

1938 District meet...

FREMONT ROSS FIGURES TO BE WITH LEADERS

Mansfield, Sandusky Other Top Class A Entrants; Oak Harbor Favored

Close rivalry in the class A competition and a walkaway for Oak Harbor in class B competition was predicted in the annual northwestern Ohio district high school meet to be held at Harmon field Saturday afternoon.

Sandusky, Buckeye League champion, Mansfield and Fremont were expected to stage a three-cornered battle for top honors among the nine class A schools. Oak Harbor, coached by Cloyce Taylor, seemed to have a distinct edge on the 21 other schools entered in class B.

Threat of further rain to soak the already water-logged oval at Harmon stadium decreased possibility of any mass assault on district records, although the Ross mile and half-mile relay teams, Johnny Linta, of Mansfield, Joe Riedy, of Sandusky were expected to perform in championship style in class A, and Nehls, of Oak Harbor, in class B.

Teams Strong

The Little Giant teams have been flashing home close to district record time throughout the season, while Linta already has surpassed the pole vault mark. Riedy is said to be capable of reducing the standard in the half mile event. Nehls is one of the best class B pole-vaulters in the state.

Approximately 280 competitors are entered from the following schools: class A—Fremont, Mansfield, Sandusky, Tiffin Columbian, Norwalk, Bellevue, Galion, Shelby and Bucyrus; class B—Melmore, Birmingham, Margaretta, Elmore, Monroeville, North Robinson, New London, Sycamore, Clyde, Huron, Thompson, Sulphur Springs, Norwalk, St. Paul's, Milan, Attica, Holmes-Liberty, Lakeside, Oak Harbor, Old Fort, Townsend (Huron county), Gibsonburg and Republic.

One of the most improved track teams in this area since the beginning of the season when Fremont drubbed the Tigers soundly, Mansfield will score consistently, perhaps enough to seriously hurt Sandusky's chances of coping. Since Mansfield is strong in the same events that Ross is, the Little Giants may not be able to capitalize in the triple battle for the district crown.

Stars Hampered

Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff, of Ross, was far from optimistic over his team's chances. Pete Erchenbrecher, key dash man, has been unable to gallop his best since an arm injury several days ago, while Jim Spangler, standout hurler, has complained of a bruised ankle, repeatedly injured by contact with the barriers. The two are expected to compete however.

Other Ross entrants will include: Norm Keller, in the mile, Frank Kochy and Burdette Ballard, in the quarter, Dale Berger, in the half-mile, Bud Goodwin, in the hurdles, Mernie White, in the pole-vault, Bob Shaw, in the high jump and weights, Bob Thompson and Al Koebel in the weights, and Forrest Bingham, Clarence Chestnutwood, Ray Horn in the relays.

Class A records are: 9.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash; 23 seconds in the 220-yard dash; 51.3 in the quarter-mile; 2 minutes, 3.3 seconds in the half-mile; 4 minutes, 36.6 seconds in the mile; 15.1 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles; 5 feet, 11 inches in the high jump; 21 feet, 6½ inches in the broad jump; 12 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault; 133 feet, 9 inches in the discus; 1 minute, 33 seconds in the half-mile relay; and 3 minutes, 34.6 seconds in the one mile relay.

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Class B records:—10 seconds in the 100-yard dash; 23 seconds in the 220-yard dash; 53.8 seconds in the quarter-mile; 2 minutes, 7.1 seconds in the half mile run; 4 minutes, 37 seconds in the one mile run; 15.4 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles; 6 feet, 1½ inches in the high jump; 21 feet, 10 inches in the broad jump; 45 feet, 1½ inches in the shot-put; 124 feet, 2 inches in the discus; 1 minute, 37.4 seconds in the half-mile relay; and 3 minutes 42.4 seconds in the mile relay.

The meet is scheduled for 2 p. m., to be preceded by qualifying tests. Former Ross Coach Robert Oldfather, of Napoleon, will serve as starter.

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