

1981 Buckeye Conference...

## Four-horse race expected in BC track meet

The race for the roses in the Buckeye Conference boys track meet Saturday is not going to be as crowded as it was in the

Kentucky Derby.

Ross Coach Norm Bray calls it a four-horse race.

Sandusky, according to Bray, has the inside starting position in the 10:30 a.m. field event start in Elyria.

"They (Sandusky) are so strong in the field events," Bray pointed out but added, "but Marion is strong enough to be a factor."

And the BC chase has a dark horse.

"Admiral King, I think," Bray said, "is the dark horse. They turned in a 43.1 in the 400 meters relay."

That is one of Ross's strong points.

The Ross 400 relay team of Curtiss Lee, Tony Gant, Mark Balsizer and Tom Pendrey are fresh off a record setting 43.9 at the Marion Relays last Saturday. Bray figures that his team has a shot at winning it at Elyria.

The Ross coach listed the

events he figures his team will win or place high in, and the 400 relay was one.

"The long jump, both hurdles, the 400 relay, and I think Ollie (Zimmerman) and Fred (Hepp) will get us points in the 1600 and 3200," Bray said. "The mile relay should also get us some points."

Bray also said that the shot putters, if they have a

good day, could pick up points for the Little Giants.

Gant, back in stride after nursing a knee injury until the beginning of this month, is Bray's hopes in the long jump. Pendrey will be strong in the hurdles events.

"There were a lot of exceptionally fast times turned in (during the seeding meeting)," Bray disclosed, "but I think it will be a four-team go."

Ross is the fourth with Sandusky, Marion and Admiral King.

"Looking at everything," he concluded, "but after looking at

everything, because of field events, Sandusky has to be the edge but I feel it will be a toss-up."

Field events for both the boys and girls will begin at 10:30 with the running preliminaries at 11 a.m. and the finals in running at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Ross's girls, hit hard by injuries and other difficulties, will be hard pressed to finished high. Teh 3200 relay and Tammy Haas in the hurdles and 800 meters are the Lady Little Giants' best bets in running events while Laurie Smith is expected to finish high in the shot put and the discus.

## Eagles Tournament begins today

The Fremont Eagles Fast Pitch Softball Tournament begins tonight at East Side and Rodger Young Parks.

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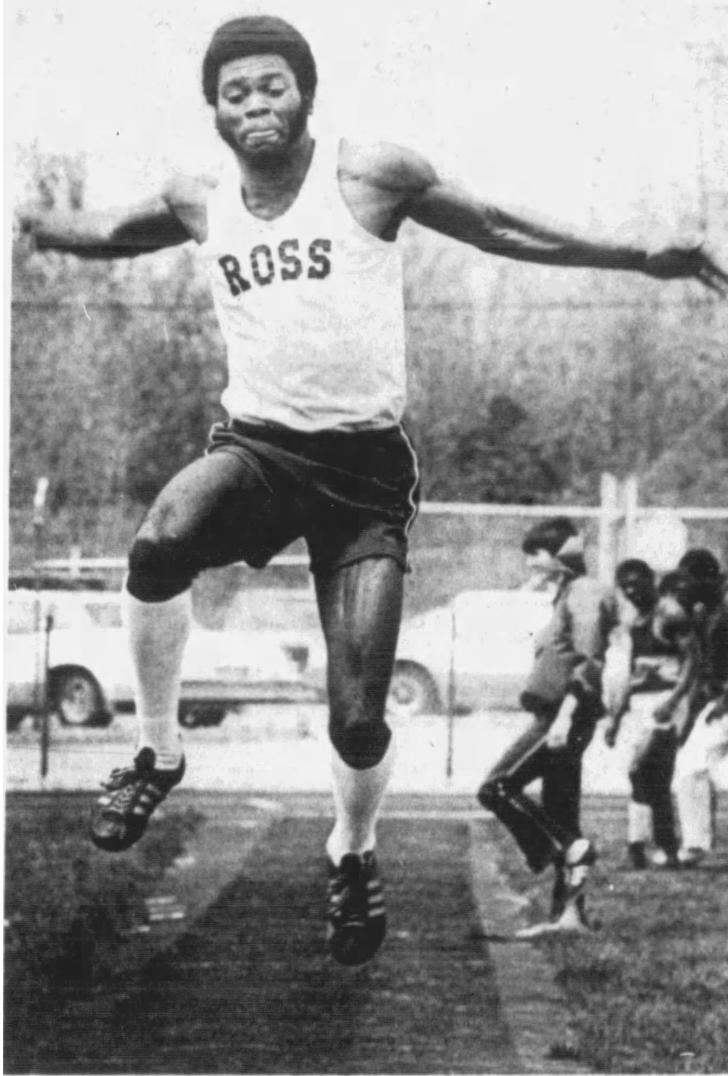
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### Semi-pro tryouts

Tryouts for a Fremont semi-pro baseball team will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Field according to team organizer Paul King.

The team is open to anyone. Players do not have to be Fremont residents but players must be 18 or older.



TONY GANT OF ROSS LEAPS TO FIRST PLACE IN LONG JUMP

## Port Clinton, Perkins win SBC titles

**SANDUSKY** — To no one's surprise, the new kid on the block is the new champion of the conference.

In their first try, the Redskins of Port Clinton captured the SBC track meet title Saturday by an easy 48½ points.

Port Clinton finished first with 158, Perkins second with 109½ and Clyde third with 83. Rounding out the field were St. Mary's (46),

Redskins recorded six firsts and six seconds and had at least two athletes place in every event but four.

In two events, they set new records. One came in the 1600 relay as John Biro, Dave Meek, Jake Perry and Brad Meek ran a 3:30.1. The other one was in the 800 run by Jake Perry who finished in 1:59.2. He beat Perkins' Scott McCune's record of 2:02.

jump (20-7½) and fourth in the 200 dash (23.7).

Jerry Johnson and Bill Kohbarger gave Port Clinton a strong field performance. Johnson was first in the discus (126-4) and third in the shot put (46-4½) while Kohbarger took second in the shot (49-10¾) and fourth in the discus (125-7).

Other top performers were Jake Perry who was first in the 800 run and second in the 400 dash

## Ross girls 3rd, boys 5th in BC

**ELYRIA** — Fremont Ross's girls team finished a strong third while the boys took fifth in the Buckeye Conference Track and Field Meet Saturday.

Lorain, with 97 points, was first, Sandusky second at 78 and Ross third with 68 in the girls competition. Mansfield took fourth with 64 followed by Elyria, Admiral King, Marion Harding and Findlay.

Admiral King took the boys title with 99 points. Sandusky took second with 82½ while Marion Harding was third at 79 and Findlay fourth with 64. Ross ahd 45 for fifth followed by Mansfield, Elyria and Lorain.

Ross, with only 10 girls, was hurt by its lack of depth but eight of the 10 girls figured in the scoring. Laurie Smith and Tammy Haas won two events apiece.

Smith won the shot put with a conference record of 113 feet, two inches. She wiped out her own record of 110-11 set just last year. In the shot put, Smith reached 36 feet to take the top spot. Teammate Johanna Hawk was third with 34-8½ effort.

Amy Lindstrom was fifth in the discus for Ross with a throw of 95-3.

Haas won the 800 meter race and finished second in the 400 hurdles. She also led off Ross's second place 3200 relay team.

In the 800, Haas ran a

2:27.59 for the top spot. Joan Osmon, the BC record holder in the event, finished sixth in 2:36.73. Haas was runnerup in the 400 with a 1:01.71.

In the hurdles, Haas was clocked in 15.25 seconds, finishing behind Elyria's Vickie Porter's 14.84. Earlier, Haas had set a new Ross school record with a 15.1 in the preliminaries.

Ross's 3200 team of Haas, Lisa Arndt, Sandy Long and Osmon finished second to Mansfield. The winners ran it in 10 minutes, 18.95 seconds while Ross was clocked in 10:25.22.

Other placings for Ross were Celenea Simmons, sixth in the 1600 and Lindstrom, fourth in the high jump.

In the boys meet, Tony Gant grabbed Ross's only first place, taking his specialty, the long jump with a lead of 21 feet, seven inches. That was five and one-half inches better than the runnerup.

Hurdler Tom Pendrey grabbed a second in the 300 meter lows and took third in the 110 highs. In the lows, the Ross senior recorded a 37.55, his best of the season, while in the highs he had a 15.19.

Ross's 400 mefer relay team of Curtis Lee, Tony Gant, Mark Balsizer and Pendrey finished second in 44:22. Admiral King took the top spot in 43.67.

Todd Johnson, who anchored the 1600 relay team to second in 3:29.01, was sixth in the 400 with a clocking of 52.59.

Lee finished fifth in the 100 meters in 11.38 seconds and came back to take sixth in the 200 with a 23.31 effort.

Oliver Zimmerman finished sixth in the 1600 meter run for Ross, turning in a 4:39.51.