

1943 State meet...

ROSS HARRIERS IN STATE MEET

A six-man squad of Ross high harriers will compete in the state cross-country meet at Mansfield today, Coach Whitey Althoff has announced. The team qualified last Saturday by placing third in the Northwest District run at Toledo, trailing Mansfield and Toledo Waite.

The Little Giants making the trip are Capt. Bill Berger, who was fourth at Toledo; Paul Schaubel, Bill Wing, Del Weiller, Norm Feighner and Vern Smith.

The state chase this year is expected to be one of the fastest in history and there appears little doubt but that the state record of 10.5 minutes for the two miles will be shattered. The winner of each of the district meets was clocked in close, or better, than that time.

LITTLE GIANTS LAST IN MEET

State Cross-Country Title To Akron North; Toledoan Sets Record

Fremont Ross high harriers finished last in the 10-team field that vied for the state cross-country title in Mansfield on Saturday which saw Akron North win its second straight title and a Toledo runner set a new state mark.

Coach Whitey Althoff took a five-man team to the Richland county site and Capt. Bill Berger was the first of the quintet to finish. His time was 11 minutes 15 seconds, a minute and 22 seconds slower than the winning time.

North won the hill-and-dale title with a total of 62 points, placing six runners among the first 30 and holding a 17-point edge on Cleveland John Marshall, the runner-up. Lakewood was third with 103 and Columbus West fourth with 127.

Other teams finished as follows: Mansfield, 132; Cleveland Rhodes, 137; Toledo Waite and Akron East, each 167; Dayton Parker, 177 and Fremont, 270.

Sylvester Stewart, Toledo Waite runner who copped the northwest-ern district title, set a new state record of 9:53.8, breaking the old mark of 9:58 set at Ohio Wesleyan university in 1939 by Ray Jordon of Akron South.

Coach Althoff said his runners were "off" and were never in contention. Trailing Berger were Paul Schabel, who placed 50th; Norm Feighner, 55th; Bill Wing, 62nd, and Del Weiler, 63rd. The state meet wound up cross-country activities here until next Spring.