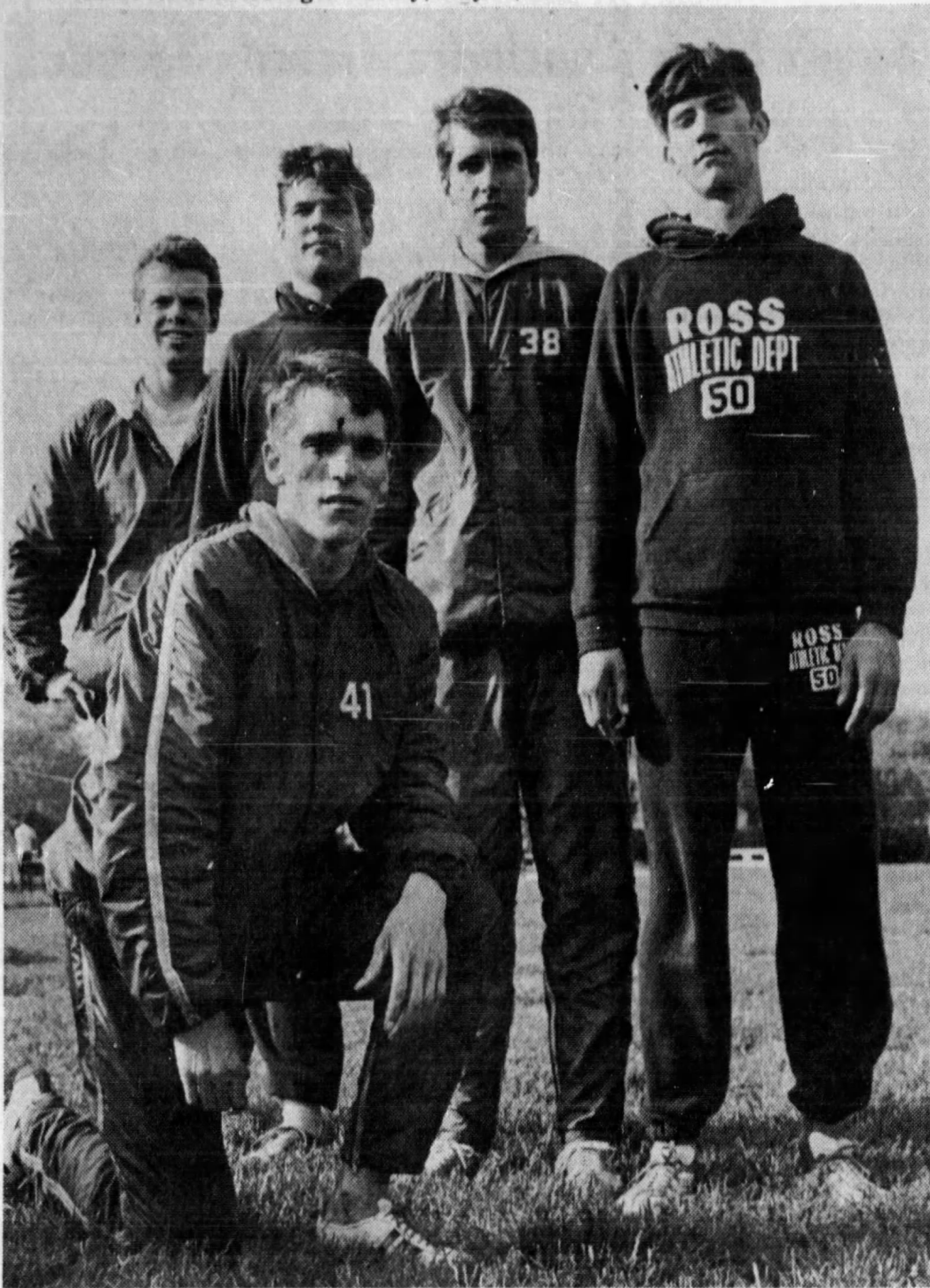


1968 Regional Meet...



REGIONAL TRACK ENTRIES — Representing Fremont Ross Saturday in the Regional track meet at Mansfield Malabar will be these five runners. Kneeling is defending regional 440-yard dash champion Steve Parker who finished fifth in the event in the state meet last year. Parker will be com-

pleting in 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes, which he won in last week's Sandusky district. Members of the mile relay team which finished second at Sandusky to qualify for Mansfield are, left to right, Greg Taylor, Mike Holman, Ron Reardon and Jon Schwartz. (News-Messenger Photo)

Parker Reaches State Meet In Three Events

MANSFIELD — A regional record breaking .09.8 in the 100-yard dash, .21.7 for the 220-yard dash and his season best of .49.7 in the 440-yard dash was all in a day's work Saturday for Fremont Ross' Steve Parker. With these performances Parker won one event, was shaded at the wire in another and became the only competitor in the Class AA Regional at Mansfield Malabar to qualify in three events for the state track meet.

In the 440-yard dash Parker was the defending champion. Running in the outside lane he appeared to tighten on the final

turn as John Marshall's Dave Mayher and Toledo Scott's Don Brooks slipped past on the inside. Brooks leaned at the wire to nip Mayher in a .49.4 clocking. "He will take them both at state," Ross Coach Rod Lash confidently predicted. Parker a year ago won the Regional with a time of .50.1 and went on to a .49.3 and fifth place in the state meet.

Previously known as a 440-yard sprinter, Parker furthered his growing reputation in the 220-yard dash. At the Marion Relays Parker recorded the second fastest 220 of the year in Ohio at .21.3. Saturday he was

timed at .21.7 in a solid victory. The 220 win also gave Parker a taste of revenge as Chuck Barrison, Willard, placed third. Barrison was declared winner in the century when he and Parker ran a blanket-finish at .09.8. The time set a new regional record. It also was the fastest clocking in his career for the 100-yard dash by Parker.

Clyde's Rich Dickman also ran the fastest of his career in the 800-yard run in placing third. In so doing Dickman had part in the fastest 800-yard ever run by a high school boy in Ohio. Dickman was clocked in 1:57.7. He and second-place Jim Galombos,

Lakewood, (1:54.3) pushed Greg Hale, Rocky River, to the all-time state record. He was clocked in 1:53.8, breaking the regional record of 1:54.4 by Brian Blodgett, Olmsted Falls, and the all-time record of 1:54 by Tom Schoemig, Amherst Steel, in 1965. Dickman, Hale and Galombos will get another chance to meet since all three qualified for the state meet.

Sandusky had three first places but lost the services of hurdler Jon Jackson in its bid for a state title. Jackson was declared fourth in the high hurdles despite protests he was third. The fourth missed a trip

to state. Going to state for Sandusky are record-setting discus thrower Ken Kreuger, 177-3; Ed Williams, shot put, 57-2½; long jumper Dave Rather, 23½, who broke the 22-9½ record set by Ken Zaleski, Cleveland Lincoln, 1965.

Also going to state for Sandusky is Steve Rogers, fourth in discus.

Buckeye Conference schools were the class of regional meet winning seven events and setting five records including four in field tests. Buckeye record setters were Krueger, Rather, Elyria's Jerry Klyop, pole vault, 14-11; Chris Cowie, Lorain, high

jump, 6-3¾, and Duane Hill, Mansfield, 120-yard high hurdles, .14.1. Other winners were Parker, 220-yard dash, and Williams, shot put. Parker's .09.8 did not figure as a record since he did not win. The winner of the 100-yard dash, Barrison, broke the record of .09.9 shared by Harvey Mitchell, Toledo Woodward, and Tom Vogtsberger, Bowling Green.

Area competitors qualifying at the regional for the state meet were: Steve Sidoti, Perkins, long jump, third, 21-3½; Tom Nation, Bellevue, 100-yard dash, third, .09.9, and 220-yard dash, second, .21.9.



STEVE PARKER
Triple Qualifier