Jenkins Wins 2 Hurdles Crowns in State Meet

By Mike Etzkin

COLUMBUS — Incredible performances by two Mansfield athletes carried the Rams to a second-place tie in the Class AAA portion of the 68th annual high school state track and field meet.

Run in mid-80, humid weather at Ohio State University, Cleveland Glenville, behind speedster Derrek Harbour, overtook Madison in the second to last event of the meet and went on to win with 29 points. Madison and Trotwood Madison each garnered 24 markers.

Jeff Jenkins and Greg Fuqua scored all the points for Madison with Jenkins recording the fastest double hurdle victory time in the state's history and Greg Fuqua finishing fourth in the quartermile.

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Harbour was voted by the press as the outstanding performer in the AAA meet. He edged Jenkins by three votes. Harbour won the 440-yard dash in record time, placed second in the long jump and 220-yard dash and ran a leg on Glenville's fourth-place mile relay unit. He accounted for 26 of the team's 29 points.

Jenkins kept fans wondering just how fast he really is by not going after the records in both hurdles events. He won the highs in 13.8 to tie the state record and was one-tenth of a second off the record time in the lows when he was clocked in 19.0.

How far he could have lowered both marks was left in doubt when he looked around after crossing his last high hurdle and then raised his hand in victory as he crossed the wire. He pulled up after he crossed his last low hurdle also and trotted across.

Checking the qualifying times (all under 14.6 in the highs and 19.9 in the lows) there is little doubt that this year's crop of hurdlers were the best Ohio has produced and Jenkins wasn't pushed.

One of the two records broken in Class AAA was in the quarter-mile where Fuqua surprised many in taking a fourth. Harbour won in 47.3 breaking the old mark of 47.4. Lamar Preyor of Trotwood Madison passed defending 440 champion Anthony Blair of Alliance, a Mansfield Mehock Relay winner, at the last curve when Blair lost a shoe. Preyor was clocked at 47.7 and Blair came in 47.7.

Fuqua who ran in fourth most of the way crossed the finish line in 48.9. He qualified Friday in 48.8.

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champion Les West of Dayton Wayne broke the only other AAA record when he pole vaulted 15 feet, 61/4 inches. The old mark was 15-5 set by Tom Rice of Upper Arlington last year.

Mike Whitehead of Cincinnati Princeton was the only defending champion to successfully defend an AAA title. He won the high jump Friday at 6 feet, 8 inches.

Jeff Phillips of Columbus Whitehall upset Preyor in the 100, Tyrone Hicks of Warren Harding upset Preyor in the 220, Harbour beat Blair in the 440 and Cincinnati Princeton won the mile relay taking the crown away from Glenville.

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High School Data...

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CLASS AAA

At Euclid
Parma 3, Cleveland Heights 2
At North Canton
Youngstown Chaney 13, Canton Glenwood 6

At Columbus Columbus West 9, Lima Shawnee 3

CLASS AA At Barberton Medina Buckeye 4, Jefferson Astabula 0

At Lima
Bryan 11, Evergreen 1
At Springfield
Hamilton 14, Ironton 4
At Delaware
Columbus St. Charles 10, Ridgewood 0

CLASS A
At Columbus
Lucasville Valley 3, Fredericktown 2
At Hamler
Old Fort 2, North Baltimore 0

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