

1938 state meet...

## PRESS PASSES

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### New Star . . .

Fremont Ross high has a new hero, but few at the Purple and White school know it! That's because Henry Sewell, quiet, slightly-built sophomore doesn't talk much.

When the ace of Coach Whitey Althoff's cross country team came pounding in to victory in the northwestern Ohio district meet at Toledo last Saturday, he accomplished a remarkable feat.

The soft-spoken, alert negro lad showed more improvement through his conquest than any other harrier in Ross history. Wade (Soup) Campbell, former star distance man for the Little Giant school isn't included in that statement, because he showed outstanding ability all through his high school career.

The improvement referred to is his climbing from the 36th spot in which he finished at Toledo last year to a championship performance over the classiest runners in the district this season.

It was not an erratic, or lucky bit of maneuvering that brought Sewell to that victory. He earned it the long, hard way, by patient, dogged practice and desire to win.

Coach Althoff describes Sewell as the "hardest worker" on a squad of "hard workers." "Henry hasn't missed a practice session since the season began and he never

fails to regard any advice or suggestions given him," the Purple mentor said.

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Sewell is not a very large chap, weighing around 120 pounds, but his stride is the longest of any on the Ross squad. And besides its quantity, Sewell's stride has plenty of quality—smooth, graceful and precise.

Henry didn't have to be coaxed out for cross country running. He'd rather run than indulge in any other type of recreation. But there is a humorous twist to this liking. Last spring when track practice was called, Sewell proved a problem to Coach Althoff. After a few weeks of drill, Henry reported: "I don't like track, I like cross country." And with that assertion, he made more or less formal resignation to Althoff, who handles both sports.

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However, the cinder path coach gave him a warm heart-to-heart talk and pointed out that the difference between "track and cross country" was nil, and that the prime factor in both was to get to the finish line first by means of rapid use of the doggies. He finally induced Sewell not to hang up his spikes in the spring sport. And right now, no member of the Little Giant running department is more anxiously awaiting the track season than young Henry.

Sewell undoubtedly will make a strong bid to dethrone Soupy Campbell as Ross high's outstanding distance runner. Whether he will do this in track is a matter of conjecture. But in cross country, evidence indicates he may do the trick. Soupy's time in winning the district meet at Toledo several years back was 10 minutes and 26 seconds. Sewell's time last Saturday was 10 minutes, 55.1 seconds.

While that is almost 30 seconds slower, Sewell still has two years of competition and is bound to profit by that intervening experience.

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Winning the state cross country title, however, is another matter. Certainly, the odds are great against Sewell coping at Delaware this Saturday. And during the next two years, Sewell must develop Campbell's great competitive spirit as well as the speed and stamina that carried Soupy to Ohio scholastic laurels.

## Punts & Passes Over the Nation

By Associated Press

PITTSBURGH. — Dr. Jock Sutherland, Pitt coach and a noted "weeper," claims Fordham is likely to give the Panthers their hardest game of the season because of the New York team's climax runners.

"Wisconsin could have beaten us easily as not if they had had one good back who could handle himself after he passed the line of scrimmage," Jock moaned. "The Badgers were breaking through us consistently, but they were big fellows we could catch. We'll be up against a different proposition this week."

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Here's why they call the Southwest conference the "passingest" league—in figures. So far this season the seven conference teams have gained a total of 2,973 yards by passing and 2,718 by rushing. Four of the seven have gained more ground through the air than overland. They have thrown 594 passes and completed 248.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Dave Strong is one football player who reversed the old suggestion: "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em." He played for Illinois in 1936 and gave Michigan's Wolverines a licking when he kicked a field goal for the Illini's winning margin. Then he transferred to Michigan, his father's old school.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Penn State will do its best to stop Willeth Sidat-Singh, Syracuse passer, next Saturday, for that's the only way the Nittany Lions figure they can get even. Singh gave his first great aerial display against Penn State last year, pitching two passes to "Babe" Ruth to tie the score, then intercepting one by "windy"

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# ROSS TAKES 10TH POSITION IN RACE

Fremont Ross high finished 10th in the annual state high school cross country championship run staged over the Ohio Wesleyan course at Delaware Saturday morning. The event was won by Springfield, whose harrier team nosed out Akron East, last year's champion.

The Little Giant team of Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff scored 237 points against Springfield's 78 point total, an Associated Press dispatch revealed.

# ROSS HARRIERS FINISH SEASON

## Little Giant Runners End With Fair Mark; 10th In State

Starting with an inexperienced squad, listing only three lettermen, the Fremont Ross harriers of Coach Harold Whitey Althoff finished a fair cross-country season Saturday as they placed 10th in the state championship chase at Delaware.

Paced by Henry Sewell, brilliant sophomore find, the Little Giants won three out of five duels this year, defeating Lima Central, Toledo Waite and Toledo DeVilbiss, while losing to Mansfield and Toledo Woodward. In the recent district meet, Ross placed third with Sewell copping the district individual title.

At Delaware Saturday, Sewell placed 12th in a strong field of 97. Clarence Chestnutwood was 44th, Jack Arnold, 57th, Gale Berger, 61st and Burdette Klawitter, 63rd. Placing behind Fremont was the Toledo Libbey team that copped the district title.

Norm Keller, a former Ross high track star, now attending Columbus North, finished eighth in the state run, won by Sam Cobb, a teammate. Keller transferred to Columbus this season, disrupting Althoff's plans for a strong Little Giant team.

Akron East annexed the state team title with 78 points, while Springfield was second with 88.