



Western Reserve clinches share of FC title

COLLINS — Western Reserve captured at least a share of the Firelands Conference crown Friday with a 5-0 win over St. Paul.

The Roughriders improved to 14-9 overall, 11-3 in the league. New London and Mapleton are also in the FC hunt, but still have league games to play.

Against the Flyers, Western Reserve, which was leading 2-0 when the game was stopped Thursday, added two more runs in the fourth and one in the third.

The winners banged out eight hits. Cory Shrider, A.J. Stoll and Todd Fannin led the way with two hits, while Chris Estep and Brandon Cantrill added one each. Stoll belted a double.

Stoll scored two runs, while

Shrider, Estep and Cantrill touched home once apiece.

Fannin and Jason Hazel knocked in two runs apiece, while Cantrill added one each.

Shrider improved to 6-2 on the season. He went all seven innings, allowing six hits and one walk with five strikeouts.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group," Western coach Scott Emerick said. "They've played very well as a team. This is a good group of kids."

Shrider has been the top pitcher since Fannin and Tom Dunn went down with injuries.

"Cory Shrider has been carrying us the last 10 games," Emerick said. "Everyone else has picked up the slack."

The Roughriders last won a FC title in 1999 — Emerick's first season.

Gallon 7, Norwalk 2

GALION — Galion claimed the Northern Ohio League title

outright Friday with the win.

The Tigers are 11-2 in the league, while Norwalk dropped to 9-5, 15-9 overall.

Trailing 1-0, the hosts broke through for seven runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

The Truckers tacked on one run in the seventh.

Norwalk scored its runs on RBI singles from Clay Duncan in the first and Stephen Hunter in the seventh.

Duncan went 2-of-3 with an RBI and stolen base. Shane Johnston, Michael Biller, Nate Delamater, Rob Osborn, Jason Higgins and Hunter all gained one hit.

Johnston's hit was a double.

Kyle Schaechterle pitched six innings for the loss. He fell to 3-2 on the season.

Schaechterle allowed seven earned runs on 12 hits with one strikeout.

Higgins pitched to four batters and yielded one hit.

"We competed and gave ourselves a chance," Truckers

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coach Wes Douglas said. "We had base runners on in each inning but one. We struck out 11 times."

Norwalk is scheduled to play at 4:30 p.m. today in the Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic Invitational.

The eight team tournament, which also includes St. Paul and Edison, has been moved from Dorn Park to Jaycee Park for today's action.

The tournament resumes May 22 and is scheduled to be played at Dorn Park.

NL 12, Crestview 8

ASHLAND — Both New London and Crestview tuned up for separate district semifinal games Monday with a FC game Friday.

In the end, Crestview led 7-0 after three innings.

But the Wildcats, who

improved to 19-4 overall, 10-3 in the league, tallied two runs in the fourth and five each in the sixth and seventh.

The winners banged out 12 hits. Jon Hamilton, Karl Ferber and Corey Chaffins paced the way with three hits each. Ferber, Chris Hamilton and Kyle Pelham each posted a double, while Corey Chaffins hit a triple.

Pelham scored three runs, while Chad Blake and Chris Hamilton touched home two times apiece.

Blake pitched the first 2 1/3 innings. He allowed seven runs on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts.

Chaffins knocked in five runs. Justin Lukes went the final 4 2/3 innings for the win. He yielded one run on four hits with two walks and five strikeouts.

New London is scheduled to play Colonel Crawford at 5 p.m. Monday in a Division IV district semifinal at Crestline.

Tournaments

Four baseball and three softball teams from the area are still in the postseason tournament.

The boys' games are scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday.

In Division II, Norwalk takes on Galion at Galion in the district semifinals.

New London takes on Colonel Crawford in a district semifinal at Crestline.

In Division III, Western goes against Margaretta in a sectional final at Edison High School.

And in Division IV, St. Paul battles Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic at Plymouth.

Willard, Plymouth and Monroeville are the softball teams still in the tournament.

These games are slated for 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Willard tangles with Perkins at Vermilion in a district semifinal.

And Plymouth squares off against Monroeville at Plymouth, also in a district semifinal.

Lady Roughriders win fourth straight FC championship

By DON HOHLER

Reflector Sportswriter

ASHLAND — Four in a row for the Western Reserve girls' team.

That was the end result after the 2004 Firelands Conference meet Friday night at Mapleton.

Todd Pooch's Lady Riders were paced by Stephanie Tinney who was involved in the setting of three league records — in the 1600 and 400 relays and the open 400.

Her new open 400 mark is now 58.90, bettering the mark of Western's Paula Motolik (60.0), set in 1991.

The four that set the record in the 4x100 included Tinney, Colleen Nitchman, Tiffany Patrick and Jenny Hall in 50.70. That erased the 51.1 of last year's Crestview team.

In the four-lap 1600, Western's quartet ran a 4:08.50, lowering their own FC record of 4:14.3 set last year by Tinney, Rebecca Bement, Jenny Hall and Krystal Bennett.

"The championships keep on coming because these athletes work as hard in the weight room as they do on the track," Pooch said. "It is not by accident that they are winning championships."

While Tinney had a great day, so did her teammate, Danielle Sidell. She won both the 1600 in 5:36.90 and the 800 in 2:23.50.

It was the points amassed by those two athletes that had the most to do with the Lady Riders scoring 137 points, which was 29 more than second-place Crestview (108). New London (66), Mapleton (64), Monroeville (54), St. Paul (45), Plymouth (24) and South Central (22) followed.

Somehow, however, both Tinney and Sidell were overlooked in the Most Valuable Player voting.

Those honors went to Crestview's Jen Stuart in field events and Andrea Bader, a double winner in the running events after winning the long jump earlier in the day.

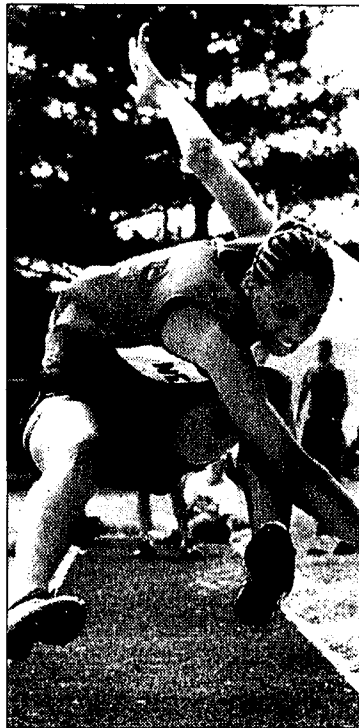
St. Paul had a pair of individual winners as junior Veronica Geretz won the 100 hurdles in 16.10, while another junior, Amanda Allard, whipped the field in the grueling 3200 meter run at 12:42.10. Geretz lowered her school record in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles to 46.80 in running second to Mapleton record-setter, C.C. Douglas (46.50). She broke Rebecca Bement's 2003 record of 46.80.

Western also gained a victory from its 800 relay team as the foursome of Patrick, Nitchman, Hall and Tinney ran a 1:51.10.

The results are listed below:

Shot put: 1. Steward (C) 40-4. 2. A. Patrick (WR) 39-3. 3. Fannin (WR) 37-3. 4. Manochio (C) 35-3. 5. Harris (NL) 33-2. 6. Nickoll (SP) 33-1 1/2.

Long jump: Bader (C) 17-1 1/4. 2. Randleman (NL) 16-4. 3. Willard (Ma.) 15-1 1/4. 4. Green (SC) 15-7 3/4. 5. Hines (SC) 15-5 1/2. 6. Mack (C) 14-10 3/4.



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New London's Tashawna Randleman gets ready to land Friday during the FC league meet long jump competition.

TRACK AND FIELD

Pole vault: 1. Meyer (Ma.) 7-0. 2. Hult (C) 6-6. 3. Shepherd (NL) 6-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Geretz (SP) 17.10. 2. Myers (Mv.) 17.60. 3. Keaton (P) 17.60. 4. Ackerman (Mv.) 17.80. 5. McPeck (WR) 17.90. 6. Rogers (Ma.) 18.30.

100: 1. Bader (C) 12.89. 2. Tinney (WR) 12.90. 3. Douglas (Ma.) 13.50. 4. Stang (Mv.) 13.60. 5. Bores (Mv.) 13.90. 6. Randleman (NL) 13.90.

800 relay: 1. Western Reserve (T. Patrick, Nitchman, Hall, Tinney) 1:51.10. 2. South Central (Green, Eastman, Gahring, Ebersole) 1:54.60. 3. Monroeville (Karnheim, Fries, Bores, Stang) 1:55.80. 4. Crestview (Reeder, Pruner, Armstrong, Watson) 1:59.50. 5. Plymouth (Carter, Hirschey, LaCroix, Waddles) 2:02.50. 6. New London (Tyas, Emery, Jump, Chase) 2:02.70.

1600: 1. Sidell (WR) 5:36.90. 2. G. Wuensch (NL) 5:42.50. 3. Spoerr (C) 5:46.10. 4. D. Wuensch (NL) 5:47.80. 5. Allard (SP) 5:51.10. 6. Meyer (Ma.) 5:54.50.

400 relay: 1. Western Reserve (Nitchman, T. Patrick, Hall, Tinney) 50.70. 2. Monroeville (Stang, Bores, Karnheim, Fries) 53.50. 3. South Central (Green, Eastman, Gahring, Ebersole) 53.50. 4. Crestview (Reeder, Mack, Armstrong, Steward) 53.70. 5. Plymouth (Carter, Stoodt, Heeden, Keaton) 54.00. 6. Mapleton (Spence, Willard, Myers, Bolland) 54.60.

400: 1. Tinney (WR) 58.90. 2. Bader (C) 1:00.00. 3. Hall (WR) 1:00.80. 4. Randleman (NL) 1:02.10. 5. Crum (SP) 1:02.60. 6. Heeden (P) 1:05.90.

300 hurdles: 1. Douglas (Ma.) 46.50. 2. Geretz (SP) 46.80. 3. Myers (Mv.) 49.70. 4. Keaton (P) 50.60. 5. Ross (Ma.) 51.60. 6. Armstrong (C) 54.70.

800: 1. Sidell (WR) 2:23.50. 2. Shepherd (NL) 2:24.20. 3. Spoerr (C) 2:32.70. 4. Plice (Ma.) 2:34.30. 5. Webb (C) 2:40.80. 6. G. Wuensch (NL) 2:41.00.

200: 1. Bader (C) 26.10. 2. Hall (WR) 26.80. 3. Randleman (NL) 27.80. 4. Ryan (WR) 28.00. 5. Green (SC) 28.80. 6. Willard (Ma.) 29.30.

3200: 1. Allard (SP) 12:42.10. 2. D. Wuensch (NL) 12:49.70. 3. Reichel (SP) 12:57.10. 4. Meyer (Ma.) 13:18.50. 5. Spoerr (C) 13:28.80. 6. Boyd (WR) 13:32.30.

1600 relay: 1. Western Reserve (Ryan, Palmer, T. Patrick, Nitchman) 4:08.50. 2. Plymouth (Heeden, LaCroix, Stoodt, Keaton) 4:26.00. 3. St. Paul (Geretz, Bundschuh, Weisenberger, Crum) 4:28.10. 4. Crestview (Mack, Reeder, Webb, Spoerr) 4:28.80. 5. Monroeville (Ryan, Ackerman, L. Schaffter, Myers) 4:34.80. 6. New London (G. Wuensch, Emery, Novotny, Shepherd) 4:45.90.

Western Reserve's Alyssa McPeck (left) and Monroeville's Brandi Ackerman both clear the hurdles during the 100 finals Friday during the Firelands Conference meet at Mapleton High School.

FC boys' title goes to Monroeville again

By DON HOHLER

Reflector Sportswriter

ASHLAND — Monroeville boys' team made it two straight in the Firelands Conference league meet Friday at Mapleton.

The Eagles used a 1-2 finish from Nick Wise and Zak Hancock in the 200-meter dash to erase a 14-point deficit to surprising Crestview.

Freshman Deven Siesel then held off New London veteran Zac Sendelbach for eight laps in the 3200 to claim eight more points and finally give Bernie Yoder's team some breathing room. The Eagles 1600 team then put an exclamation point on it with a win in the 1600 at 3:35.70.

Evan Heyman, Nick Ryan, Aaron Robinson and Wise carried the mail for the winners.

It was those kind of performances that got Wise Most Valuable Player honors among the male runners. His teammate, Josh Perry, a double winner in the weight events, was the MVP among the field event entries. In the end the Eagles finished with 118 points, 20 more than Crestview (98). New London and South Central tied for third with 74 followed by Western Reserve (59), Plymouth (55), Mapleton (38) and St. Paul (11).

"The key was for everyone who made the finals to do their job and do the best job possible," Monroeville coach Bernie Yoder said. "Crestview was right there with us far as potential points."

Perry, a senior strongman, after a personal best record 166-9 in the discus for yet another school record. In the shot, he re-set record five times to where it now stands at 53-11. Wise, in addition to his legs in the relays, won both the 100 meter dash (11.20) and the 200 (22.80), the latter event shading Hancock (23.30). In the single lap relay, the foursome of Wise, Aaron Robinson, Hancock and Brad Pierce, tied the meet record of 44.5



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Western Reserve's Greg Patrick gets ready to unleash the discus Friday in Firelands Conference action at Mapleton.

set by the 1197 Mapleton team and Wise, Hancock, Mitch Smith and Clint Ryan last year.

No one was prouder of his teams' performance, however, that South Central coach Jeff Ray. His son, Jordan, went back-to-back in the pole vault, winning for the second straight year. Tyler Wilhelm took the high jump at 6-2, winning by two inches, while the school's 800 meter relay finished second to New London.

Sendelbach did get one win, however. He hit the tape first in his specialty, the 1600, in 4:40.00. The Wildcats 800 meter relay team of Brian Sheller, Brent Dearth, Chris Foor and Duane Berry won in 1:35.10, easing by the trojan quartet of Cody Roswell, Casey Ehler, Wilhelm and Ray. Plymouth hurdler, Lucas Keaton, also had a great final, winning both the 110 in 16.90 and the 300 in 41.40.

Discus: 1. Perry (Mv.) 166-9. 2. Fink (Ma.) 146-9. 3. Dittman (SC) 142-9. 4. Beck (C) 142-6. 5. Clark (SC) 140-3. 6. G. Patrick (WR) 131-5.

Pole vault: 1. Ray (SC) 12-6. 2. Dinger (Ma.) 11-0. 3. McGraw (C) 10-6. 4. Roberts (SC) 10-6. 5. (lie) Essenmacher (NL) and Herold (NL) 8-0.

High jump: 1. Wilhelm (SC) 6-2. 2. Robinson (Mv.) 6-0. 3. Sittler (Mv.) 6-0. 4. Dearth (NL) 5-10. 5. O'Dell (C) 5-8. 6. Lucal (SC) 5-8.

110 hurdles: 1. Keaton (P) 18.90. 2. Coburn (SC) 17.20. 3. Thayer (WR) 17.40. 4. J. Wilhelm (Mv.) 17.80. 5. Pickens (WR) 17.90. 6. B. Robinson (Mv.) 18.20.

100: 1. Wise (Mv.) 11.20. 2. O'Dell (C) 11.40. 3. Pierce (Mv.) 11.70. 4. LaCroix (P) 11.80. 5. G. Patrick (WR) 11.90. 6. Berry (NL) 12.10.

800 relay: 1. New London (Berry, Foor, Dearth, Sheller) 1:35.10. 2. South Central (Roswell, Ehler, Wilhelm, Ray) 1:36.50. 3. Monroeville (Heyman, N. Ryan, J. Hancock, Z. Hancock) 1:37.00. 4. Western Reserve (Pickens, Martineau, Elliott, Thayer) 1:37.30. 5. St. Paul (Schild, Stoll, Bleschmidt, Oppert) 1:39.30. 6. Crestview (Clinker, Estep, Beck, Stuart) 1:40.70.

1600: 1. Sendelbach (NL) 4:40.00. 2. McCarron (C) 4:40.60. 3. Hackney (SC) 4:47.50. 4. Cammam (WR) 4:47.70. 5. Beebe (SP) 4:53.00. 6. Myers (Ma.) 4:53.80.

400 relay: 1. Monroeville (A. Robinson, Pierce, Wise, Z. Hancock) 44.50. 2. Crestview (Clinker, Hines, Beck, O'Dell) 45.50. 3. Western Reserve (Elliott, Chaffin, G. Patrick, Hahn) 46.00.

TRACK AND FIELD

4. St. Paul (Schild, Stoll, Bleschmidt, Oppert) 46.90. 5. New London (Dearth, Foor, Herold, Berry) 47.20. 6. Plymouth (Reed, McKenzie, Masters, LaCroix) 48.00.

400: 1. Sheller (NL) 52.00. 2. Dearth (NL) 53.60. 3. Hines (C) 54.20. 4. Reed (P) 54.20. 5. Webb (Ma.) 54.30. 6. N. Ryan (Mv.) 54.70.

300 hurdles: 1. Keaton (P) 41.40. 2. Thayer (WR) 43.10. 3. Ehler (SC) 43.20. 4. Coburn (SC) 44.00. 5. Pickens (WR) 44.10. 6. Shupe (SP) 44.40.

800: 1. Ringer (C) 2:04.60. 2. Fulk (C) 2:04.80. 3. Myers (Ma.) 2:04.90. 4. Branstool (P) 2:07.90. 5. Schaler (Mv.) 2:10.10. 6. Cramer (NL) 2:11.60.

200: 1. Wise (Mv.) 22.80. 2. Z. Hancock (Mv.) 23.30. 3. Sheller (NL) 24.00. 4. LaCroix (P) 24.00. 5. Hahn (WR) 24.70. 6. Hines (C) 25.00.

3200: 1. Siesel (Mv.) 10:27.30. 2. Sendelbach (NL) 10:39.30. 3. Hackney (SC) 10:49.10. 4. Kamm (NL) 10:54.90. 5. Rowe (P) 10:59.00. 6. Palkish (Ma.) 11:02.90.

1600 relay: 1. Monroeville (Heyman, N. Ryan, A. Robinson, Wise) 3:35.70. 2. Plymouth (Reed, LaCroix, Branstool, Keaton) 3:36.90. 3. New London (Dearth, Pondy, Sendelbach, Sheller) 3:41.90. 4. Western Reserve (Elliott, Stoll, C. Buckingham, Cammam) 3:42.90. 5. Mapleton (Myers, Gipsen, Dinger, Webb) 3:43.60. 6. Crestview (Fulk, McCarron, Ringer, Hines) 3:44.00.