

## M'ville boys, Western girls take early leads

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There is something to be said for last-ditch efforts.

Monroeville's Aaron Robinson and South Central's Brandi Klein used that final effort Wednesday on the first day of the Firelands Conference track and field meet at Whitney Field to win their specialties.

Robinson was doing no better than third in the preliminaries of the long jump.

But then came the three-jump finals that the best seven contestants are allowed and suddenly Robinson found his stride.

He capped the meet off with a winning 20-1 1/4 effort on his third and final effort, the only 20-plus jump of the day.

Robinson made his way into the finals with a best effort of 19-5 1/2.

Coupled with Josh Perry's successful defense of his shot put crown, the two firsts helped Monroeville's boys' take a 27-26 point lead over Ashland Crestview after three events.

Klein is another story.

Her final effort of 4-10 in the high jump was the first time in her career she has made that height.

"My goal was to make it into the top three," the senior said. "But, as the meet went on, I gained confidence and with first place there for the taking, I just gave it my best on that final effort."

Klein's win will certainly be long remembered.

The medal she will receive Friday will go to a performer who didn't participate in the sport until her sophomore and junior seasons.

"I chose to work," she said. "But, this spring I decided that time was passing me by when it came to my high school athletic career."

Klein edged Monroeville's Renee Karnehm, the only contestant to clear 4-8.

Perry didn't have much competition in the shot...until the event was over.

That's when Crestview's Jonas Burns, the second-place finisher, stepped into the ring and pitched it 53-3 1/2, an effort that would have won the event.

Meanwhile, the reserved Perry was accepting congratulations after a winning pitch of 52-1/4.

"I am happy to have successfully



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South Central's Mike Coburn goes over the hurdles in the 300-meter event Wednesday during the FC running preliminaries.

defended, but I would have liked to throw it further," he said. "My best is 53-3 1/2 at New London so I was not far from a PR. Practice is the key. I just have to work harder."

Perry's life is also a story in the fact that he lives in the city and works on a farm.

"That hay and straw bailing toughens me up," the 3.5 student said. "But I also like to read books as long as they are thin books. My concentration level is not good with a thick book."

The boys' 3200-meter relay went to Crestview with Aaron Fitch, Travis Fulk, Garrett Ringler and Jon Brennan clicking off the eight laps in 8:28.28.

Western Reserve's girls team also had a solid start, winning two of the three events.

Jen Tinney successfully defended her discus crown at 119.06, while Danielle Sidell, Kaitlyn Bement, Mara Lee Albright and Stephanie Tinney captured first in the 3200-meter relay at 10:19.8.

Mapleton checked in a distant second at 10:55.2.

It was a bitter-sweet win for Jen Tinney, however.

"I am really searching this spring," the senior said. "I thought it would be so easy after last year. I even took the basketball season off to hit the weight room. I guess that was not the answer."

By comparison, Tinney won last year with a throw of 140-7.

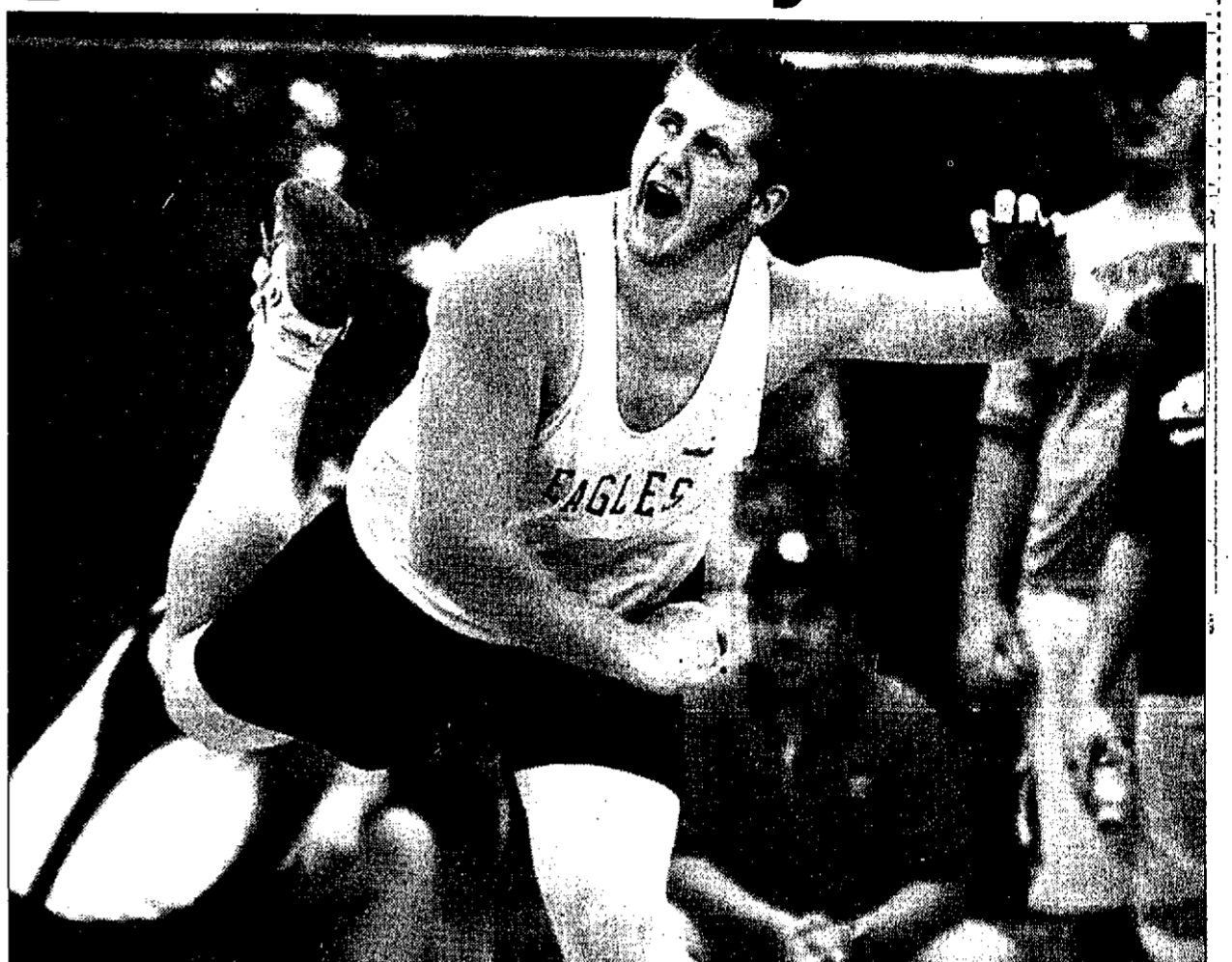
There were no records broken. Preliminaries were also run in 10 events.

The finals and preliminaries, with the following to be the No. 1 qualifiers in each, are listed below:

The following are the final results of the six events completed on Wednesday:

**BOYS**  
Team Standings: 1. Monroeville 27; 2. Crestview 26; 3. Mapleton 10; 4. Western Reserve 9; 5. New London 8; 6. Plymouth 7; 7. St. Paul 6; 8. South Central, 0.

**Shot Put** — 1. Josh Perry, Monroeville, 52-1/4; 2. Jonas Burns, Crestview, 50-7/8; 3. Randall Lewis, Plymouth, 47-11; 4. Kevin Spragg, Western Reserve, 46-0; 5. Cory Beck,



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Monroeville's Josh Perry puts the shot Wednesday in Firelands Conference league meet action at Whitney Field. Perry claimed first in the event with a 52-0 1/4 putt.

Crestview, 45-3 1/4; 6. Josh Burgess, Western Reserve, 44-1 1/2.

**Long Jump** — 1. Aaron Robinson, Monroeville, 20-1 1/4; 2. Patrick VanDeusen, Mapleton, 19-9 3/4; 3. Ryan O'Dell, Crestview, 19-5 3/4; 4. Joe Kromer, St. Paul, 18-11 3/4; 5. Jason Kurtz, St. Paul, 18-10; 6. Derek Sitterly, Monroeville, 18-5 1/2.

**3200-Meter Relay** — 1. Crestview (Aaron Fitch, Travis Fulk, Garrett Ringler, Joy Brennan), 8:28.28; 2. New London (Jordan Campbell, Zac Sempelbach, Brian Sheller, Ben Kaufman), 8:33.70; 3. Monroeville (Mo Voeller, Kyle Schaffer, Ben Wilhelm, Brian Koch), 8:40.62; 4. Western Reserve (Gary Douds, Pat Nolan, Joey Zimmerman, Daniel Cammann), 8:46.55; 5. Mapleton, 8:52.26; 6. Plymouth (Mike Pritchard, Jeremy Rowe, Josh Bishop, Ryan Schwaderer), 8:53.50.

**GIRLS**  
Team Standings: 1. Western Reserve 26, 2. Crestview 18; 3. (tie) Monroeville, South Central and Mapleton 10; 6. New London 9; 7. St. Paul 6; 8. Plymouth 5.

**Discus** — 1. Jen Tinney, Western Reserve, 119-6; 2. Jenny Steward, Crestview, 105-6; 3. Brannigan Fannin, Western Reserve, 104-10 1/2; 4. Karen Pfeiffer, St. Paul, 103-5; 5. Krista Frlitz, St. Paul, 103-2 1/2; 6. Myriah Cross, New London, 95-7 1/2.

**High Jump** — 1. Brandi Klein, South Central, 4-10; 2. Renee Karnehm, Monroeville, 4-8; 3. Danielle Hull, Crestview, 4-6; 4. Megan Hedeon, Plymouth, 4-6; 5. CC Douglas, Mapleton, 4-6; 6. Ale Thompson, New London, 4-6.

**3200 Relay** — 1. Western Reserve (Danielle Sidell, Kaitlyn Bement, Mara Lee Albright,

### FC MEET

Today	
4:30 p.m. (at Crestview)	Girls' 1600
Boys' Girls, Junior High Pole Vault	Boys' 400 Relay
Friday	Girls' 400 Relay
4:30 p.m. (at Whitney Field)	Boys' 400
Girls' Shot Put	Girls' 400
Boys' Discus	Boys' 300 Hurdles
Girls' Long Jump	Girls' 300 Hurdles
Boys' High Jump	Boys' 800
5:30 p.m.	Girls' 800
Girls' 100-meter hurdles	Boys' 200
Boys' 110 hurdles	Girls' 200
Girls' 100	Boys' 3200
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Girls' 800 relay	Boys' 1600 Relay
Boys' 1600	Girls' 1600 Relay

Stephanie Tinney), 10:19.58; 2. Mapleton, 10:55.52; 3. New London (Holly Romellanger, Jenn Suvar, Katy Davis, Megan Shepherd), 11:01.31; 4. Crestview, 11:05.21; 5. Monroeville, (Olivia Ryan, Val Beck, Ashley Wilhelm, Charlene Downing), 11:17.67; 6. Plymouth (Megan Carter, Brooke Waddles, Megan Shepherd, Jessica Shepherd), 13:15.48.

**300 Hurdles** — Rebecca Bement, Western Reserve, 48.00.

**200 Dash** — Andrea Bader, Crestview, 26.40.

**BOYS**

**110 Hurdles** — Ryan O'Dell, Crestview, 16.50.

**100** — Kelly Dellisanti, Western Reserve, 11.50.

**400** — Mitch Smith, Monroeville, 52.90;

**300 Hurdles** — Lucas Keaton, Plymouth, 42.20.

**200** — Kelly Dellisanti, 23.00.

## Team-effort lifts St. Paul to win

Good pitching and defense and timely hitting usually provides the correct formula for success in softball and baseball.

St. Paul received all three phases in a 7-0 Firelands Conference win over South Central Wednesday at McGuan Park.

Megan Centers tossed a six-hitter. The sophomore walked three and fanned nine.

Michelle Oney led South Central (13-9, 8-4) with two hits.

Defensively, the Lady Flyers (13-13, 5-6) committed just one error.

And on offense, St. Paul tallied five runs in the second inning and two in the fifth.

Kristin Leibold posted two hits.

The Lady Flyers are slated to play at Monroeville today.

### ■ Plymouth 2, WR 1

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth received a challenge from Western Wednesday in FC action, but prevailed with a run in the bottom of the ninth.

Felicia Gowitzka led off with a double, stole third and scored on a Kathy Kanney fielder's choice.

The win improved state-ranked Plymouth to 19-4 overall, 11-0 in the league. Western took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on an RBI from Kelly Dillon.

But Plymouth rebounded with a run in the bottom half of the frame.

Katie Coon singled, stole second and scored on an Andee Reeder hit.

Coon, Reeder, Jesse Bailey, Angel Justice and Gowitzka attained one hit each.

Bekkah Havran, Dillon, Carissa Payne and Nicky Zimmerman collected one hit each for the Lady Roughriders.

Coon tossed a four-hitter, giving up one walk and striking out 17.

Dillon yielded five hits and four walks, while fanning five.

Plymouth is slated to host Mapleton Friday.

### PREP ROUNDUP

#### ■ Plymouth 6, WR 5

PLYMOUTH — Brandon Blankenship's two-run single in the bottom of the ninth inning allowed Plymouth to garner a FC baseball win Wednesday.

After Western had taken a 5-4 lead with one run in the top of the ninth, Marcus Roll led off with a walk. Steve Gillium rapped a single and Kevin Hart walked to load the bases.

After a fly out, Blankenship lofted the single over second base.

Gillium, Brett Turson and Blankenship banged out two hits each. Turson ripped two doubles and drove in two.

Mike Ball and Roll combined for the pitching win. Roll improved to 2-4. Ben Winkler gained two hits for Western.

At 8-15, 3-8, Plymouth is slated to host Mapleton Friday, while Western is scheduled to entertain Monroeville the same day.

#### ■ PC 9, Edlson 8

PORT CLINTON — Port Clinton pushed across a run in the bottom of the seventh inning for the Sandusky Bay Conference baseball win Wednesday.

Mike Mays recorded a bases loaded single for the game-winning hit.

Edison (6-16, 2-9) tallied four runs in both the second and fourth innings.

Matt Hunter, Kyle Reed and Chase Beatty led the way with two hits each. Beatty now has 27 singles, which set a school record.

Adam Davila and Troy Burdge both pitched for Edison, with Burdge taking the loss.

Edison is slated to host Perkins Friday.

#### ■ Col. Crawford 2, NL 0

CRESTLINE — Col. Crawford blanked New London in Division IV sectional tournament action Wednesday.

Colonel Crawford tallied single runs in the third and fifth innings against the top-seeded team.

The Wildcats notched five hits, with Curtis Brown gaining two. Corey Chaffins took the loss.

New London resumes regular-season action by hosting St. Paul Friday.

#### ■ NL 18, M'ville 7

MONROEVILLE — The Ladycats scored in all six innings they batted for the FC softball win Wednesday.

The big inning for New London (8-12, 4-7) with a seven-run fifth.

Courtney Wuensch paced the Ladycats with five hits, including a double, and three RBI.

Ashley Bowling and Trimble combined for the pitching win.

Tina Kerner led the Lady Eagles (3-16, 2-7) with three hits. Jen Stang took loss.

New London is slated to host St. Paul Friday.

#### ■ Perkins 4, Edlson 1

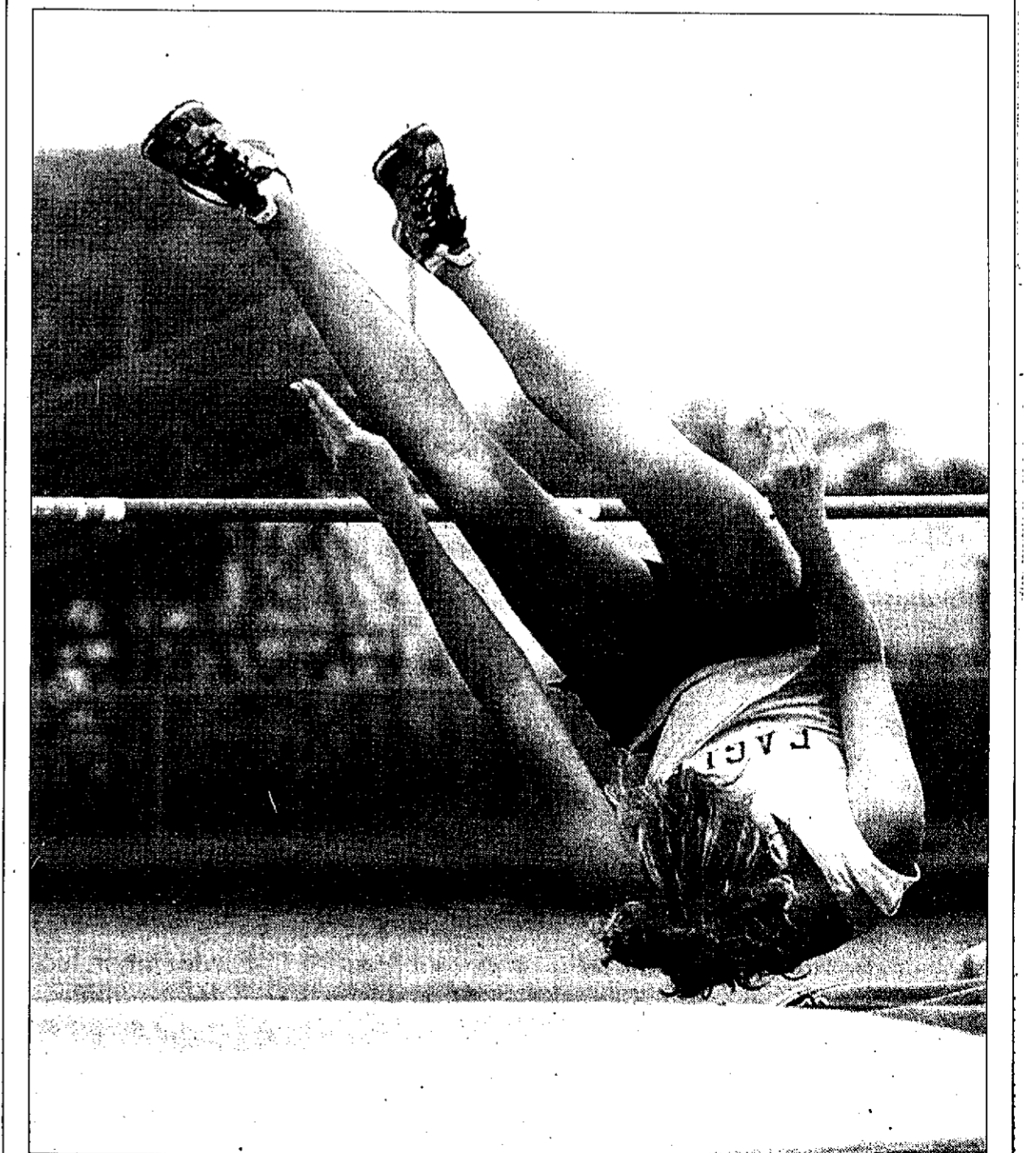
MILAN — Edison's tennis team concluded its regular season at 2-15, 1-11 with the SBC loss Wednesday.

Evan Fahning and Ben Seamans gained the lone win for the Chargers, beating Alex Thompson and Sean Holloway 6-4, 6-3 at second doubles.

For Perkins, Marcus Pullano beat Chris Miller 6-1, 6-3 at first singles; David Schwartz defeated Nick Poggiali 6-0, 6-0 at second singles; Adam Davie

downed Michael Lux 6-2, 6-3 at third singles and Charlie Frankel and Cory Roth beat Greg See and Rich Koegle 6-0, 6-1 at first doubles. The sectionals are next up for Edison, starting today.

### UP AND OVER



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Monroeville's Renee Karnehm clears the bar during the high jump competition of the Firelands Conference league meet Wednesday at Whitney Field. Karnehm finished second in the event.