

1970 Buckeye Conference meet...

Mansfield Hosts Buckeye Meet

There isn't much doubt in the mind of Ross high track coach Ron Brant.

"Sandusky should win it again," says Brant in analyzing Saturday's Buckeye Conference track meet at Mansfield. "I don't see how anyone could pick against them. They have all the horses."

"Marion Harding, Mansfield Senior and Lorain Senior will also score their share of points. The rest of us will battle it out for the rest of the positions."

Brant expects several of his tracksters to place in the competition.

"We might have more kids score than we did last year but still not finish as high," Brant says. "This year's team is more

of a dual meet team. We have plenty of depth but no great stars."

The Little Giants got most of their scoring last year from Brad Linder (pole vault) and Dave Rhodes (shot put). Rhodes finished first in the shot put and Linder was third in the vault.

Ross' biggest hope for a first place this year seems to be senior Earl Smith, who will run in the 440. He placed second in the event to Jim Patrick, Marion. Patrick also returns this year.

Brant also expects Tom Nighswander (discus), Tom Nahm (hurdles), Al Widman (two mile) and Mike Tooman and Bruce Schneider (pole vaulters) to score.

Preliminary events get underway at 1 p.m. The finals are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. A trophy will be presented to the winner of each event. The runnerup and third place finishers will receive medals.

Four and fifth place finishers receive ribbons.

The meet will be held at Mansfield Senior's all-weather track. It has 10 lanes and is the site of the annual Mansfield Relays.

Official Reports ABA, NBA Joined

NEW YORK (AP) — Players of the National Basketball Association go to court today to try to stop a merger with the American Basketball Association.

A judge in U.S. District Court was to hear arguments from the players' attorneys asking for an injunction against the merger. The leagues are currently under a restraining order prohibiting them from merger talks.

Meanwhile, a high basketball official who declined identification said Thursday night that the leagues had already agreed to merge.

This brought denials from Commissioner Walter Kennedy of the NBA and Ray Patterson, president of the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA.

The NBA players' association contends a marriage of the

leagues would eliminate all competition for talent in professional basketball. College players now have a choice of either league.

The restraining order was obtained by attorneys for the 14 player representatives of the NBA teams, who filed an anti-trust suit two weeks ago.

On Thursday night, the official told the Associated Press that a merger agreement was reached at a recent meeting between the leagues.

He said the terms called for full integration of the leagues along the lines set up by the National and American football leagues. He said the NBA and ABA would play under their own banners for three years with a common draft and exhibition games. Then, at the end of the third year, the leagues would merge under one banner.

Buckeye Records

BUCKEYE RECORDS

TRACK EVENTS

100-yard dash—9.9—Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965.
220-yard dash—21.4—Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965.
440-yard dash—49.8—Steve Parker, Fremont Ross, 1968.
880-yard run—1:57.9—Gary Warne, Marion Harding, 1969.
Mile Run—4:28.5—Bill Haviland, Marion Harding, 1969.
120-yard low hurdles—14.3—Jon Jackson, Sandusky, 1968.
180-yard low hurdles—19.0—Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965.
Two-mile run—9:48.9—Tim Wosco, Lorain, 1969.
880-yard relay—1:28.6—Mansfield (Ralph Tawls, Cornell Davis, Steve Walker, Duane Hill), 1969.
Mile Relay—3:26.6—Marion Harding (Russ McBride, Randy Keeton, Gary Warne, Jim Patrick), 1969.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put—59 feet, 8½ inches—Ed Williams, Sandusky, 1968.
Discus throw—178 feet—Ken Krueger, Sandusky, 1968.
High jump—six feet, four inches—Chris Cowie, Lorain, 1968.
Long Jump—23 feet, 8 inches—Dave Rather, Sandusky, 1969.
Pole Vault—14 feet, 1½ inches—Jerry Klyop, Elyria, 1968.

PAST CHAMPIONS

1969—Sandusky, 69.
1968—Sandusky, 60
1967—Elyria, 64
1966—Sandusky, 69½.
1965—Sandusky, 63
1964—Sandusky, 58
1963—Marion Harding, 51
1962—Marion Harding, 80
1961—Sandusky, 82¾
1960—Marion Harding, 79½
1959—Marion Harding, 91
1958—Marion Harding, 95¼
1957—Marion Harding, 103
1956—Marion Harding, 81½
1955—Marion Harding, 95

Junior High Track Meet

Fostoria high school's track and field team beat Fremont Ross, 113½-67½, at Harmon Stadium Thursday.

Difference in the meet was a lopsided victory by the Fostoria seventh grade. The visitors took a first place in every event but one in rolling to a 70-12 advantage.

Ross' eighth graders beat Fostoria, 55½-43½, but the damage was already done.

The only Ross seventh grader to win was John Karfret in the 660 yard run. He is undefeated in the event. Eighth grade winners included Tim Smith (long jump),

Keith Pettiford (pole vault), Jerry Overmeyer (high jump), Randy Robinson (80 yard dash) and Roger Heidelberg (330 yard dash).

Ross now has a 3-1 record. Fostoria is undefeated. Next out for the Little Giants is Thursday at Sandusky.



Smith, Schneider Second

Ross Places Fifth At Buckeye Meet

MANSFIELD — Fremont Ross finished fifth in the eight team field at the Buckeye Conference track and field meet at Mansfield Malabar's all-weather track Saturday.

Sandusky won the team championship for the third straight year and sixth time in the last seven years. Lorain Senior was only six points out of first place. Elyria (40) and Mansfield Senior (38) preceded Ross (16). Trailing the Little Giants were Marion and Findlay (15) and Lorain Admiral King (6).

"I was fairly pleased with the outcome," Ross coach Ron Brant said. "We ended up just about where we figured. Before the meet, coach Frontz (Steve) and I thought we would score either 15½ or 16 points. We got the 16.

"You have to consider what we have and what the rest of the schools above us have. Our finish was respectable."

The Little Giants had two seconds, two thirds and two fifth place finishes.

Earl Smith took second in the 880 yard run, "the most exciting race of the day," according to Brant. Smith, who's only a junior, was beaten in the last five yards by Sandusky's Osmond Pearson.

Pearson, a freshman, was clocked in 1:59.2 Smith's official time was 1:59.5 which set a new Ross high school record. It was the third time this season Smith has broken the previous record in the event. The old mark was 2:00.7 which Smith set against

Sandusky Wednesday in a dual meet.

"Earl showed a lot of intestinal fortitude," Brant said. "He led the whole way until the final five yards. The Sandusky boy tried to take the lead on the last curve and Earl just fought him off. Earl's first quarter was :55 flat. It was really some race."

Smith wasn't even supposed to run in the 880. But, he received the assignment when senior Larry Sheffield pulled a hamstring muscle in the 100 yard dash.

"When Larry pulled up only 25 or 30 yards out of the blocks we had to do plenty of changing," Brant said. "Larry was supposed to anchor the 880 yard relay team. So we substituted Earl in his spot.

"The 440 yard dash which Smith usually runs followed the relay. To give Earl more rest we moved him to the 880 run."

Ross' other second came from pole vaulter Bruce Schneider, who went 13-0. Sandusky's Bob Crabb won the event with 13-6.

"It was the best performance of the year for Bruce," Brant said. "We knew he could go 13 feet. He did it in practice Thursday. But doing it in practice and in a meet with all the pressure of the Buckeye are two different things."

Third place medals were taken by Al Widman (two mile run) and the 880 relay team. Widman, a sophomore, broke his own

school record of 10:17 when he finished with a 10:10.2. Sandusky's Rich Brown took the first place trophy with a 9:42.2 clocking, a conference record.

Members of the 880 yard relay team were John Heidelberg, Tom Liggins, Smith and Len Ferguson.

Tom Nahm won both fifth places—the high and low hurdles. "He gave us a good consistent effort like he has all year," Brant said. "Tom is one of the seniors who has been leading this squad."

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The meet had one triple winner—Mac Thomas of Elyria. He carted home championship trophies from the 100 yard dash, 180 yard low hurdles, and 220 yard dash.

In the 100 yard dash, he set a conference record with a clocking of 9.6 in the preliminaries. Thomas' time in the finals was 9.7.

The final conference record was set in the mile run by Lorain's Tim Wasco. He won the event with a 4:27.6.

Lorain's Rick Hans was the only double winner. He captured top laurels in the 120 yard high hurdles and long jump.

Other winners included: Jim Patrick, Marion, 440 yard dash; Rick Kuhns, Elyria, high jump; Ray Felton, Lorain, shot put; and, Hugh Mask, Mansfield, discus.

Old Fort, Lake Split

Buckeye Track Summary

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Rick Hans, Lorain, 15.0; 2. Bruce Woodsen, Mansfield, 15.1; 3. Ray Williams, Lorain, 15.2; 4. Jim Fantozz, Sandusky 15.3; 5. Tom Nahm, Fremont, 15.35.

100-YARD DASH—1. Mac Thomas, Elyria, 9.7; 2. Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, 9.8; 3. Ralph Rawls, Mansfield, 9.9; 4. Ron Fields, Lorain, 10.0; 5. Tom Harris, Elyria, 10.1. (Set record of 9.6 in preliminaries formerly held by Bob Lindsey, (9.9) Sandusky, 1965).

MILE RUN—1. Tim Wasco, Lorain, 4:27.6; (record); 2. Dennis Barnes Findlay, 4:29.3; 3. Jeff Hochstettler, Findlay, 4:30.3; Jeff Tanchon, Sandusky, 4:32.1; 5. Bob Fair, Sandusky, 4:40.4 (breaks old mark of 4:28.5 set by Bill Haviland, Marion, 1969).

880-YARD RELAY—1. Elyria (Lemar Lenore, Ike Maxwell, Tom Harris, Rick Nelson), 1:32.1; 2. Marion Harding, 1:33.9; 3. Fremont, 1:34.1; 4. Findlay, 1:34.7; 5. Lorain, 1:38.6.

440-YARD DASH—1. Jim Patrick, Marion, 50.0; 2. Ray Webb, Mansfield, 51.7; 3. Leo Ferguson, Sandusky, 52.1; 4. Ron McQuattie, Lorain, 52.5; 5. John Caffey, Sandusky, 52.3.

HIGH JUMP—1. Rick Kuhns, Elyria, 6-0; 2. Velma Evans, Sandusky, 5-10; 3. Bruce Woodsen, Mansfield, 5-8; 4. Scott May, Sandusky, 5-6; 5. Gary Beidelman, Elyria, 5-6.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—1. Mac Thomas, Elyria, 19.7; 2. Rich Hans, Lorain, 20.3; 3. Jim Barnett, Mansfield, 20.4; 4. Bruce Woodsen, Mansfield 20.9; 4. Tom Nahm, Fremont, 21.1.

880-YARD RUN—1. Osmond Pearson, Sandusky, 1:59.2; 2. Earl Smith, Fremont, 1:59.5; 3. Bob McQuattie, Lorain Sr. 2:01.7; 4. Jeff Hochstettler, 2:02.9; Findlay S. Dennis Barnes, Findlay, 2:03.7.

220 YARD DASH—1. Mac Thomas, Elyria, 22.0; 2. Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, 22.1; 3. Ralph Rawls, Mansfield, 22.2; 4. Lenor Lemar, Elyria, 22.4; 5. Rich Hans, Lorain, 22.8.

LONG JUMP—1. Rich Hans, Lorain, 20-5½; 2. Velma Evans, Sandusky, 20-4; 3. Ike Maxwell, Elyria, 20-2; 4. Ralph Rawls, Mansfield, 20-0; 5. Lou Love, Elyria, 19-10.

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Rich Brown, Sandusky, 9:42.2; (record) 2. Brad Elles, Lorain Admiral King, 10:02.2; 3. Al Widman, Fremont, 10:10.2; 4. Jeff Shadle, Findlay, 10:15; 5. Bob Przytulski, Lorain, 10:22.8.

(Breaks old mark of 9:48.9 set by Tim Wasco, Lorain, 1969).

MILE RELAY—1. Sandusky (Jesse Pearson, Bob Jackson, John Caffey, Leo Ferguson), 3:29.1; 2. Mansfield, 3:29.6; 3. Marion Harding, 3:30; 4. Lorain Senior, 3:32.7; 5. Findley, 3:39.0.

SHOT PUT—1. Ray Felton, Lorain, 53-6¼; 2. Hugh Mask, Mansfield, 52-7; 3. Kurt Schumacher, Lorain, 52-¾; 4. John Husband, Elyria, 50-10; 5. Jim Kennedy, Sandusky, 49-10½.

DISCUS—1. Hugh Mask, Mansfield, 166-7¾; 2. Mark Deming, Sandusky, 157-11¼; 3. Ray Felton, Lorain, 146-11¾; 4. Scott May, Sandusky, 144-3½; 5. Jim Vale, Admiral King, 139-3.

POLE VAULT—1. Bob Crabb, Sandusky, 13-6; 2. Bruce Schneider, Fremont, 13-0; 3. Wayne Dittmer, Lorain, 12-6; 4. Paul Price, Marion, 12-0; 5. Jerry Zemanek, Admiral King 12-0.

Table of Points: Sandusky 58; Lorain 52; Elyria, 40; Mansfield 38; Fremont 16; Marion and Findlay 15; Lorain Admiral King 6.