

1926 Fremont High School Baseball season

PURPLE AND WHITE BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY YORK

Howard Laub, coach of the high school baseball team, has his players in readiness for the opening of the season on Friday when he will take the boys to York, where they are to play the centralized school team in the opening contest of the county league.

Swint, Bowers or Shreffler will do the pitching for the Fremonters, with Zink, Miller or Bardell doing the receiving. At first base Laub will have Harold Fangboner, with Pelton playing second, and either Bowers or Swint will fill in at the shortstop position. At third base Halbeisen, Foos or Wadsworth will stop the hot ones, and in the outfield the work will be divided between Wonderly, Miller, Swint and Vickery.

The team promises to be stronger than that of a year ago and should give a good account of themselves in the league race, but will have no walkaway as several of the smaller schools are said to have exceptionally strong teams.

PURPLE AND WHITE BASEBALL TEAM PLAYS AT YORK

Coach Laub has his baseballers ready for the opening game of the season to be played on the grounds of the York centralized school this afternoon and expects them to put the first victory of the season in the bat bag when the teams clash. Laub has been working hard with the outfit and is of the opinion that Fremont high will have the best team this season that has represented the school for several years.

The team will probably lineup with Shreffler and Miller as the battery, as Ollie Zink is said to be ineligible. This will be a severe setback for the plans of the coach, as he had intended to use Ollie as the first string catcher. Zink had been showing up well in practice and was shooting the ball to the middle sack like a veteran.

At first base, Keller will get the call. Felton will be at second and Halbeisen will play shortstop, with Wadsworth handling the hot corner. In the outfield, Laub will have Wonderly in center, with H. Fangboner or Karlovetz in right, and Bond or Zilles holding down the left field job.

Bowers and Swint will also be ready for the pitching job and either of them is apt to get the call if they show in the practice before the game that they are ready. Bardel is the second string catcher.

Coach Fordyce of York, has not been idle during the training season and his players are in splendid condition for the fray and are expecting to put over a win. The team will lineup in the following order: Benfer, lf; Tea, cf; Baker, rf; Klingensmith, 1b; Vickery, 2b; Stout, ss; Singer, 3b; Roth, c; Heter or Collier, p.

The umpires are expected to be Kritzel and McCreary. The Fremonters left the school building immediately after the closing of the afternoon sessions and made the trip in machines.

"BUTCH" BOWERS HURLING A CE PITCHES WELL

Allows One Hit and Scores Shutout,
10 and 0

In weather that was more suited to football than baseball, Fremont high won an easy victory from the York centralized school team on the latter's field, the score, 10 to 0 falling to show the superiority of the locals over the country lads.

The York lads were unable to hit, getting but one safety off the delivery of "Butch" Bowers who pitched the entire five innings, and, with the exception of when he walked Heter and Stout in succession, had excellent control. The lone bingle of the losers came in the fifth inning when, with two out, Vickery got one just out of reach of Keller on the first sack and trotted down while Keller was making a desperate effort to beat him to the sack.

The first inning failed to develop anything surprising on either side, but in the second, after Zink had struck out to start the frame, Keller was safe on Vickery's error and on the first ball pitched, stole second. Bowers hit one at Heter and the latter, after getting hold of it, threw wild to first.

Keller scored the first run of the game with Bowers landing on second. Shreffler filed out to left and Miller hit one to right center for a single and Wonderly, who ran for Bowers scored.

Big Inning.

The third inning was the big one, the locals scoring five runs on a combination of singles by Wadsworth and Halbeisen, a screaming triple by Zink a double by Keller, a single by Bowers Miller's single and a bad throw by the pitcher.

Bowers had nine strikeouts during the five innings, while Heter struck out three of the Fremonters, and Collier, who succeeded Heter, had one.

Both teams showed a lack of practice and must show much improvement if they are going to cause some of the other teams to do any hustling to beat them. Aside from the pitching, Fremont failed to make any impressive showing, partly due to the fact that there was nothing to be done in the fielding line.

Kritzel and McCreary were the umpires and gave the crowd nothing to roar about although they failed to send the teams back to their positions when they had changed after Fremont's fourth inning when there were only two outs, but, it was, perhaps, just as well.

Fremont	AB	R	H
Wadsworth, 2b	4	1	1
Halbeisen, ss	4	2	3
Pelton, 3b	2	1	0
Zink c	3	1	2
Keller, 1b	3	2	1
Bowers p	3	1	1
Shreffler, cf	3	0	0
Miller, rf	3	1	2
Swint, lf	3	0	0
xWonderly	0	0	0

York	AB	R	H
Baker, rf	2	0	0
Tea cf	2	0	0
Roth c	2	0	0
Felsinger, 3b	2	0	0
Heter, p	2	0	0
Collier, p	1	0	0
Stout, ss	1	0	0
Benfer, lf	2	0	0
Vickery, 2b	2	0	1
Klingensmith, 1b	2	0	0

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FREMONT HIGH'S BALL TEAM HAS BEEN REVAMPED; PLAYS ON FRIDAY

(By J. A. (Jimmie) Murphy)

A revamped lineup will take the field for Fremont high when they face Jackson centralized school players Friday afternoon at Recreation field, according to Coach Laub, who said today that all that he had had to do this week was to develop a catcher, a shortstop and three outfielders.

The team will more than likely line up for the second game of the season with Shreffler doing the pitching and Miller on the receiving end of the battery combination. In working out before last week's game I watched him throwing some to the catcher and he looked like he had the material from which a real pitcher might be developed and I am glad to see Laub send him into a game as in that way it can be determined whether or not he has the stuff.

Keller will be back at first base and Pelton will be at second, with Butch Bowers playing short, where he will replace Halbeisen, who, will no doubt have a post in the outfield. Wadsworth will draw the third base position and in addition to Halbeisen, Wonderly, Zilles, Vickery and Cypher will battle for the garden positions.

This lineup is expected to add much strength to the purple and white outfit and should enable them to play a better game against Jackson than the one against York last week. Most people are of the opinion that Fremont had a crackerjack team on the field last week because they so easily defeated the York youngsters, but this is not the case and unless Laub can develop a stronger combination, Clyde Woodville, Bellevue and other teams will most likely cause them a lot of trouble when they get together on the diamond during the league race.

Working Hard

Laub has worked hard and long with his proteges and is deserving of success for his efforts and if his ideas are followed the boys will be close to the top at the close of the season. It happens some times, however, that no matter what is taught a bunch of youngsters, they fail to remember the teaching and when they get into action throw caution to the winds and run wild, throwing the ball to any spot on the field but where it belongs and running bases like a bunch of selling platers.

These are things which cause

coaches to wish sometimes they had taken up some other occupation, such as driving an ice wagon, peddling fish or something which would keep them from worrying about what is to happen next.

CHICAGO MAY LOSE ITS BIG GRID CLASSIC

Chicago, April 22.—The Army and Navy football game may not be played in Chicago next fall. The state supreme court has raised the question of the validity of \$2,000,000 in bonds, necessary to finish the Soldiers' Field stadium on the lake front.

Unless the seating capacity is increased by this bond issue, the game will go elsewhere. Attorney William J. Furlong, who brought suit against the South park commissioners restraining them from issuing a series of bonds, including the stadium block, has been instructed by the supreme court to file briefs.

This would throw the issue over until fall and as the park commissioners have no funds, would prevent completion of the stadium.

Have you potato insurance this year? Seed treatment is one form of it.

FREMONT HIGH EASY VICTOR OVER JACKSON

Shreffler Had Foemen Eating From
His Hand—Score 13-3

With "Puggy" Shreffler pitching a brand of baseball that made him look like a big leaguer, and the opposition making error after error, Fremont high won an easy victory over Jackson centralized school at Recreation field Friday afternoon, piling up a total of 13 runs against 3 scored by Jackson.

The game was won in the first inning when hits by Wadsworth and Halbelsen, a walk to Pelton and two errors by Nitschke, the Jackson catcher, permitted the scoring of four runs.

Shreffler had the Jackson batters eating out of his hands most of the time and held them to a solitary run until the last two frames, when he eased up, allowing one run in each of these innings.

Bowers, in his four trips to the plate, pounded out a double and a triple and reached the initial corner once on an error. Wadsworth got a double and Halbelsen shot a single across the field in three times up. Shreffler crossed the counting pan three times, getting a single, being hit by a pitched ball and receiving a walk.

Jackson was woefully weak in the field and Nitschke, the roly-poly catcher, was unable to handle the slants of Lanning and McDonald, who done the pitching. "Hotfoot" Harry Halbelsen, scoring in the first inning, after the catcher had let two pitched balls get by him.

The game was delayed in starting until 5 o'clock, owing to the Jackson players failing to reach the field until nearly that time.

The score and summary:

Fremont	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Wadsworth, 3b	4	1	1	0
Halbelsen, cf	3	2	1	0
Pelton, 2b	2	2	0	0
Keller, 1b	3	1	1	1
Bowers, ss	4	2	2	2
Miller, c	4	1	1	1
Wonderly, rf	3	0	0	0
Zilles, lf	3	1	0	0
Shreffler, p	3	3	1	2

Totals 30 13 7 6

Jackson	AB.	R.	H.	E.
McDonald, ss-p	3	0	1	1
Lanning, p-ss	3	0	2	0
Walters, lf	3	0	2	1
Baker, 3b	4	1	1	0
Findley, 1b	3	1	0	0
Havens, 2b	3	0	0	1
Bowers, rf	3	0	1	1
Wyant, cf	3	0	1	0
Nitschke, c	3	1	1	4

Totals 28 3 9 9

3-base hits, L. Bowers, Zilles; 2-base hits, L. Bowers, McDonald, Wadsworth; bases on balls, off Shreffler 2, off Lanning 4, off McDonald 1; hit by pitcher, Shreffler, L. Bowers; struck out, by Shreffler 7, by Lanning 5, by McDonald 2. Umpires—Kritzel and Findley.

BUT FEW WEAK— SPOTS ON NINE LAUB PICKED

Shreffler, Pitcher, and Bowers at
Short, Are Stars—Team
Well Balanced

By James A. (Jimmie) Murphy.

Howard (Gob) Laub, who is coaching the Fremont high school baseball team is making headway with the outfit and has developed an infield that will compare favorably with any in the county school league. With a limited squad to work with, Laub has worked out a combination with Keller at first, Pelton at second, Bowers at short and Wadsworth at third that will cut off many base hits and stop many runners who get on the sacks.

The middle cushion is where the outfit shines and with Pelton on one side and Bowers on the other, there is little chance for a base hit to get through. Keller needs a little height to make him an ideal first sacker but otherwise there is little to complain of.

At third Wadsworth takes the hot ones like a veteran, goes to his right or left and knows how to come in for the short ones, and the player who bunts one towards the sack is taking a long chance, for this lad comes and with a whip of steel shoots the in and scoops them out of the dirt and with a whip of steel shoots the ball across the diamond with a snap that will get his man in most cases.

Bowers, at short, is the star of the outfit and if he can hit, will make a name for himself in the diamond game and will go far beyond the sand lot stage if he makes up his mind to do so. Pelton, at second goes to his right or left with equal ease and knows what to do with the pellet when he gets hold of it.

The Catching.

The catching will be capably handled by Miller, who showed in the Jackson game that he can handle the slants of the hurlers and with a little more experience this lad should develop into a first class backstop.

The outfield combination is a bit weak. Wonderly looks to be the best of the trio now being used.

Shreffler should be able to handle the pitching burden without assistance as he has everything needed to make a successful hurler and is as cool as the proverbial cucumber when on the mound.

While the team has run up a large score in each of the games they have played this year that does not mean that they have a heavy hitting club, for the reverse is the case as will be shown before the season ends, if they face a pitcher of ordinary ability.

SEVERAL STARS IN BAD WITH OLD "KID STUDY"

Team's Best Mne Among Those
Relegated to Sidelines—
Laub's Luck

"Gob" Laub, the sparkplug mentor of the Fremont high school baseball team, is up against the proposition this week of placing a team in the field for the Clyde game to be played Friday afternoon at Clyde, for the first meeting this season of these ancient rivals. The troubles of Laub have been caused by an eligibility ruling which takes four men from the squad.

With Bowers and Pelton, the key-stone combination; Bardell and Zink on the ineligible list, Laub is hard pressed for a combination that will be able to present enough opposition to prevent the Clyde team from running up a big score.

Wonderly will be taken from the outfield to fill the place of Miller, who replaces Bowers at short, and Wadsworth will be switched from the third sack to second to fill in for Pelton. This will make it necessary to put Swint, a pitcher, on the hot corner, and leaves a vacancy in the outfield that the coach does not know how he is to fill.

Keller will be sent from first base to centerfield and Halbeisen will be at the initial corner. Zilles will be in left field and Puggy Shreffler will again do the pitching.

The Clyde game had been looked upon as one of the hardest of the schedule and the boys felt if they could win this game the path to the top at the close of the season would be easy, but with only eight men that can be counted on this morning, it looks extremely doubtful that the team will be able to make a showing worth while in this game.

Weather conditions which have made it impossible to put the boys on the field for practice this week, makes the problem more difficult, as Laub has had no opportunity of working the fellows out at the positions they will play Friday and of perfecting a team play that will be much needed.

FREMONT HIGH CROSSED BATS WITH CLYDE HI

Old Time Athletic Foes Clash Friday
Afternoon

Fremont high sent their baseball team to Clyde this afternoon minus the services of Bowers, Pelton, Bardell and Zink, all of whom are ineligible because of scholastic difficulties which they have been unable to extricate themselves from during the week.

The team lined up as announced a few days ago in the Messenger with the exception of the placing of Halbeisen in the outfield instead of at first base, where Bob Freeh, a youngster, has been placed after showing in practice that he could handle the job in a satisfactory way.

Coach "Spark Plug" Laub had little hope of a victory when he loaded the boys in machines at the close of school this afternoon, for the two leading members of the infield have been forced from the game by the eligibility ruling, as well as a catcher and a second string fielder.

Shreffler was slated to do the hurling when the team left the school this afternoon, and Wonderly was to do the catching. While Laub felt that the chances of putting across the third win of the season were remote, the boys themselves were determined to take the game and if confidence counts for anything, they will win.

NEIGHBORING TOWN TEAM IS BEATEN 12 TO 3

Errors Play Important Part in
Scoring—Shreffler Pitches
a Nice Game

Despite the fact that four members of the Fremont baseball squad were ineligible for play in the Clyde game Friday afternoon, the team had an easy time winning from the neighboring town team, errors on the part of White and Stanley permitting the locals to score several of their runs, the score being 12 and 3.

Fremont started out as though they were going to hand the game to their opponents by virtue of poor base running in the first inning, when Wadsworth was safe on Stanley's error. Halbelsen hit to left for a single, and Wadsworth went to third. Halbelsen should have gone to second on the play, but lost his bearings in the shift and stuck to first. Miller hit to the pitcher and Wadsworth was thrown out at the plate. Keller singled to center, scoring Halbelsen and Miller, who was running wild, was thrown out at third on the throw. Keller was thinking of nothing but getting home and ran to his death at third, and the result of three hits and one error was one lone run.

The first three men to face Shreffler were stricken victims, and VanDoren, who was the first to face him in the second, also was struck out, but was safe at first when the ball got away from Wonderly, who was catching.

Fremont scored twice in the second and in the third drove four runs across the counting pan before the side was retired. Two more in the fifth and three in the sixth ran the total to 12. The third inning looked as if it would be the big one for Clyde, when they had one run in and the bases loaded, with no one out, but Stanley was thrown out at the plate, when White hit one at Wonderly, who had been shifted to short.

Durnwald was thrown out at first, and Mann was doubled at the plate.

Three Straight

The victory was the third straight win of the season for the Purple and White, and they should finish at the top of the heap, providing the ineligible are back in the lineup for the Bellevue game, which is to be played next Friday.

Coach Laub announced yesterday that a game has been booked with Findlay high, to be played on the latter's grounds on Saturday, May 15, and that an effort is being made to book a game with St. Joseph's high for Wednesday afternoon of next week, and with St. Ann's for the following Wednesday.

Shreffler pitched a good game, but was worried when men were on bases, and this had a tendency to cause a wildness which was responsible for his walking five men, but he more than made up for this by striking out 10. Freeh, playing his first game in a school uniform, played a great game at first base, and it looks as if he has cinched this game for the balance of the season.

The score:

Fremont			
	R.	H.	E.
Wadsworth, 2b.	0	0	0
Halbelsen, cf.	1	1	0
Miller, ss. c.	2	2	0
Keller, lf.	1	1	0
Freeh, 1b.	1	2	0
Zilles, rf.	2	1	1
Swint, 2b.	2	0	0
Wonderly, c. ss.	1	3	1
Shreffler, p.	1	1	0
12 11 1			
Clyde			
	R.	H.	E.
Kauble, p.	1	0	0
Stanley, ss.	1	2	1
Mann, 2b.	0	1	1
VanDoren, cf.	1	0	0
White, c.	0	0	3
Durnwald, lf.	0	1	0
Werth, 1b.	0	0	1
Tarris, rf.	0	0	0
Streeter, 2b.	0	0	0
3 5 7			

Three base hits—Wonderly, Zilles. Two-base hits—Wonderly, Durnwald, Shreffler, VanDoren. Struck out—by Shreffler, Kauble, Stanley; Mann 3, VanDoren, Werth 2, Tarris, Durnwald, by Kauble—Swint 2, Wadsworth, Halbelsen 3, Zilles. Bases on balls—off Shreffler 5, off Kauble 3. Hit by pitcher, Miller, Streeter. Umpires, Kritzell, McCleary and Barry.

FREMONT HIGH TO MEET SOME FAST FOEMEN

Will Take On Old Time Rival, St. Joe,
In Baseball.

The high school baseball team, with three of their players still on the ineligible list, will tackle St. Joseph's high team this afternoon at Recreation field, and on Friday afternoon will play the Bellevue team which so far this season has won one from Clyde and lost one to Jackson centralized school.

Bellevue defeated the Clyde team a couple of weeks ago, by an overwhelming score, the count being 22 and 4 at the close of the game, and Coach Wolf of Clyde, stated to a Messenger reporter at Clyde last week that he thought the two teams would be evenly matched on the showing of the Fremonters against his team last Friday.

The visitors will have had the advantage of a couple of weeks' practice since meeting the Clydeites and the locals will not have received any benefit during the time that has elapsed since their first game, when they defeated York, due to the barring of Zink, Bowers, Pelton and Bardell.

In the second game of the season, when they defeated Jackson, the team looked like a certain pennant winner, but the absence of the three ineligible has wrecked the combination with which Coach Laub hoped to go through the season and what the youngsters who faced Clyde last week will do against a more formidable foe, is a question to which the mentor would like to know the answer.

Bowers will probably be back in the lineup at short and be ready to go to the mound should Shreffler, who has won all three of his starts, falter. With Bowers back in the game, Miller can be safely shifted to the catcher's position and Wonderly will be ready to step into the outfield, where he will probably replace Halbelsen, who was injured at Clyde.

Aside from these changes, the lineup will probably be the same as that in the Clyde game, and, while the boys played a good game at that time, they did not look strong enough to defeat a stronger combination, such as Bellevue is said to possess, although the practice of the present week will probably have ironed out some of the rough spots and helped the team play of the aggregation.

The game will be started promptly at 4 o'clock, and a larger crowd than the one which witnessed the Jackson game is expected, as the showing of the youngsters has been such as to arouse a feeling of enthusiasm at the school.

EAST ENDERS NO MATCH FOR LAUB'S NINE

Errors Paved Way for Victory
—Winners Are Champs of
County League

The championship of the Sandusky County High School Baseball league for 1926 will go to Fremont high as a result of the game with Bellevue Friday afternoon, which the locals won, 13 to 5, after seven innings of wild baseball, during which Laub's boys made 13 hits and their opponents chalked up 10 errors.

Whitecomb for the visitors, pitched a much better game than the score would indicate, in fact he pitched better baseball than did either of the Fremont pitchers and with perfect support would have won his game, but it was discouraging for him to go to the mound in the seventh inning and watch his mates throw away chances galore for retiring the side without a run being scored and permit the scoring of runners in every inning except the second and sixth.

Beard, in left field, permitted the scoring of at least three runs and was more or less responsible for the scoring of more through his misjudging of two easy hit fly balls which went for extra base hits when the batter should have been retired. Hammersmith at short, was responsible for a couple more and Greulich, the catcher, let a couple go over when he made a wild heave to third in an attempt to nab a base runner.

Pugy Shreffler, who started the game for Fremont, went four innings, pitching creditable ball despite the fact that he was working with the handicap of a sore arm. He was relieved by Freeh after the purple and white had put six runs across the pan in the fourth inning when five hits and five errors put the game on ice.

Freshman Pitches

Freeh, who is a Freshman, just laid them across for the Bellevue boys and let them swing at them, orders from Coach Laub preventing him from making an effort to put anything on the ball, and this was the reason for the three runs scored by the visitors in the seventh inning.

Beard was the star with the stick for Bellevue, getting three hits and a base on balls in his four trips to the plate, finishing the day with a perfect batting average. Keller, with three hits including a screaming three sacker, was the star for the Laubmen, with Miller, who also got three in four, Wonderly, Shreffler and Pelton doing stellar work with the hickory.

On Wednesday afternoon of next week, the team will play St. Ann's at Recreation field, and on Saturday will go to Findlay, where they tackle the team representing Findlay high school. Laub is hoping that Bowers and Zink will be eligible for this game as the present lineup with Bowers back at shortstop, will give him a fast, fielding and hard hitting aggregation. Zink will not be missed as much as some of the others who have been on the ineligible list, for in Wonderly, the team has a capable catcher who handles the pitchers in nice style and who has an arm that shoots the ball around the field like a rocket.

"BIG FELLOW" IN GREATEST FORM; BEATS FINDLAY

His Single, Double, Triple and Homer—Fremonters Continue Victory

Fremont 7, Findlay 6.

Ollie Zink wound up his athletic career at Fremont high in a blaze of glory when he pitched his team to a well earned victory over Findlay high on the latter grounds Saturday afternoon. In addition to his pitching, Ollie had a big hand in sending the runs by which the victory was gained, across the counting station, with a single, double, triple and a home run in five times at bat. The four baseout came in the sixth with Wonderly on first by reason of a single and gave the locals the one run margin necessary for the winning of the game.

Findlay had been eating out of the hands of Zink during the first four innings, and the fifth started out with the first two batters being easy victims, but something went wrong with the defense and before the inning ended, the Findlayites had chased five counters across and were one run in the lead. Recktershek started the inning by being thrown out by Miller and Martin went out to Freeh, unassisted. Butler singled to center, Leary walked and so did Schneider, and the bases were filled. Cramer was next in the lineup, hit an easy roller to Bowers who let it get away from him and two runners scored, another hit drove two more over before the inning ended.

Dark Outlook.

Things looked bad for Fremont at that time but Ollie was not to be denied the victory which he said he was going to turn in and when he came up in the next inning with Wonderly on, he picked out one to his liking and when the ball had been fielded Ollie was resting on the bench determined that Findlay would not score again, and, with the assistance of his mates he kept them from crossing the plate for the remainder of the game.

Zink struck out nine men and his opponent sent six to the bench via the same route. Freeh, at first base played a good game for the locals and the rest of the fellows put up the usual game. Miller had a bad day at short but it must be remembered that he was playing out of position owing to the absence of Wadsworth from the lineup, the latter being laid up with an injury to his eye, sustained in Thursday's contest with St. Ann's.

This was the last game for the high school team which has gone through the season without being defeated. Coach Laub having built up a winning combination, or rather two combinations, for he was forced to put his second stringers on the field for two games when four of the first team members were declared ineligible by reason of failing to keep up in their studies.

Practically the entire team will be eligible for baseball next year and with the experience they have had during the present season should march to another pennant. A silver cup will be awarded the team for finishing first in the county school league this year.



BASEBALL

Fremont High's baseball team of last year was exceptionally good. They won the county championship, having been defeated only once which was by Old Fort in the early part of the season. The team had most of the members of the previous year.

Baseball has never been a major sport in Fremont high, but last year the games were attended by a great number of students. It is hoped that it will become more popular and in time be as popular as football and basketball.

The team was composed of Captain Keller, Wadsworth and Binkley, outfielders; Shreffler, pitcher; Wonderly, catcher; Freeh, J. W. Miller, Pelton, and L. Miller, infielders; Connard, Gable and Hieneman were the substitutes.

Fremont defeated York, Jackson, Bellevue and Clyde, each once. They defeated Old Fort two games out of three.