

Montrose girls take a first big step toward title defense

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ST. LOUIS — Defending State Class C champion Montrose took a big step toward a successful defense of that crown Saturday in the regional track meet here.

The Rams easily won the competition, scoring 64 points to top second-place Roger City which had 45. More importantly, Montrose had 10 individuals qualify in all but the shot put for the state meet.

Montrose won six events including the 880' and mile relays, placed second in four and had three thirds.

Valerie Horne will be the busiest Ram in the state meet. She won the long jump with a leap of 17-1 1/2, was second in the 100-yard dash and ran on the 880 and 440 relay units.

Two freshmen protected their unbeaten records for Coach Cathy Markland's team. Kim Webber won the two

mile in 13:15.4 and Karen Lapworth was first in the 880 in 2:27.9.

Rogi Nogaj accounted for the Rams' other victory by capturing the 440 with a time of 1:00.7.

Joining Horne in the 880 which was timed in 1:48.5 relay were Nogaj, Sabrina Schmidt and Mary Nickoley. Montrose's mile relay team was comprised of Nogaj, Lapworth, Teri Dowell and Tina Bellil. Their time was 4:17.4.

Horne, Pat Harris, Schmidt and Nickoley finished second in the 440 relay.

Nickoley also qualified in the high jump where she finished second by clearing 5 1/2. Schmidt qualified by ending third in the 220 with a time of 27.4. Leeann Dunklee finished second in the two mile to qualify and Harris was third in the 110 hurdles.

Powers' Solik loses in finals

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OKEMOS — Steve Solik of Powers Catholic finished second Saturday in the singles portion of the Class B regional tennis tournament.

Solik won four matches before stumbling to Stan Drobac of Okemos in the finals, 6-2, 6-4. Both players qualified for the State Class B meet.

Solik gained the finals by downing Karl Hanover of Mason, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, in the semifinals. Drobac was also responsible for the defeat of another Powers player, Rory Mattar. Drobac stopped Mattar in the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Okemos took team honors with 16 points, one more than Mason and Saginaw MacArthur which tied for second. Powers was fifth with 13. Hamady scored eight points.

Rice adds pair of grid assistants

Morrice qualifies two for state track meet

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HASLETT — Morrice scored 10 points and had two qualifiers for the State Class D track meet in Saturday's regional competition.

Ken St. John won the mile for Morrice in a time of 4:37 and Jim Fox was fourth in the 180-yard low hurdles with a time of 21.5. Detroit St. Martin DePorres took team honors with 50 points.

Shiner rejoins New England

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Veteran quarterback Dick Shiner, one of two players who played out options with the New England Patriots last season, has re-signed with the National Football League club.

Shiner, officially a free agent since

Montrose boys finish third

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HASLETT — Montrose finished a distant third to Bath Saturday in the Class C regional track meet.

The Rams scored 29 points. Bath ran away with the competition, amassing 77 points. Williamston was second with 31.

Montrose qualified six individuals for the State Class C meet, headed by John Pyre who won the 880-yard run with a time of 2:04.6. Teammate Tony Bragg was second in that event in 2:05.7.

Others who qualified for Montrose were: Robin Chaffin, second in the long jump, Jim Ellis, third in the high jump, Lee Morse, second in the mile and Wayne Stinchcomb, second in the two mile.

Byron scored 10 points and had two qualifiers for the state meet. Frank Hollenback won the mile in 4:39.9 and Paul Pattan was second in the shot put. New Lothrop scored one point.