

1943 District meet...



PRESS PASSES

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Is This The Year?

Coach Whitey Althoff plans to take a squad of 14 boys to the District track meet in Mansfield Saturday and while he isn't overly optimistic, this could be the year that the Little Giants duplicate their 1940 accomplishment. That was the last year that Fremont won the meet although they've been in there pitching right along and last season finished third.

Of course, it's all a big gamble and for more than one reason. No word has been received yet as to how many schools will enter the affair, although it's a pretty safe bet that the entry list will be smaller than for a number of years. That could work either to the Little Giants' advantage or against them, adding still more uncertainty.

Mansfield, which won the event in 1941 and 1942, is again the favorite in the Class A division and Fremont should be just about second choice. Sandusky finished in the place position the past two years but hasn't a team this year so that removes one strong competitor. But while it removes a tough foe for Fremont, it does the same for Mansfield.

Brocksieker Uncertain

If the District had been staged about two weeks ago, the Little Giants could be counted upon to make a good scrap for the title. That was before Dave Brocksieker pulled up lame after cupping a stone in his instep in a sprint at Port Clinton. He was out entirely until last Friday, when he ran one race and strained the foot again.

Brocksieker has been a consistent sprint winner the past two seasons and if he isn't able to run and run as fast as usual in all three of the short events, the Little Giants' chances are going to be appreciably lowered. Especially so because Althoff hasn't another man to take his place. However, if Brocksieker is able to give his best, it means some certain points. He won the 440 last year and was third in the 220 and fourth in the 100.

Dick Rodenhamer, the only pole vaulter who can clear much over nine feet, should be back for the district, although that isn't a certainty either. Emmett Mackey, another dash starter, was out of school and practice all last week with a cold and the loss of time on the track won't help him any, even though he has shaken the cold germs.

Potential Star

So far we've painted a rather dark picture of the Little Giants' chances, words that don't substantiate the opening thought that this might be the year that the team repeats its 1940 conquest. The idea was to give up a few reasons why the coming meet is loaded with uncertainty.

Surely, the Rossmen don't have the individual star this season that they had four campaigns ago when Bob Shaw tallied 19 points, breaking the shot put record and setting a new one of 33 feet, 3 1-2 inches, which still stands. But Althoff has a performer who could just about do the same thing if Saturday happens to be his good day. That fellow is Charley Robertson.

What kind of performance will be flashed on the Mansfield cinders and turf-covered infield Saturday is something even the Quiz Kids couldn't tell you in advance. What we did dig up last year's results and make a comparison with the Little Giants' best efforts in four dual meets, all of which they won this season. That comparison gives them a chance.

Comparisons Good

Starting with Robertson—and we hope these words spur him into making his best efforts—he was clocked three-tenths of a second faster once this year than the time that won the high hurdles at the District last season. On another occasion his time tied the district winning mark. Last year the high jump was won at five foot five. At Port Clinton, Robertson cleared five foot six.

The same performer has a chance in the broad jump. A leap of 20 foot seven won it last year and against Toledo Waite, Robertson came through with one of three inches more. He has been gunning for the 21-foot mark and this pillar believes, with a bit of the old college try, he can make it.

Both Robertson and Bob Demmel will have a chance in the low hurdles if the competitors aren't any faster than they were last

year. That race was won in 28.2 seconds. Robertson's best this season is 27.1 and Demmel's, 27.8. Times that would have been good for first and second in 1942. Demmel will also run in the high timbers and probably the 220 as well as to compete in the broad jump that he is one boy that Althoff doesn't have to worry about. The true competitive spirit flames in him brighter than in probably any other member of the squad.

Have A Chance

Add to the above—which is all a matter of guesswork and comparative times—the possibility that Brocksieker will be back and able to put forth his best effort, and you have a definite threat from the Sandusky county seat.

We've mentioned only a few of the boys on the squad because they are the potential first place winners, but it is seldom that a team wins a meet simply on firsts. You've got to have those all-important supporting points that come from the seconds, thirds and fourths and it appears that the Little Giants may pick up a few in the shot put and the short relay.

Points will be given to the first five finishers on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis and, if the field is small, that will also help the Little Giants if Althoff is able to dig up enough entries for each event. Only the one and two men will qualify for the state meet this year, but no one in Fremont is harboring any illusions about the state crown.

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STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
New York	11	4
CLEVELAND	10	9
Washington	10	11
St. Louis	9	9
Detroit	10	11
Philadelphia	11	14
Chicago	8	11
Boston	9	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
Brooklyn	10	8
Boston	11	8
St. Louis	11	8
Pittsburgh	9	10
New York	10	12
CINCINNATI	10	12
Philadelphia	9	11
Chicago	7	15

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION		
	Won	Lost
Indianapolis	7	6
COLUMBUS	7	6
Milwaukee	6	6
Kansas City	6	6
Minneapolis	6	7
TOLEDO	6	6
Louisville	5	8
St. Paul	5	11

RESULTS		
American League		
New York 5-1; St. Louis 3-4.		
Boston 2-4; Chicago 4-2.		
Philadelphia 3-2; Cleveland 3-3.		
Washington 7-10; Detroit 1-4.		
National League		
Pittsburgh 1-2; New York 3-1.		
Cincinnati 1-1; Boston 4-6.		
Chicago 6-2; Brooklyn 4-3.		
St. Louis 6-1; Philadelphia 3-2.		
American Association		
St. Paul 3-2; Toledo 4-4.		
Minneapolis 4-1; Columbus 6-3.		
Kansas City 6-14; Indianapolis 3-1.		
Milwaukee 6-2; Louisville 5-4.		

GAMES TODAY		
American League		
Washington at St. Louis.		
New York at Detroit.		
Boston at Cleveland.		
(Only games.)		
National League		
Chicago at Philadelphia.		
St. Louis at Brooklyn.		
Cincinnati at New York.		
(Only games.)		
American Association		
St. Paul at Toledo.		
Minneapolis at Columbus.		
Kansas City at Indianapolis.		
Milwaukee at Louisville.		

14-MAN TEAM WILL COMPETE AT MANSFIELD

Brocksieker And Demmel Are Both Doubtful Starters

Coach Whitey Althoff will take a track team as full of questions as Baby Snooks to the District meet in Mansfield Saturday.

A 14-man squad is making the trip and from a crew that was a good long-shot choice to bump favored Mansfield high out of the title, it has become an exceedingly long shot to even place as high as it did last year which was third.

Just about everything possible has happened to the Little Giant scanty-clads of late and Coach Althoff isn't even sure of his entries. He doesn't know—and won't know until after the first race—whether his star sprinter, Dave Brocksieker, will be able to compete in more than one event. Neither does he know whether speedy Bob Demmel will be able to go more than once. However, he's entered the former in two races and the latter in three.

Robertson Okey

Dick Rodenhauser won't be on the squad and he's the top pole vaulter, and it's doubtful if Bob Pence will have recovered from the measles sufficiently to take part in the high jump.

The Ross mentor remarked today as he made his entries that if something happened to Chuck Robertson, his third individual star, the picture would be complete.

Althoff stated that he had received no information from Mansfield relative to the number of teams entered, but expected the number to be materially reduced from last year. Many schools have foregone track this season in the interests of economy.

Fremont Entries

Forgetting everything that has happened to his team, Althoff made out his entries the same as if the squad was at full strength, adding that he was hoping a miracle would occur and all his charges would wake up Saturday morning in the pink of condition. The Fremont entries:

High hurdles—Robertson and Demmel; 100-yard dash—Brocksieker, Don Sachs and Emmett Mackey; mile run—Bill Berger; 880 relay—Del Weller, Sachs, Willie Koebel, Mackey or John Erchenbrecher; 440-yard dash—Koebel; low hurdles—Robertson and Demmel.

880-yard run—Ted Berlincourt; 220-yard dash—Brocksieker, Sachs and Demmel; mile relay—Weller, Koebel, Berger and Berlincourt; pole vault—Bob Rinebold or John Weller; high jump—Robertson and Pence; broad jump—Robertson; shot put—Warren Inks and Weller; discus—Inks and Weller.

Preliminaries will be run off Saturday morning so it will be a strenuous day for all competitors.

LITTLE GIANTS ARE THIRD IN DISTRICT MEET

Robertson Sets Pace
With 17 Points As
Dommel Sits On Bench

Ross high's crippled track team finished third in the District meet at Mansfield on Saturday, trailing Mansfield and Port Clinton in the smallest field the affair has ever drawn.

Only five schools were represented and one of those, Tiffin Columbian, had but two entries. Mansfield ran off with the meet, winning 11 firsts and about as many second places and piling up something like 100 points. Port Clinton scored in the 50's while the Little Giants amassed 42½ points. Bucyrus tallied 16 and Columbian was blanked.

Bob Dommel didn't run at all and Dave Brocksieker was entered in but two sprints, all of which hurt the Althoff-men's chances considerably. With Dick Rodenhauer also out, it threw the burden on Chuck Robertson and while he performed well, the task was too big for one man. Had the team been at full strength, it could have snared second place.

Scores 17 Points

The Little Giants won one event, the high jump, and picked up points in all 14 to turn in a very creditable performance under the circumstances. For one reason or another, the summary of the meet was not published, but Althoff provided the results of his entries.

Besides winning the high jump with a leap of five feet eight inches, his best effort in three years of competition, Robertson was second in the high hurdles, third in the low timbers and second in the broad jump, covering 20 feet 3½ inches. He scored 17 points.

Brocksieker was third in the 100 and Emmett Mackey fifth in the same race, and the former also finished in the place spot in the 220, running the latter in his best time of the season, 23.7 seconds. He was also entered in the shot, but failed to place.

Others Get Points

Bill Berger finished fifth in the mile; John Erchenbrecher was fifth in the 440; Ted Berlincourt was fifth in the 880; John Weller was fourth in the pole vault and Bob Rinebold tied for fifth; Bob Pence tied for fourth in the high jump; Warren Inks was third in the shot and Weller was fifth in the discus.

Both relay teams ran well. The 880 relay quartet of Weller, Sachs, Erchenbrecher and Mackey, was third and the mile relay team of Weller, Mackey, Berger and Berlincourt, was second.

The Little Giants qualified Robertson in the high and broad jumps and high hurdles, Brocksieker in the 220 and the mile relay team for the state meet, but none will compete. Robertson is 20 today, and thus ineligible, while the relay team's time was not fast enough to warrant its entry.

Coach Althoff said he would hold the annual All-Events meet at Harmon field Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, thus bringing the track season to a close.

It's The Breaks

The Little Giants wound up their track season Saturday by duplicating their 1942 accomplishment of finishing third in the scantiest district meet this section has ever had, but it was only the breaks that kept the Rossmen from placing a notch higher. If Bob Demmel could have taken part in his three of four specialties, there is no doubt but that the Purple bunting would have been up a bit on the flag pole.

For that matter, the little matter of districting had something to do with it, too. The way the O. H. S. A. A. association has the state laid out, the Little Giants had to compete in Mansfield while there was also a district meet going on in Bowling Green. Had the locals been eligible for that affair, we have no doubt but that they would have finished second. We suggested that they might have won it, but Coach Whitey Althoff said "No."

We could be wrong—seems that we were when we picked the Rossmen as long-shot choices to dethrone Mansfield—by the scores posted at B-G give us at least one leg to stand on. DeVilbiss won the meet with 65 points and Waite was second with 42, and Bowling Green third with 26. The Little Giants didn't meet the winners during the regular season but they did down Waite, 68 to 51, and brushed aside Bowling Green, 73 to 43.

On top of that, times and distances in the Bee Gee affair were slower and shorter than they were at Mansfield in seven events. For instance, Dave Brocksieker ran the 220 in 23.7 and had to be content with a second. Winning time in the other meet was 24 seconds. Robertson ran the low hurdles in 27 seconds and got third. Winning time at Bee Gee was 27.3. Get what we mean?