

Coach's Hope, Memory Ride With Steve Parker In State Meet

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Running around Ohio State stadium track in the Class AA state championship track meet this weekend will be a memory and a hope for Ross Track Coach Rod Lash. Hope will be for a victory in the 440-yard dash by one of his proteges, Ross Junior Steve Parker. Memory will be the day he himself ran 440-yards on this same track for a state championship.

Given basis to hope will be confidence, the confidence of young Parker who is unbeat-

en in the quarter-mile event. Comparative times show that Parker also has a strong possibility of victory in the 220-yard dash.

As far back as the district meet at Sandusky Parker gave evidence of determination, if not outright confidence. At the district meet, Steve's mother, Mrs. Donald Parker, remarked to Coach Lash that she had ordered a tuxedo for Steve to go to the Ross high school Prom. Steve quickly replied, "You might as well cancel it Mother. I'm going to the state tournament that week."

Making this prediction look like a statement of fact, Steve went on to win the 440-yard dash in both district and regional meets, as well as qualify in the 220-yard run at both events.

The long battle for a State Championship ends Saturday and by this time Mrs. Parker is convinced. This week she informed Coach Lash, "Steve is going to win." "How do you know?" asked Lash. "Steve told me."

When Steve was confronted with comparative times of other regional qualifiers, it was noted

that six boys competing have better than 50 second clockings. Steve has yet to break 50 flat although unbeaten. "Those times don't mean a thing to me," Steve quickly shot back. The implication was they have to beat me, not the clock.

How good is Steve Parker? Coach Lash admits he isn't sure. Sure he is that Steve is good, but Lash repeated "To be honest I don't know what this kid can do."

On this lack of knowledge rides the hope. It is a hope that Steve will experience the same

thrill of 20,000 people applauding your accomplishment as Lash experienced in 1946. That year, Lash was one of the mid-leg men on the New London mile relay team which won the Class B (now Class A) Ohio State Championship. The New London team had nine members in 1946 and won the Class B team state championship, as well as the mile relay.

Steve holds local stadium and school records, the district standard and has a best time of :50.4, his winning time at Mansfield in the regional. Fast-

est time posted by a regional winner was :49.2 run by both Eugene Hadden, Columbus East, at Worthington, and William Young, Dayton Roosevelt, at Dayton.

Still there is in the back of the mind of Ross track followers the belief Steve is the kind of guy who runs fast enough to win. That and his dedication make Coach Lash rate young Parker as "The Dark Horse" in Columbus this week.

Dedication—what's that? Steve had just finished running five 110-yard wind sprints in a taper-

ing off of drills Wednesday. Coach Lash told the young sprinter that was enough for the day. This brought a reply from assistant Ron Brant, "Especially when you run out to the Legion and back." Lash was unaware that after school Parker had made a round trip run from his home to the American Legion Hall on Buckland, a distance of approximately two miles.

"What did you do that for?" exclaimed a shocked Coach Lash. "I just felt like running," replied Steve. That's dedication.



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American League

Batting (70 at bats)—Kaliné, Det., .363; Tovar, Minn., .328. Runs — Tovar, Minn., 34; F. Robinson, Balt., 28.

Runs batted in — Kaliné, Det. 31; Killebrew, Minn., 28.

Hits — Kaliné, Det., 45; Tovar, Minn., 45.

Triples — Knoop, Calif., 4; Buford, Chic., 4; Versalles, Minn., 4.

Home runs — F. Robinson, Balt., 10; Kaliné, Det., 10.

National League

Batting (70 AT BATS) — Clemente, Pitt., .391; Cepeda, St. L., .358.

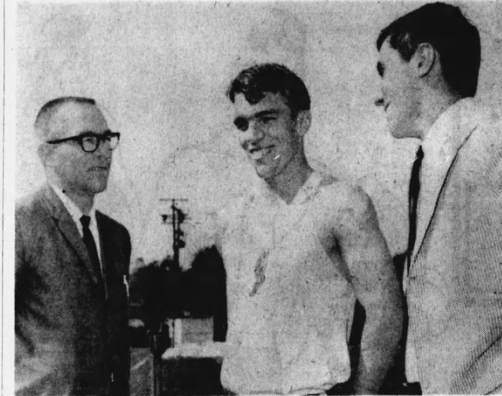
Runs — Aaron, Atl., 32; Clemente, Pitt., 31.

Runs batted in — Clemente, Pitt., 30; Aaron, Atl., 29.

Hits — Clemente, Pitt., 52; Brock, St. L., 50.

Triples — Williams, Chic., 4; Morgan, Hous., 4.

Home runs — Aaron, Atl., 11; Torre, Atl., 9; Brock, St. L., 9.



STATE MEET-BOUND Steve Parker is flanked by his coach and his prime season-long competition Parker will compete in the 220-yard dash and the 440-yard dash, an event in which he is unbeaten, Friday and Saturday at Columbus. Talking after a Wednesday drill are Coach Rod Lash, left,

and Rusty Williams. Lash credits Williams, also a junior runner at Ross, as a prime reason for Parker's development. Williams provided stiff competition in practice all season and the majority of the time was second only to Parker in 100, 220 and 440-yard events. (News-Messenger Photo)

Croquet Putting Banned In World Golf Accord

NEW YORK (AP) — Mixed Open champion, commenting on the ban on unorthodox putting methods. "Why don't they just let us put the ball down and play it?"

Many of the touring pros at the Oklahoma City open agreed. "It's the last straw," said Bob Shave, Jr. whose croquet style of putting would be banned. "I'll Nicklaus, the reigning British

probably have to quit the tour." Chuck Rotar said he was blind in one eye and couldn't use the conventional style of putting.

Some of the touring pros also were expected to object to the rule which would permit the ball to be picked up and cleaned only once on the green—unless it is in another player's line.

The pros now can pick up and clean the ball on the green before each stroke.

Anderson Afraid

By JOHN ANDERSON

I was aroused from coffee this morning by a huge cement truck roaring down the narrow mountain road past my house. On this beautiful May morning I should have been out at dawn if I wanted to catch the full chorus of wood thrushes, rose-breasted grosbeaks, catbirds and wrens at its peak. But, various social engagements the previous evening had produced a strange lethargy not akin to spring fever. So the trucks were grinding down the road before I decided to follow the creek down the valley.

My nearest neighbor, down-stream, is more than a mile away, and happens to be a children's summer camp, owned and operated by a well meaning church group in New York. The campground, with its cluster of buildings, sits astride the beautiful mountain stream, like an ugly hole burned in a

Brigadier Brickman, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, anchored defense of the action on bizarre putting styles and equipment.

"Croquet-style putting is becoming more prevalent," the R & A Executive said. "That is why we are trying to stop the use of them before they get a complete hold."

"It's not a fair stroke. It's more like a shove."

Bob Duden of Portland, Ore., popularized the croquet putting stroke, using a center shafted

Comparative Regional Times Show Parker To Be State Meet Contender

It will take a sub-50 second 440-yard dash and a time in the vicinity of :21.5 to win the 220-yard dash at the Ohio Class AA track championships this weekend. This is the indication from Regional times as 16 runners qualified in each of these two events last weekend.

It is goals such as these which

will be needed if Fremont Ross' Steve Parker is going to bring home a state championship for Fremont.

In looking ahead to a state championship the tendency is to compare times, but Coach Rod Lash, Parker's mentor at Ross high school warns, "Those regional times don't mean a

thing when they get down to state." Lash speaks from experience, having run on a New London state championship mile relay team in 1946.

In tending to ignore Regional times Lash points to the ability of some boys to do their best under pressure and the difference of weather and track con-

ditions at the four Regional sites.

Parker appears to be in good position to challenge for both events for which he has qualified. His 440-yard times have steadily been cut since the end of the season. He ran a season best of :31 in the district meet, cut this to a Ross high school

record of :30.5 in the regional preliminaries and then cut another one-tenth of a second to :30.4 in winning the regional quartermile.

Best regional winning time the 440 was :49.2 run by Eugene Hadden, Columbus East, at Worthington, and by William Young, Dayton Roosevelt, at

Dayton. Parker's :30.4 was the 10th best 440-yard time run in Regional competition.

Significant despite this figure, is the fact the man who finished third behind Parker, Sam Jackson, Toledo Libbey, had been recorded at :48.6 when he won the district the week before Regional.

At Mansfield in the Regional Parker finished fourth in the 220-yard dash, but this is also the third best Regional time.

The four top times run in the regional were run at Mansfield. These three times were by Dan Houston, Toledo Rogers, :21.4; Fred Collins, Cleveland John Marshall, :21.6; Bill Winger, Lo-

rain Admiral King Buckeye Conference champion, :21.7, and Parker, :21.7. Although Wenger was awarded third, he and Parker were clocked in identical times.

Next best 220-yard dash time was the :21.4 by Don Price, Glenview, which won at Kent State.

SETS NEW ROSS RECORD OF :49.3

Parker Reaches 440 Dash State Finals

COLUMBUS — Fremont Ross junior Steve Parker ran the fastest time of his life and once more shattered the Ross school record to qualify for the finals of the Class AA high school track championship today. Parker was clocked in :49.3 in the 440-yard dash preliminaries Friday to make the final eight seeking the championship.

The state meet preliminary time was better than a full second faster than the :50.4 established as a Ross School record by Parker last Saturday. The

former standard was set in winning the Mansfield Regional to qualify for the state meet.

Fastest preliminary time posted in the 440-yard dash was :48.9.

The speedy Little Giant, who qualified for the state meet in both the 220 and 440-yard dash failed to reach the finals in the shorter distance.

Cleveland Glenview put its hopes for a third straight Class AA high school track championship on four swift runners today.

Coach Jim Deno's Tarblooders set out to finish 1-2 in both the 100 and 220 and were looking for a first in the 880-yard relay. If that happens, Glenview would register 26 points, the same number that won the championship for the Cleveland school a year ago.

The Glenview foursome of Jim Biggum, William Clair, Bob Ware and Don Price highlighted Friday's qualifying heats with a record-smashing 1:27.6 in the 880 relay breaking their own mark of 1:28.2 a year ago.

Three other marks fell as they prepped for today's 15-event finale.

Dennis Boyd of Newbury, who won his heats in the 220 and 440, set a new Class A standard in the 440 with a blistering 49.1. The old mark, which had stood for 33 years, was held by Harland Howells of Mentor.

The other records tumbled in both the Class AA and A mile-relay events. Cleveland Kennedy sped the route in 3:18.9, and Aurora, in Class A, ran the distance in 3:26.6.

Other double winners Friday were Tom Tanno of Kirtland in the 100 and 220 and Warren Harding's Al Provitt in the high and low hurdles.

Glenview landed five qualifying spots, Warren Harding four in the 440 with a blistering 49.1. The old mark, which had stood for 33 years, was held by Harland Howells of Mentor.

In the small school competition, Kirtland led qualifiers with four while Casstown Miami East, Malvern and Xenia Woodrow Wildon landed three apiece.

GREATEST RECORD DAY IN HISTORY

Parker Takes Fifth In State Meet

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COLUMBUS — "If you will refer to page 14 of your program, you will notice" . . . "If you will turn to page 14 of your program, you will notice." It was a monotonous chant repeated over the loud-speaker system echoing through Ohio State Stadium.

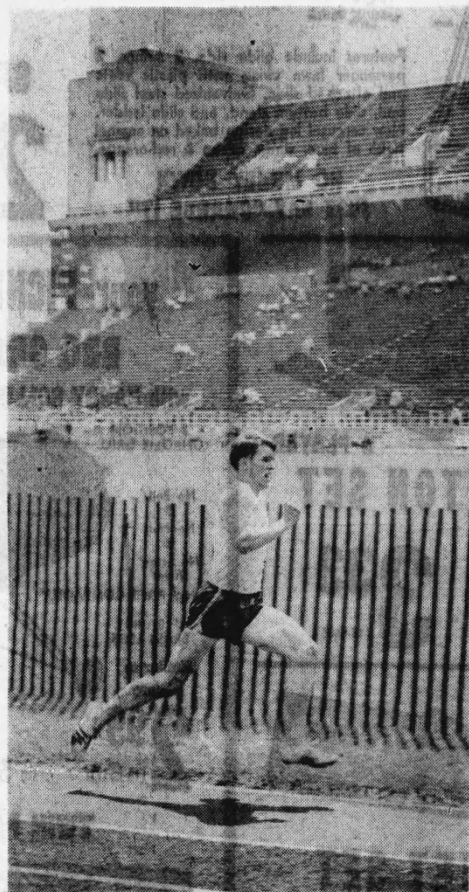
Page 14 contained state meet records and the loudspeaker called for the witnesses to inspect that page 10 times Saturday afternoon. On the sweltering floor of the stadium in 91-degree heat which left the all-weather track surface tacky there was the greatest avalanche of records in history of the state high school track championships.

Overall there were 12 records broken with 10 broken or equalled the final day. Saturday's performance was the greatest record - setting show since 1933 when 10 marks were established. The 12 records overall in the two days of the meet were the most in the 60-year history of the state championship.

The onslaught on the record book was all that outshone the brilliance of a quartet of speedsters from Cleveland Glenville. Glenville had only four men qualify for the state meet but these four finished one-two in two events, ran the 880-yard relay and set record in the relay for 26 points. This gave the Cleveland school its third consecutive state title and its fifth in history.

For Glenville Don Price was one of seven defending champions to repeat in 220-yard dash. Robert Ware followed Price across the finish line in second place. In the 100-yard dash it was Ware first with Price a close second. Ware was clocked in :09.6, equalling the record of the great Jesse Owen set in 1933. However, the mark was not allowed because it was wind aided by a breeze of 4.7 miles per hour velocity. Allowable wind is 4.473.

Ware and Price then combined with William Clair and James Biggum to win the 880-yard relay with a time of 1.27. This broke the record they had set less than 24 hours before in the first day of the meet.



STEVE PARKER STRIDES INTO FIRST TURN
Ross Runner Dwarfed by Ohio State Stadium

While Glenville's four - man show was winning the Class AA state title, a two-man show was winning the Class A championship for Kirtland. Tom Tanno was the lone double winner of the meet, winning the 100 and 200-yard dashes. Jeff Mills won the high hurdles and placed fourth in the lows to join with Tanno for 20 points and the state title.

Outstanding Athletes

Price was voted the Class AA top athlete and Tanno the leading Class A performer.

Lost in the shuffle by the record brilliance and the undermanned greatness of the two champions was the work of Fremont Ross Steve Parker and

several other area athletes. In the 440-yard finals Parker repeated his all-time Ross best of :49.3 only to finish fifth. This gave the Fremont school one point in the state meet.

In Friday's preliminaries Parker had been clocked in 49.3 to set a new Ross school record. In the preliminary he finished fourth in his heat, but still was the fourth fastest time of the day.

In the finals Parker appeared to make a slow start but by the third turn was stride-for-stride with the leaders. He faded slightly in the stretch. Once more the Ross junior's time was :49.3.

Finishing ahead of Parker

were Dennis Dickie, Upper Arlington, :48.4; Gerald Marshall, Steubenville, :48.4; Dennis Wright, Warren Harding, :48.7; and Eugene Hadden, Columbus East, :48.8.

Shrider Second

Only other area points were scored in Class A, where Lakota scored four points on the merits of Tom Shrider's second in the 180-yard low hurdles; and Republic and Bloomville scored in the two mile.

Dale Laibe of Republic was third in the Class A two-mile with a clocking of 10:07.1, and Dan Price, Bloomville, 10:10, was fifth. The event was won in record time of 9:21.7 by John Jones, Marion Elgin. Jones broke his own mark of 9:48.2 set last year.

Only other area boys to make the finals were low hurdler Bill Workman of Elmore and 440-yard dashman Keith Herbert, Oak Harbor, both in Class A. Both failed to make the first five places in the finals.

Shrider appeared the winner but was shaded in the final stride by Ralph Baracz, Cuyahoga Heights. Baracz was officially clocked in :20.2 and Shrider at 20.3.

Only other boy who started his state title bid in the Fremont District meet to win points at Columbus was Jim Meeker, Grand Rapids. Meeker was timed in .10.3, quick enough for fifth in the finals.

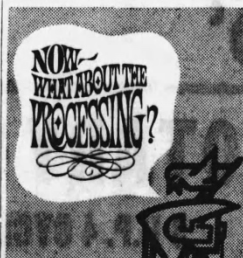
Successful Defenses

Successfully defending their titles were Glenville's 880-yard relay team; Don Osby, Steubenville, Class AA long jump, 23-7/4; John Casler, Ashland Crestview, Class A discus, 181-4; Dennis Boyd, Newbury, Class A 440, :49.8; John Jones, Marion Elgin, Class A two-mile, 9:21.7; Price, Glenville, 220; Bob Daniels, Sunbury Big Walnut, Class A mile, 4:19.3; Charles Wolfe, Chesapeake, Class A 880-yard run, 1:58.7.

New Class A records set in the two-day meet were by Wolfe, Daniels, Jones and Boyd (440-yard preliminaries, :49.1); Ken Koch, Cuyahoga Heights, pole vault, 13-6 1/4; Aurora (Don Fiddes, Mike Pearson, Mike O'Brien, Jerry Savadi), mile relay, 3:27.6 (run in preliminaries).

New Class AA records were established by Glenville's 880-relay team; Mark Debevec, Geneva, discus, 189-11; Wes Brock, Toledo Libbey, mile, 4:17.9; Jim Epps, Cleveland John F. Kennedy, 880, 1:54.4; Jack Tobik, South Euclid Brush, high jump, 6-6 3/4.

In Class AA the Cleveland John F. Kennedy team of Walter Davis, Asbury Wilkerson, Neverlin Fletcher and Jim Epps set a state record of 3:18.9, which they established in Friday preliminaries.



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