

Harper Creek qualifies four, sets two records

HOLT — Harper Creek stalwarts Jeff Smith, Mike Gilmore, Dave Ball and Jim Keniston will have a chance to play the gracious host early next month, as all four qualified for the Class B state meet on the Beavers' home track June 4 by virtue of strong performances at the regional here Saturday.

Pennfield's Mark Berends, Mark Blodger of Marshall, Albion's Jeff McCormick and Tom Newman of Coldwater also qualified during the meet, won by Holt with 39½ points. Harper Creek placed fifth with 19.

Hastings won the girls title and qualified seven team members for the state meet. City qualifiers were Harper Creek's Pat Jenney in the discus, Debbie Tueber in the high jump and Bev Mason in the 440 and Pennfield's Bonnie Arnold in the mile and two-mile.

The Panther 440 relay of Kaye Stevens, Lori Warren, Connie Blankenship and Heidi Bautista will be a solid contender for state honors after finishing first. Pennfield was sixth and Harper Creek eighth in the team standings.

Smith set a school record and became the first city pole vaulter to clear 13 feet as he won the event with a splendid 13-3½. Gilmore also set a Beaver mark,

turning in a 50.9 in the 440 to place second to Newman, who was clocked in 49.6

Ball won the two-mile with a time of 9:50.8, best of the year in the city, while Keniston was third in the mile in 4: 32.4. Berends advanced to the state meet with a third in 880 in 1:59.1

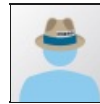
Blodger also was third across the line, in two-mile, in 10:01.1. Albion's McCormick was one of the meet standouts, winning the 100 (10.2) and 220 (22.8).

Hastings won six events in the girls bracket, including victories by star Cindy Nelson in mile and two-mile. Other Saxon winners were Diane Arens in discus, Kathy Powers in high jump, Brenda Smith in long jump and the Saxon mile relay team.

Marcia Rowlander, Julie Burchett and Paula Pederson also qualified.

Marshall posted two victories en route to a fourth-place finish. Melody Boehmer won the shot put and Kim Esbaugh took low hurdles. Christy Klein qualified with a third in the 100.

Karen Harris helped Albion gain fifth, winning the 100 and taking runnerup honors in 220 and long jump. The Albion 880 relay came in second.



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