300 was my best, but when I fell at regionals and then put all my concentration on the highs . . . well, since then it's been my best event."

Other local winners included South Central's Adam Creveling in the pole vault (13-0) and the Buckeye Central 400 meter relay squad (45.0).

A complete list of area regional qualifiers can be found in the Sports scoreboard.