

It didn't take long for Logan Knight to do one of his things Saturday in the District 10 3A track meet at Slippery Rock.

The Franklin super soph won the very first event of the meet -- the discus.

Knight launched the plate 157-10 to beat a formidable field of, among others, Meadville's Brennen Dinsmore (150-5) and

Grove City's DeLathian Boanes (142-1) who were 2-3.

Knight was ahead before tossing that 157-10 on his final attempt. Boanes fouled on his final four throws.

This all happened in the wee hours of mid-morning as the meet was getting under way.

Six hours later Knight took center stage again, this time for his specialty, the shot put. But things did not go as well as they

did that morning as Knight, the second seed anyway behind Boanes, settled for second place. But not to Boanes.

The winner was Dinsmore with a 56-4 throw on his fifth attempt. Knight's second place heave -- 53-8 -- came on his last try.

Before that his best was a pedestrian 48-8 -- and two fouls.

Meanwhile, Boanes, the top seed, opened with his third place throw of 53-6.25 and then did nothing else.

Franklin crowned a second champion, this time in the girls meet, when senior Isabella Peterson claimed the 3A discus. The

winning throw was a modest 103-2. She tossed 99-9 on her first attempt and led by an inch over Bailey Janukites of Harbor

Creek. But neither Janukites nor anybody else could catch Peterson, who was the No. 2 seed at 101-5 going into the meet.

Only three entries boasted throws of at least 100 feet. By comparison, there were 14 in 2A over 100 including a 135-2 and a

134-10 as the top two.

Peterson is Franklin's first girls district champ since Ashley Alcorn won the shot and discus in 2021 and 2022. She is a

soldier in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard who was a special speaker at an assembly of Sandycreek students last

November.

Rounding out the stable of Franklin winners was junior Isabel Griffin, the erstwhile Rocky Grove cross country star. She was

seeded second behind Warren's Morgan Alexander. As with Oil City's Corabel Shiley in 2A, Griffin sat out the meet until the

3200. The race went according to Hoyle with Alexander, another junior, coming in second at 11:42.58. Griffin was clocked at 11:37.03 to become the Lady Knights' first district champ in a distance running event since 2016 when Savanna Carr took the 3200.

Winners -- Knight in the discus, Peterson and Griffin -- qualified for the state meet this week at Shippensburg. Also advancing are place-winners who met state meet qualifying standards: Knight (shot) and Oil City's Braylon Barber (javelin), De'Vaughn Griffin (100), Elijah Brosius (1600, 3200)

and Corabel Shiley (3200). Two Franklin notables who didn't make it: distance runner Jay Prettyman and Landon Lynch in the javelin.

Here's a rundown of Franklin and Oil City place-winners:

Franklin (3A)

Logan Knight -- first discus (157-10), second shot (53-8)

Isabella Peterson --first discus

Isabel Griffin -- first 3200 in 11:37.03

Jay Prettyman -- second 1600 (4:23.06) M.J. Pottinger of Grove City ran 4:22.66 to win it; seventh 3200 in 10:09.64. Pottinger also won this race (9:24ish) and was one of three Grove City athletes in the top six.

Landon Lynch -- third high jump, fifth javelin at 161-3 (Grove City went 1-2; winning throw 173-9)

Sophia Rondinelli -- third high jump

Sophia Beach -- third javelin 101-9

Caden Mincer -- fourth 110 hurdles, eighth triple jump

Seldon Bean -- fourth long jump (20-5.5)

Girls 3200 relay -- Alaina Blyler, Alaya Gahr, Sophie Wehrle, Justeyn Winner, fifth in 11:10.07

Boys 3200 relay -- Davis LeGoullon, Kyle Phipps, Hayden Bellis, Daven LeGoullon, fifth in 9:06 (McDowell ran 8:06.62 to win)

Aaron Junior-Moore -- eighth shot

Oil City (2A)

Elijah Brosius -- second 1600 in 4:30.81 (Brosius was ahead going into the last lap before Blake Glass of Ft. LeBoeuf (4:27.69) overtook him; second in 3200 at 9:53.44

Braylon Barber -- second javelin 166-10 (winning throw by Corry's Nolan Carey was 192-11)

Olive Collins -- third high jump; fifth 100 hurdles

Corabel Shiley -- third 3200 in 11:25.82. Race for second close but Prep's heralded Anne Catherine Brown won with ease (11:11.86). Shiley did beat another highly touted runner, Grove City junior Josie Jones.

Madi Garland -- third javelin 110-7

Spence Singleton -- fourth javelin 159-6

Boys 3200 relay -- Keegan Kirkwood, Rilee Matalino, Elijah Collins, Elijan Brosius, fourth in 8:36.33 (Lakeview won in 8:19.19).

Gavin Stephens -- fifth triple jump, personal record 41-10.25

Dylan Van Wormer -- fifth 400 (52.53)

Keegan Kirkwood -- fifth 800 (2:05.62)

De'Vaughn Griffin -- fifth 100 in 11.06 (three under 11, including Mercyhurst sophomore Vinny Feliciano who won with 10.72). Griffin, who missed several meets at the end of the season, didn't start the 200 prelims.

Bailey Stevens -- sixth 100 hurdles, sixth 300 hurdles

Rilee Matalino -- sixth in 3200; freshman ran a 10:12.66

Lindsay Caralla -- tie for seventh high jump

Sophia Garmong -- eighth 400

Stephens (20-5.25 long jump) and Kamdyn Reagle (46-83/4 shot) posted personal bests with decent distances but finished out of the money.

Team champions

3A boys (8 teams) -- Grove City 171, Prep 127, McDowell 116. Franklin fifth with 58 points

3A girls (10 teams) -- McDowell 120, Slippery Rock 113. Franklin was eighth with 38 points.

2A boys (26 teams) -- Ft. LeBoeuf 84, Hickory 76, Corry 55.5, Oil City 53

2A girls (21 teams) -- Hickory 76, Corry 75.5. Oil City 11th with 30.5 points.