Area runners d funds to travel

BY TOM WATTS

The odds say these athletes probably will watch the 1992 Olympics from Barcelona on television.

But 1,400 competitors gave it their all in this weekend's Region V Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships at Southfield High School.

Shameakia Dunwoody, a sophomore at Cass Tech, broke two records Saturday. She won the 200 meters in 24.5 seconds and the 400 meters in 37.1.

She and the top three finishers in all events earned spots on the region's team for the Junior Olympics in Spokane, Wash., July 26-30.

The region consists of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and an area around Lake Erie.

"Some girls set high goals," said Detroit Hawks coach Cloyd Hearns. "Some girls set high goals," said Detroit Hawks coach Cloyd Hearns. "Some girls set high goals," said Detroit Hawks coach Cloyd Hearns. "Shameakia Dunwoody's goal is Barcelona. She's been a blessing and inspiration to our entire team."

Jinaaya Alhamisi, a junior at Henry Ford, won the 800 meters and was a member of the winning mile relay team for the Cheetah Club. "Running on a club makes me better," she said.

"We qualified about seven or eight runners today," said Cheetah coach Harry Weaver. "But our kids need donations to travel to these meets."

Bettye Robinson, Motor City Track Club founder and coach, said there never is enough money.

"All clubs need money," she said.

"But some parents have never seen their kids run before. That's sad."

Another top performance was turned in by Motor City 'Boan Reddan, who cleared 7-0 in the high jump. Reddan, bound for the University of Michigan, is a favorite to win at Spokane. Grand Blanc senior Gwen Wentland cleared 5-1114 in the high jump and went 36-0 in the triple jump.

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