

3 individuals, 2 relays advance to III regional

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WILLARD — A pair of girls' 3200-meter relay teams, two South Central discus throwers and a Plymouth high jumper advanced from the Div. III district track meet at Willard Thursday night to the Fostoria Regional next week.

The other half of the field events and the finals in all of the running events except the 3200 relays will be run Saturday afternoon starting at 12:30. The top four advance in each event.

The relay teams that earned their tickets were from St. Paul and New London. Those two quartets finished second and third, respectively, behind winner Seneca East. The St. Paul team was made up of freshmen Missy Prack and Kelly Timmerman, junior Molly Geretz and sophomore Jen McFadden. Their time for the eight laps was 10:25.1. The winning time was 10:10.5.

The New London contingent was also young. It included freshman Chasity Myers, sophomore Sarah Jones and juniors Delilah and Hannah Dvorak. Their time was 10:32.3. St. Mary Central Catholic was fourth in 10:36.4.

The South Central discus advancers are 1994 regional meet qualifier Olivia Palmer, who was second with a toss of 115-1, and Livia Knoll, who got off a best of 111-0. Beth Weyer from St. Mary's won the event with a record toss of 134-1, erasing the 1994 record of Danbury's Becky Ball (119-9).

Shiva Davis from Crestview (108-2) also advances. St. Paul's Cara Rospert just missed advancing, finishing fifth (97-8). Western's Jennifer Rehack was sixth (95-10).

Plymouth high jumper Erik Gurney cleared 5-10, which was the same height as winner Nick Burks from Old Fort. Burks got the nod on fewer misses.

By far the best individual performance of the night, however, came from Buckeye Central shot putter Eric Lucius. He pushed the steel ball 54-1 1/2, almost five feet better than anyone else in the field.

The finals were also held in the pole vault where Jim Voorhees from Seneca East won at 11-6 on fewer misses than Tim Costello, Lucas, and in the boys' 3200 relay where Seneca East literally ran away and hid from the rest of the field. The winning time was 8:18.5. Buckeye Central finished second at 8:36.4.

A number of athletes return Saturday in an effort to get one of those four paying spots.

Six St. Paul athletes will be in the field, including Sean McFadden and Linda Roth, who have made it to the semifinals in both the 100 and 200. Two freshmen, Laura Becker in the 200 and Aaron Kalizewski in the 400, will be competing as will McFadden and Geretz in the 800.

The Western Reserve girls' contingent is huge. It includes Malissa Hall and Jennifer Edwards in the 100 meter hurdles, Gretchen Nolan in the 100 and 200 dashes, Jessica Donohue in the 100, Becky Getz in the 200, Amber Finley in the 800,



Western Reserve's Jennifer Rehack battles the rain to finish sixth Thursday in the discus. (Reflector photos by Don Hohler)

Jennifer Zimmerman in the 300 low hurdles and possibly Theresa Bursley in the 300 depending on a runoff which will be held just prior to the Saturday meet.

Three Rider relay teams also made it to the finals: The 400 team of Christie Canterbury, Donohue, Missy Hall and Nolan; The 800 team of Getz, Nolan, Donohue and Bursley; and the 1600 team of Finley, Brittany Wolf, Bursley and



Olivia Palmer places second.

Getz.

Western boys making it to Saturday's events are Chris Wuitowicz in the 200 and 400, Tim Mahl in the high hurdles, Charlie Wheeler in the 100, Aaron Bores in the 400, the 400 team of Zack Hamilton, Dustin Dow, Wheeler and Bores, and the 1600 team of Dow, Wuitowicz, Mahl and Bores.

New London girls who qualified for Saturday were freshman Suzie Sword in both hurdle events, Mindy Gessner in the 100, Liz Grote in the 200 and both Myers and Jones in the 800.

Monroeville girls who took another step were Leah Wilhlem in the 800 and the 1600 relay team composed of Theresa Fox, Beth Fries and Jen and Leah Wilhelm.

Virgil Giles in the 200 was the lone South Central individual to make the semifinals, while Plymouth got out Brad Bloomfield in the high hurdles, Tim Howard in the 100, Kevin Click in the 400 and the 400 team of Howard, Darrell Adams, Erik Gurney and Click.