

Area Thinlies Qualify For 13 'A' State Events

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Plymouth High, sparked by winning performances by long-jumper Jim Adams and two-miler Tim Nesbitt, finished a close second in the final team standings of the Findlay Class A District on Saturday.

The Big Red, which also finished in the runner-up position in the sectional the previous weekend, held the team lead, 34-38 over Spencerville entering the final event. In the mile relay, however, Spencerville came from dead last in their heat after one lap, to finish second, and also second in the event. As a result, the winners totalled 36½ points, the Big Red 34.

Coach Doug Dickson will be the business Class A coach in the area when he travels to Columbus this weekend for the state meet. The Big Red qualified athletes in the long jump, 100 dash, two-mile run, discus and 880 relay.

ADAMS QUALIFIED for the trip to Columbus in three events. The senior won the long jump with a leap of 21-9, and set a new school record in the process. He broke his own mark of 21-6, set at the Ashland Indoor Relays earlier this season.

Adams also qualified in the 100 dash, in which he placed fifth in a time of 10.5, and as a member of the 880 relay. The



MONROEVILLE'S MILE RELAY QUARTET WON IN DISTRICT AND SET NEW MEET AND SCHOOL RECORDS
...team of (left to right) Al Meyer, Tim Christman, Bob Ackerman and Dennis Smith ran in record time of 3:31.0.

relay quartet of junior Lee Wilkins, senior Jim Collins, senior Al Vogel and Adams finished in the runner-up spot, three-tenths of a second behind winning Spencer Sharples. The Big Red foursome finished in 1:35.0.

Junior Tim Nexitt also recorded a truly sparkling performance in the two-mile event. Nesbitt chopped a full 10

seconds off his previously-beat time of 10:14.9, and his 10:04.9 effort yesterday also sets a new school standard.

IN THE DISCUS, junior Bill Van Wagner came no where near his best performance of the year, yet still tossed the discus 140-4, to rank fourth.

This year's Big Red edition is by far

the most successful in the three-year coaching tenure of Dickson. Last year Plymouth qualified an 880-relay squad for the state.

Dickson pointed out that his squad probably would have fared even better if junior John Conley had been able to take part. Conley has been out of action for three weeks with a pulled hamstring muscle, and would have given the Big Red strength in the pole vault and the low hurdles.

Conley has vaulted 12-6 this season, which would have been second in the district, and has run the 180 low's in 21.0, a tenth of a second faster than the winning time.

OTHER AREA SCHOOLS also fared well in the competition. Danbury was tied for fifth in the 59-school event with 20 points, and Monroeville was in a tie for eighth with 18. Western Reserve totalled six points, South Central and Seneca East four each, and New London one.

Danbury earned two second's and a fourth Saturday, as it qualified for the state meet in three events. Junior Bob Chapman, who last year qualified for the state in the discus, this year accomplished the feat in both the discus and shot put.

The Laker strongman threw the shot 48-7, to rank second to Tim Boeckman of Marion Local who threw 49-3. And Chapman threw the discus 143-8, to finish second in this event. His discus throw exceeded by more than 10 feet his best attempt in the sectional.

Lakeside's third qualifier was senior hurdler Eddie Flynn. Flynn finished fourth in the 180 low hurdles in the time of 21.6, just one-tenth of a second off the school mark.

MONROEVILLE RECEIVED outstanding performances from both its mile-relay team and senior Dennis Smith. The Eagles set school records in both events, and a district record in the relay.

The foursome of Smith, Bob Ackerman, Tim Christman and Allan Meyer finished in the time of 3:31.0, which broke the old school standard of 3:32.8, set Tuesday night in the Firelands Conference Meet. Smith paced the effort with an opening leg of 52.0, his best attempt of the year. Christman and Meyer both ran in 52.5.

Smith also soared 6-0 in the high jump, to break his old mark of 5-10½, which



PLYMOUTH'S TIM NESBITT
...won district two-mile crown

was also set in the league meet.

For second-year Eagle track coach Don Graham, the state qualifiers are his first. They are the first to go to Columbus from the school since 1968, when Tom Wilhelm qualified in the mile run.

WESTERN RESERVE'S rookie track mentor John Speer also has his first state qualifier in junior Dan Finley. Finley, who is the school's first representative to Columbus since pole vaulter Dave Zimmermann made the trip in 1968, placed third in the pole vault with a vault of 12-3.

Junior Roger Ousley of South Central earned his team's four points with a fourth-place finish in the high jump. Last week the Trojan was second in the sectional with a 6-2 effort, but this week he slipped to 5-10. He'll try to rebound again Saturday in Columbus.

Seneca East senior Curt Shoup will carry his school's hopes in the pole vault at Columbus. Saturday the Tiger placed fourth in the event with an 11-9 effort.

Spencerville, which emerged a narrow victor over Plymouth in the Findlay Class A District Saturday, earned two first-place finishes in the event, but the school's most important performance came in the mile relay.

Entering the final event, Spencerville trailed Plymouth 34-28½, and needed at least a third-place finish to come out first.

THE MEET WINNERS ran in the fastest heat of the mile relay, and after the first leg of the event were in last place. The final three sprinters came through in fine style, however, and Spencerville finished second in the heat and the event.

Spencerville wins came in the 220 dash and the pole vault. Gary Whittaker won the 220 with a 23.0 effort, and Tom Miller set a new meet record in the pole vault with a 12-9 effort. Miller had to share the mark with MacDonald of Leipsix, who finished second with more misses at the same height.

Van Lue's Rick Phillips was the meet's only double winner, as he emerged supreme in both hurdles events. The hurdler won the 120 high hurdles in 15.3, and returned with a 21.1 effort in the low's.

A TOTAL OF six new records were set in the meet. In addition to the pole-vault mark, Monroeville's mile relay team of Dennis Smith, Bob Ackerman, Tim Christman and Al Meyer won in the record time of 3:31.0. The first five finishers in the event broke the old mark of 3:35.5.

Northwood's Dan Orange set the new standard in the high jump with a leap of 6-2, Dick DeLong of Hardin-Northern won the mile in the record time of 4:31.1, Old Fort's Ernie Price won the 880 run in record style in 2:00.5, and Spencer-Sharples' 880-relay team captured the event in the record time of 1:34.7. In the 880 relay, the first six schools broke the old mark of 1:36.0.

Other winners were Payne's Rick Jenkins in the 100 dash (10.3), Hicksville's Phil Repp in the 440 (51.6), Plymouth's Tim Nesbitt in the two-mile (10:04.9), Marion Local's Tim Boeckman in the shot put (49-3), Crestview's Ron Stallard in the discus (146-10), and Plymouth's Jim Adams in the long jump (21-9).

Firelands Softball Team Second

Bowling Green Firelands entered a softball team in the Miami University Invitational Softball Tournament Saturday, and emerged with runner-up honors in the seven-school, double-elimination event.

Other schools taking part in the tourney were Miami Middletown, Indiana East, Wright State, Miami Hamilton, Ohio State Lima, Ohio University Zanesville and Miami University.

THE FALCONS met OSU Lima in its opener, and pounded out a 16-4 victory. Next the Falcons slipped by Miami U., 11-10.

In the third contest, BGSU was defeated by the eventual champions, Miami Hamilton, 8-3. This loss dropped the local entrants into the loser's bracket.

BGSU won its next contest, again defeating OSU Lima, 13-5, to earn the right to meet Hamilton again for the title.

IN ITS NEXT meeting with Hamilton, the Falcons attacked for an easy 13-5 win, and this gave each school one loss.

Then in the championship match, Hamilton pounded out a 16-7 win.

The members of the Falcon team were John Gorman, Phil Sturgeon, Bill Mesenburger, Kevin Lindsley, Neil Burras, Tim Wallick, Steve Keller, Kevin Wood, Steve Missler, Ralph Ritzenthaler, Mark Volts, Bill Weichel, Tom McLaughlin, Ted Kastor and John Heitman.

Ritzenthaler had a busy afternoon for the Falcons, as he pitched all but the third game.

The softball squad's fine performance followed exceptional performances by both the bowling team and the golf squad in the Ohio Branch Campus Spring Sports Festival.

Crow Wins Memorial Golf Tourney

Fred Crow captured honors in the 14th annual Bill Gordon Memorial golf tournament at Plum Brook Country Club over the weekend.

The Huron resident, manager of manufacturing engineering department at New Departure Hyatt, was the only golfer in the 57-man field to equal par in the 36-hole low net full handicap tournament.

Crow, who admits he plays about 20 rounds of golf a year and loves to sail during the summer months, carried a 20 handicap into the first major event of the season at the local club.

Crow fired a 92 on Saturday, but followed with a fine 88 Sunday to finish with net rounds of 72-68—140 on the par 70 layout. PBCC pro, Joe Nageotte, who initiated the event 14 years ago, revealed the course was stretched out as long as it could be for the tournament.

Four strokes behind the champion who has been playing in the event since moving here from New Jersey in 1967, were Will Camp and Ron Bechtel. Camp fired rounds of 79 and 75 and has a five handicap for 18 holes. Bechtel was consistent with 84 on Saturday, and 86 Sunday for his net 144.

Bill Stahl ranked fourth at 145, and Charles Eakin was fifth with 146. Stahl fired 85 and 84 on his 12 handicap, and Eakin 85 and 89 on a 14 handicap.



FRED CROW DISPLAYS TROPHY
...for winning handicap tourney

Huron Represented In State First Time

Bob Bowers was seriously thinking about giving up the position as head track coach at Huron High School.

That was before the 1971 spring season ever began.

Today the young graduate of Huron wouldn't quit for anything.

Bowers is beaming about the performance turned in by his young 880-yard relay team which is the first to represent its school in a state track and field championships

THE QUARTET of juniors Bill Scott and Carl Holzhauser, freshman Gary Hunter, and sophomore Dick Garton, won the Class AA relay crown in the Northwest District meet at Bowling Green Saturday.

With Scott giving them a lead they never relinquished, the Tigers once again established a new school standard with a sizzling 1:33.0 effort. The old record stood for just one week as the same group combined for a 1:34.1 mark in the sectional meet at Mansfield Malabar.

"To my knowledge, nobody ever went to the state unless it was way back," Bowers explained.

Bowers had problems getting youngsters out for the sport until this year. "We had only a handful other seasons, but 30 reported to my surprise this year and I'm sure the program will continue to grow in the future. With all four coming back along with some other outstanding boys, we could have a great

year next season," Bowers beamed.

Huron's track isn't exactly ideal. However, the quartet found all-weather surfaces to its liking, such as at Malabar and BG.

"THESE KIDS are a good bunch and they worked hard to bring the time down to where it is. I know they don't have one of the best times in the state in Class AA, but they will make a good showing in Columbus. I'm sure of that," Bowers added.

They have lowered the mark by almost a full second in each of their last three times out.

Bowers felt the switch in which Scott took over the leadoff leg was a key to the success. "Bill was our 440 man and we

used him in the 100 in our last three meets and discovered he could run the dashes quite well. We then inserted him into the lineup and that's when we started to break the records," continued the young mentor.

HURON WAS FOURTH in the Sandusky Bay Conference meet in the relay, but Bowers stated, "we mopped up Margaretta in the sectional and then Clyde in the district and that certainly made the boys happy."

The Tigers have won 22 straight football games, including back-to-back 10-0 records in football.

Huron also had three state wrestling champions, and finished second as a team this year.

The goal this weekend in Columbus is four state champions... a victory in the "AA" 880-yard relay.

First Three to State
LONG JUMP — 1-Rick Upchurch, Springfield, 23-4; 2-Jeff Huggins, Ottawa-Glandorf, 21-8½; 3-Kevin McPherson, Kenton, 21-1½; 4-Worthy Hassen, Riverdale; 5-Randy Ziegler, Wauseon; 6-Sonny Coles, Norwalk, 20-3¼.

SHOT PUT — 1-Dale Limehouse, Otego, 56-11; 2-Don Allhouse, Paulding, 54-0; 3-Harold Denhart, Ottawa-Glandorf, 53-6; 4-John Wright, Kenton; 5-Mike Waldman, Upper Sandusky; 6-John Griffin, Vermilion, 49-11.

DISCUS — 1-John Wright, Kenton, 162-5; 2-Jim Deer, Lakota, 148-9; 3-Bob Cosgrove, Ontario, 139-3; 4-Tim Monroe, Upper Sandusky; 5-Randy Fought, Lake; 6-Tim Cameron, Montpelier.

120-HIGH HURDLES — 1-Ron Weber, Rossford, 14-6; 2-Dave Reeve, Crestline, 14-9; 3-Dave Cotey, Woodmore, 15-0; 4-Tom Fairly, Fostoria; 5-Randy Smalley Carey; 6-Dave Coe, Willard, 15-8.

100-YARD DASH — 1-Jeff Huggins, Ottawa-Glandorf, 10-3; 2-Ernie Thomas, Perkins, 10-4; 3-Rick Hackenberg, Clyde, 10-5; 4-Gill Clark, Allen East; 5-Mike Roush, Norwalk, 10-8; 6-Tim Ealey, Napoleon.

MILE RUN — 1-Mark Addington, Perryburg, 4:29.0; 2-Glen Agnew, Vermilion, 4:32.3; 3-Jerry Shaffstall, Bucyrus, 4:33.6; 4-Dave Margraff, Upper Sandusky; 5-Dave Vance, Bucyrus; 6-Tim Sorg, Lexington.

880-YARD RELAY — 1-Huron (Bill Scott, Carl Holzhauser, Gary Dick Garton), 1:33.0; 2-Perryburg, 1:33.7; 3-Wynford, 1:33.8; 4-Clyde, 1:34.1; 5-Norwalk, 1:34.3; 6-Genoa, 1:34.5.

440-YARD DASH — 1-Don Gonya, Lakota, 50-9; 2-Ron Risdale, Rossford, 51-0; 3-Carlton Seitz, Ottawa-Glandorf, 51-4; 4-John Rosenbrock, Napoleon, 5-Craig Battin, Anthony Wayne; 6-Scott Cramer, Clear Fork.

180 LOW HURDLES — 1-Ron Weber, Rossford, 20-0; 2-Davey Cotey, Woodmore, 20-2; 3-Larry Haubert, Woodmore, 20-5; 4-Dave Bailey, Margaretta, 20-6; 5-Bob Schaffner, Ontario; 6-Ruben Garza, Bryan.

880-YARD RUN — 1-Paul Umberger, Ottawa-Glandorf, 1:57.4; 2-Kent Harris, Patrick Henry, 1:58.3; 3-Bruce Ralston, Springfield, 2:02.0; 4-Curt Walte, Rossford; 5-Steve Thiel, Bucyrus; 6-Bob Boatler, Bryan.

POLE VAULT — 1-Mike Pensinger, Bucyrus, 14-0; 2-Ron Weber, Rossford, 13-6; 3-Paul Treadway, Upper Sandusky, 13-6; 4-Tim Young, Wynford; 5-Worthy Hassen, Riverdale; 6-Larry Voeke, Napoleon.

220-YARD DASH — 1-Jeff Huggins, Ottawa-Glandorf, 21-9; 2-Rick Hackenberg, Clyde, 21-1; 3-Harold Powell, Bucyrus, 23-0; 4-Randy Moore, Willard, 23-1; 5-Mike McNamara, Lima Bath; 6-Jeff Travis, Woodmore.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1-Mike Mitchell, Ontario, 9:34.1; 2-Rex Brooks, Lakota, 9:35.4; 3-Brent Moss, Delta, 10:00.2; 4-Steve Melton, Crestline; 5-Fred Schwartz, Anthony Wayne; 6-Rocky Moore, Clyde.

HIGH JUMP — 1-Randy Ziegler, Wauseon, 6-3; 2-Steve Schertzer, Upper Sandusky, 6-3; 3-Ron Adlock, Riverdale, 6-5; 4-Bill Brown, Elida; 5-Jan Leaders, Napoleon; 6-Jim Bruner, Perkins, 5-8.

MILE RELAY — 1-Rossford (Ron Tisdale, Curt White, Mike Owen, Ron Weber), 3:38.3; 2-Lakota, 3:38.4; 3-Perryburg, 3:31.7; 4-Lima Bath; 5-Wynford; 6-Bucyrus and Swanton.



HURON'S 880-YARD RELAY LONE AREA "AA" ENTRY TO BAG DISTRICT VICTORY
...left to right, Dick Garton, Gary Hunter, Carl Holzhauser, Bill Scott set school mark.