

1959 Buckeye Conference...

Atkins, Sentman, Wingard Ross Aces; Track Marks Fall

Marion Harding dominated track and field for the fifth straight year in the annual Buckeye Conference Spring Sports Day held in Fremont Friday.

Golf honors went to Sandusky, Lorain captured the conference baseball prize and Elyria won tennis laurels in the league sports day involving athletes from Marion, Elyria, Lorain, Findlay, Sandusky and host Fremont Ross.

Track

Five new Buckeye Conference records were set, one other B.C. mark tied and two new Harmon Field records established in track and field.

In all five years of the league's track championship, Marion has come out on top. Friday, Marion amassed 91 points, Sandusky 50 1/4, Elyria 32, Lorain 26 3/4, Findlay 13 and Fremont 11.

Bob Middleton of Marion, national schoolboy discus record holder, won firsts in the discus, shot put and tied for first with three others in the high jump; Bill Huckaba of the Prexies won the mile and 880-run; and John Lawson, also of Marion, scored a double in the 180-low hurdles and the 100-dash.

Middleton set a new conference shot put mark of 53 feet, 1 and seven-eighths inches, a new conference and Harmon Field record of 170 feet, 4 inches in the discus (somewhat below his national record of 184 feet, 6 inches set in the Ohio Wesleyan relays at Delaware, O. a few weeks ago); the Marion mile relay team of Pete Porietis, Mary Cook, Ted Fitch and Mike Chamberlain set a new conference standard of 3 minutes, 33 seconds; Huckaba of the Prexies set a new conference and Harmon Field mark in the 880-run of 2 minutes, 3.1 seconds; Kent Nash of Findlay and Judge Scruggs of Sandusky tied in the pole vault at 11 feet, 8 1/4 inches, both breaking the old conference

standard; and Ernie Delaine of Sandusky tied the 120-yard high hurdles league record with a time of 15.3 seconds.

Nine of the 11 Ross points were tallied by Junior Bob Atkins who won first place in the 220-dash with a time of 23.2 seconds and placed third in the 100-dash. Dick Gwinup scored a fifth place in the 880-run and Gene Nitschke came in fifth in the low hurdles for the only other Fremont points.

Other winners in track and field were Chamberlain of Marion, 52.9 in the 440; Elyria in the 880-relay (Sabo, Hildreth, Resser, Smallwood), time 1:35.4; Mel Taylor, Elyria, 20 feet in the broad jump; Middleton, Clarence Erdy, Lorain, Sy Greene, Sandusky and Charles Campbell of Marion tied for first in the high jump, 5 feet, 6 inches; Huckaba of Marion won the mile in 4:41.7; Lawson won the low hurdles in 21 seconds and the 100-dash in 10.3 seconds.

Golf

Ross high finished third in conference golf at Fremont Country Club but salvaged championship honors in the individual department, Orville Sentman of the Little Giants winning medalist honors with a pair of 40s for an 80 total in the 18 holes of medal play and John Wingard of Ross placing second with a 40-42 for 82.

Sandusky took team laurels in golf with 349 aggregate strokes, Elyria had 350, Ross 353, Findlay 364, Marion 375 and Lorain 391. Sentman's 80 led the individuals, Wingard was next with 82, then Melching, Sandusky 83, Jim Jones of Elyria and Guthrie of Marion 84 and Bashak of Elyria 85.

Elyria won golf honors last year.

Tennis

Jim Guest of Elyria won the singles crown on the tennis courts of Rodger Young Park and Ernie Kuhn and Dave Stronsky of Lorain combined for the doubles title.

Elyria won the singles and team event last year and repeat-