

## TWO-TEAM RACE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Sandusky, Elyria Co-Favored In Buckeye Conference Track

Fremont Ross will carry hopes for a few points on several strong events when the Little Giant track team ventures to Sandusky Saturday. Ross will be in the field when 13th edition of the Buckeye Conference track championship is run on Strobel Field.

Ross has never won this event and chances are less than slim for a first time this year. In fact, only two teams have ever worn the crown of Buckeye Con-

ference champion. Marion has won the title eight times, including the first six runs. Sandusky has four championships to its credit, including the last three in a row.

Buckeye Conference this year is considered strictly a two-team race and the power of one of these co-favorites, Sandusky, was displayed at Harmon field Wednesday night. Until recent weeks when Sandusky posted sharply improved

times to win its own Invitational and Marion Night Relays, Elyria was considered the team to beat. At this point times of Sandusky and Elyria are comparable.

Both the favorites have depth, the thing missing for Ross. Ross can boast several outstanding individuals, who could be contenders for points, but there is no depth. Among the favorites to win individual events are Steve Parker and Tom Pettiford of Ross. Pettiford, if

healthy and able to work on his steps the rest of the week, could be a contender in the hurdles.

The junior hurdler was leading in both 180 lows and 120 highs when he stumbled against Sandusky. Up until the stumble Pettiford was in front of Jon Jackson, Sandusky hurdler who has posted some of the best times of the year. Pettiford had been ill and unable to practice prior to the Sandusky meet.

Parker has posted the best 440-yard dash time, :51.2, of any Buckeye Conference runner this year. He has been only three-tenths of a second off the best 220 and one-tenth of a second off the leading 100-yard dash clocking.

Coach Rod Lash is toying with the idea of keeping Parker out of the 100-yard dash event and using him to strengthen one of the hurdles. Use of both Parker and Rusty Wil-

liams, who has been about a step slower than Parker in the three dash events all year, could be the basis for a relay surprise.

Last year in the Buckeye Conference meet only one record was broken. Strange as it is, the record-breaker, Willie Amison with :14.4 in the 120-yard high hurdles, is still in school but ineligible to compete. His birth date allowed him to compete in Fall sports but not Spring events.

One other record, the two-mile, was set by Tim Flaherty, Elyria, but this was the first year for this event.

Comparison of Buckeye Conference records and best times this year show that several marks are in jeopardy. Not the least of these is the oldest record on the books. Bob Middleton, Marion, set a discus standard of 170-4.

Until this year there has been little threat to that mark, but Sandusky has a double threat. This includes Junior Ken Krueger, 109-3, and sophomore Steve Rogers, 163-3/4.

Conference meet preliminaries begin Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Field events will get under way at 5 p.m. and running finals at 7 p.m.

## Buckeye Records, Performances

Buckeye Conference records which will be on the line Saturday at Strobel Field, Sandusky, are as follows:

120-HIGH HURDLES — Willie Amison, Sandusky, 1966, :14.4; 100—Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965, :09.9.

MILE — Barney Leslie, Sandusky, 1964, 4:32.2.

880 RELAY—Sandusky (Der-ringer, Brown, Myers, Lindsey), 1964, 1:31.3.

440—Paul Garrett, Sandusky, 1963, :49.3.

180 LOW HURDLES — Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965, :19.0.

880—Hal Leser, Elyria, 1962, 2:00.2.

220—Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965, :21.4.

MILE RELAY — Sandusky (Weatherspoon, G. Williams, Barber, Lindsey), 1964, 3:28.6.

TWO MILE — Tim Flaherty, Elyria, 1966, 10:17.9.

SHOT PUT—Joe Kozar, Admiral King, 1963, 54-7/8.

DISCUS — Bob Middleton, Marion, 1959, 170-4.

HIGH JUMP—Earl Hill, Marion, 1963, 6-2.

LONG JUMP—Lou Dampier, Admiral King, 1965, 22-3/4.

POLE VAULT —Merle Wilford, Elyria, 1965, 13-3/4.

TWO MILE—Dennis LaRue, Mansfield, 9:58.2 (Damschroder, 11:12.6).

SHOT PUT — Ed Williams, Sandusky, and Carl Leslie, Elyria, 55-7 (Dave Rhodes, 45-0).

DISCUS — Ken Krueger, Sandusky, 169-5; Steve Rogers, 163-3/4 (John Burkin, 117-1).

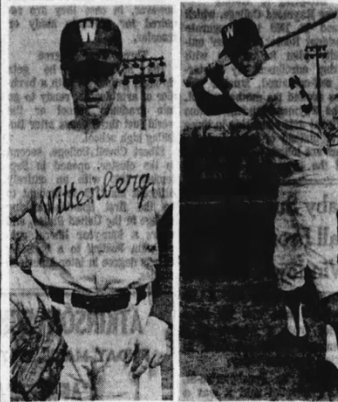
HIGH JUMP — Hilman Lindsey, Sandusky, 6-2 (Voorhees, 5-6).

LONG JUMP — Jack Bledelman, Elyria, 22-3/4 (Burrell, 19-5/8).

POLE VAULT—Jerry Klyopp, Elyria, 14-1/4 (Tom Pettiford, 11-9).

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## Ohio High School Coaches Seek Exemption From NCAA Punt Rule

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A majority of Ohio's high school football coaches are opposed to a controversial punt rule that goes into effect this fall.

The board of directors of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association indicated as much Thursday night at a meeting kicking off their spring clinic.

The directors adopted a motion to ask the State Board of Control for permission to keep the old rule.

Ohio football is governed by NCAA rules, with modifications sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association or the Board of Control.

Under the new rule, designed to give the receiving team a better break on returning punts, the five interior linemen on the kicking team cannot move downfield until the ball is actually punted.

The rule attempts to lessen fair catch calls by giving the receiver more time for a run-back.

But scholastic coaches con-

at a Board of Control meeting in June.

In another development, directors named a three-man committee to ask the control board to reconsider a decision made last month not to revise regulations dealing with physical fitness programs in the summer.

Coaches Marv Moorehead of Upper Arlington, Ted Federick of Oregon Clay and Bob Jackson of Columbus North will head up the committee.

Rules governing physical fitness equipment are designed to prevent secret football drills. The equipment can be used, but not indoors, and coaches argue that weightlifting apparatus is too heavy to move outdoors.

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## SANDUSKY REIGN ENDED BY ELYRIA

## Ross Captures Two Firsts In Buckeye Conference Track

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross finished sixth in the eight-team field but not before leaving its mark on the 13th annual Buckeye Conference track meet. The Little Giants surprised in many quarters with two first place finishes.

Couples around the league had heard of the Steve Parker exploits and he was considered a prime choice in the quarter-mile. Parker did not disappoint with a :31.1 clocking and first place in the 440-yard run.

The heads jerked up, the eyes widened and opposing coaches did exclaim dublet when the Ross mile relay quartet stopped the clock at 3:33. On the basis of its best mile relay time of 3:37 in the Fremont Night Relays Ross had been placed in the slow heat.

Despite not being pushed exceptionally in its heat the Little Giants posted the best mile relay event. The second, third and fourth place teams all ran in the so-called faster heat. The Ross quartet of Rusty Williams, Bob Mackey, Jon Schwartz and Steve Parker slipped Mansfield by one-tenth of a second.

Coach Rod Lash pulled his surprise by pulling Parker from the 100-yard dash and saving him for the relay, as well as using half-mile Mackey for the second leg of the relay.

The 3:33 time set a school record which had stood since 1938. The old Ross mile relay mark was 3:35.5.

In the 440-yard run Parker finished five yards ahead of his nearest challenger, although official clocks showed him only two-tenths of a second ahead of Dan Miller, Sandusky.

Ross put in a strong showing in several other events. Sophomore Dave Rhodes made the six-man finals in the shot put with a toss of 46-6, just missing the point-winning top five.

Ross' Mike Tindall finished fifth for one point in the 880-yard run, two-tenths of a second ahead of sixth place Mackey.

In the mile Ross runners were just out of the money with Mike Gelb, 4:52 sixth and Chuck Cheek, 4:53 seventh.



By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
National League

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|---------------|----|----|-----------|
| Cincinnati    | 17 | 8  | 480       |
| Pittsburgh    | 12 | 6  | 867 1/2   |
| St. Louis     | 12 | 9  | 371 3     |
| Atlanta       | 12 | 9  | 371 3     |
| Chicago       | 10 | 9  | 336 4     |
| Philadelphia  | 10 | 10 | 300 4 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 9  | 12 | 429 6     |
| New York      | 8  | 13 | 351 7     |
| Los Angeles   | 7  | 13 | 350 7 1/2 |
| Houston       | 7  | 15 | 315 8 1/2 |

Saturday's Results

St. Louis 5, Chicago 3  
Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings  
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3, rain  
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, rain

Houston at New York, rain

Sunday's Results

Chicago 5, St. Louis 4  
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 3  
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, rain

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, rain

Houston at New York, 2, rain

Today's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, N  
St. Louis at Cincinnati, N  
San Francisco at Chicago  
Los Angeles at Houston, N  
Only games scheduled

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| New York        | 10 9 .526 2 1/2  |
| Washington      | 11 10 .514 2 1/2 |
| Boston          | 10 10 .500 3     |
| California      | 11 12 .476 3 1/2 |
| Minnesota       | 9 11 .450 4      |
| Baltimore       | 9 12 .380 4 1/2  |
| Cleveland       | 8 11 .421 4 1/2  |
| Kansas City     | 8 12 .400 5      |

Saturday's Results

Detroit 4, Baltimore 1  
Minnesota 4, Boston 2  
Chicago 2, Cleveland 0  
Washington 2, California 0  
New York at Kansas City, rain

Sunday's Results

Detroit 4, Baltimore 0  
Kansas City 4 1/2, New York 1 1/2  
Boston 9, Minnesota 6  
Chicago at Cleveland, rain  
California 6, Washington 0



FREMONT ROSS' STEVE PARKER  
Buckeye 440-Yard Run Champion

## Buckeye Summary

TEAM SCORE: Findlay, 64; Sandusky, 44; Mansfield, 41; 129 HIGH HURDLES — Jon Jackson (S), :148; Tim Johnson (E), :152; Dennis Jones (AK), :153; Duane (Man.), :155; Peter Mould (Pin.), :158; 100 — Ron Smith (AK), :10.35; Walden Jefferson (Man.), :10.2; Jim Jones (E), :10.5; Bill Wenger (AK), :10.55; Jack Beidelman (E), :10.8.

SHOT PUT — Carl Leslie (E), 36-4 1/2; Ed Williams (S), 34-1 1/2; Bernie Wolak (L), 31-3; Vic Malinovsky (S), 30-4 1/2; Jim Adams (Man.), 46-1 1/2. New record. Breaks 547 3/4 by Joe Kozar, Admiral King, 1963.

DISCUS — Ken Kreuger (S), 139-4 1/2; Steve Rogers (S), 136-4; Carl Leslie (E), 131-1; Larry Socca (Man.), 142-5; Bernie Wolak (L), 129-11.

880 RELAY — Admiral King, 1:31.9; Elyria, 1:32; Lorain, 1:32.8; Mansfield, 1:33; Findlay, 1:33.7.

440 — Steve Parker (E), :31.1; Dan Miller (S), :31.2; Bruce Drye (Man.), :33.8; Ron Smith (AK), :33.5; Manuel Coleman (L), :33.8.

180 LOW HURDLES — Duane Hill (Man.), :20.1; Jon Jackson (S), :20.35; Al Robinson (E), :20.9; Dennis Jones (AK), :20.9; Felix Roman (AK), no time.

LONG JUMP — Floyd Davis (Man.), 21-7 1/2; Isavolt Amison (S), 21-7 1/2; Jack Beidelman (E), 21-7 1/2.

TWO MILE — Dennis LaRue (Man.), 10-01.2; John Hudson (Pin.), 10-02.2; Tim Flaherty (E), 10-07.3; Eldon Johnston (F), 10-28.4; Jewell (E), no time. (New Record. Breaks 10-17.3 by Tim Flaherty, Elyria, 1960).

POLE VAULT — Jerry Klyopp (E), 13-0; Bill Sycks (Mar.), 12-4; Jeff Korodny (Man.), 12-6; Steve Ready (Man.), 12-6; Dave Rafter (S), 12-6.

MILE RELAY — Fremont Ross (Rusty Williams, Bob Mackey, Jon Schwartz and Steve Parker), 3:33; Mansfield, 3:33.1; Sandusky, 3:34.5; Lorain, 3:35.6; Findlay, 3:35.8.

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MILE — Mike Bish (Pin.), 4:52.1; Phil Amerine (S), 4:57.3; Cliff Kotnik (E), 4:40.4; John Sandvick (E), 4:42; Bill Haven (Man.), 4:47. (New Record. Breaks 4:32.2 by Barney Leslie, Sandusky, 1964).

HIGH JUMP — Jack Beidelman (E), 6-4; Keith Dick (E), 5-11; Dallas Young (L), 5-10; Larry Brewer (F), 5-10; Hilan Lindsey (S), 5-8.

220 — Bill Wenger (AK), :22.2; Steve Parker (F), :22.3; Bruce Raddatz (E), :22.7; Jim Jones (E), :23.8; Dick Deeter (S), no time.

880 — Linton Sharpnack (E), 2:03.5; Dan Weller (Pin.), 2:04.6; Mike Bish (Pin.), 2:05; Doug Warner (Mar.), 2:06.1; Mike Tindall (E), 2:08.

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## Flood Sets Flawless Field Mark

By MURRAY CHASS  
Associated Press Sports Writer

With one batted ball, St. Louis' Curt Flood gained a record, but the Cardinals lost the game.

The ball, hit by Don Kessinger in the sixth inning, skidded off Flood's glove in center field and drove in Clarence Jones with the run that gave the Chicago Cubs a 5-4 victory Sunday.

The play, however, was ruled a single for Kessinger, and center fielder Flood had his 206th consecutive game without an error, a National League record.

"I'll probably never forget that play," said Flood, who hasn't made an error since he fumbled Harvey Kuenn's single Sept. 2, 1965, also against the Cubs at Wrigley field.

"It would have been a heck of a catch had I been able to make it. Sure, it's good having the record, but it would have been much better having a victory to go along with it."

Bob Gibson struck out the first two Cubs in the inning with the game tied 4-4, but Jones batted for rookie pitcher Rich Rye and doubled. Kessinger, not considered a long ball hitter, then drove a liner over Flood's head in center.

The 5-foot-9 speedster turned, raced back and leaped in the air, but the ball struck his glove and fell away as Jones scored the winning run.

The 29-year-old Flood didn't grab it, but he did snare the record. Tony Gonzalez of Philadelphia held the old mark of 205 consecutive errorless games, compiled between 1961 and 1963.

Don Demeter holds the major league mark of 266, set with Philadelphia and Detroit from 1962 to 1965. Demeter, however, had 449 chances-pitouts and assists-in his streak. Flood already has 506.

He would prefer, however, that total to be 597.

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## Tigers Thrive On Sparma No-Hit Pitching, Oriole Blunders To Win

By DICK COUCH  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Hank Bauer's getting tired of being cuffed around by the Detroit Tigers, but his sluggers keep turning the other cheek.

The Tigers capitalized on Baltimore's blunders Sunday and blanked Bauer's Orioles 4-0 behind the three-hit pitching of Joe Sparma, completing a three-game sweep over the slug-bag world champions. The victory was Detroit's sixth in seven games against the Orioles, who have fallen into an eighth-place tie in the early American League race after scoring only one run in the three-game set against the Tigers.

"We're pressing too much... swinging at pitches we should be taking and taking pitches we should be swinging at," Manager Bauer said after watching his club stumble to its fourth straight setback.

"Beating the Orioles six out of seven is bound to give us a lift," said Tiger pitcher Mayo Smith. "Our guys still think Baltimore is the club to beat."

Sparma scattered three singles on the way to his second shutout of the young season and third victory without a loss.

The Tigers pulled out of reach by scoring three unearned runs in the fifth inning without hitting a ball out of the infield. Pitcher Dave McNally's two-

base throwing error opened the gates and five walks, a wild pitch and a bunt single by Don Wert completed the wild rally.

The Tigers' fourth victory in a row moved them into the league lead, one half game ahead of the Chicago White Sox, whose game at Cleveland was rained out.

Elsewhere, California shut out Washington 5-0 on Jim McGlothlin's two-hitter. Boston checked Minnesota 5-4, and Kansas City divided a doubleheader with New York, winning the Yankees 4-1 before bowing 8-3.

At Kaline's run-scoring single in the third inning gave Detroit a 1-0 lead against McNally before the Baltimore left-hander lost his control — and his temper — during the three-run fifth.

After walking leadoff hitter Ray Oyler, McNally picked up Sparma's bunt and heaved the ball into center field. Wert followed with a bunt past the shaggy pitcher, filling the bases. McNally went to a 3-0 count on Dick McAuliffe, then was thrown out of the game for protesting a call.

Joe Drabowski completed the walk to McAuliffe, forcing in one run, then got Kaline to bounce into a third-home-run double play before wild pitching another run across and refilling the bases with two more walks.

Rookie Bill Dillman came on and walked the third run home.

Home runs by Jim Fregosi and Bobby Knop backed the brilliant pitching effort of California's McGlothlin, who struck out nine in recording his first major league shutout. Doubles by Fred Valentine and Ed Brinkman were the only hits off the 24-year-old right-hander, who hurled a three-hitter in his last start.

Boston's Rice Petrocelli lashed a two-run single in the seventh, breaking a 5-5 tie, and two more runs scored on Ron Clark's throwing error, enabling the Red Sox to end a four-game slide as well as Minnesota's four-game winning string.

Jim Nash struck out 10 Yankees in the Athletics' first-game victory, but needed relief help from Jack Aker in the seventh. An error by John Kennedy helped the A's to end a four-game losing streak in the fourth.

New York leaped back with a 14-hit attack in the nightcap. Joe Pepitone leading the way with three singles and a double. Pepitone, Horace Clarke and Dick Howser each drove in two runs and Al Downing picked up his third victory with late-inning help from Doc Womack.

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PULLED FROM INFERNO — Italian race driver Lorenzo Bandini sprawls on ground after being pulled from his flaming Ferrari during Grand Prix race in Monaco Sunday.

He was taken to hospital. His car hit straw bales on the 82nd lap. The straw ignited and then the car burst into flames. He is near death with burns over 60 per cent of his body. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Monaco)

## Proud Clarion Has Its Nerves Calmed, Runs Third Best Kentucky Derby Time

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Proud Clarion did his homework so well that just a fraction more than two minutes after the Kentucky Derby started, school was over for 15 other top 3-year-olds.

"He's kind of delicate, nervous," trainer Loyd (Boo) Gentry said Sunday morning in the Churchill Downs stable area while discussing John Galtbreath's Derby Dan Farm-owned winner of Saturday's 83rd running of the Derby.

But Boo's father once told him how to calm a temperamental thoroughbred, and Boo remembered. He schooled him in the paddock.

This means taking a horse to the paddock, getting him ready as if he were going to race and then letting him listen to the crowd noise before returning him to the stable.

The noise didn't bother Proud Clarion Saturday, and his country peed didn't either.

The 30-1 shot stormed over the 1 1/4 miles in 2:00.5, finishing a length in front of Barbs Delight with 9-5 favorite Damascus another 1 1/4 lengths back.

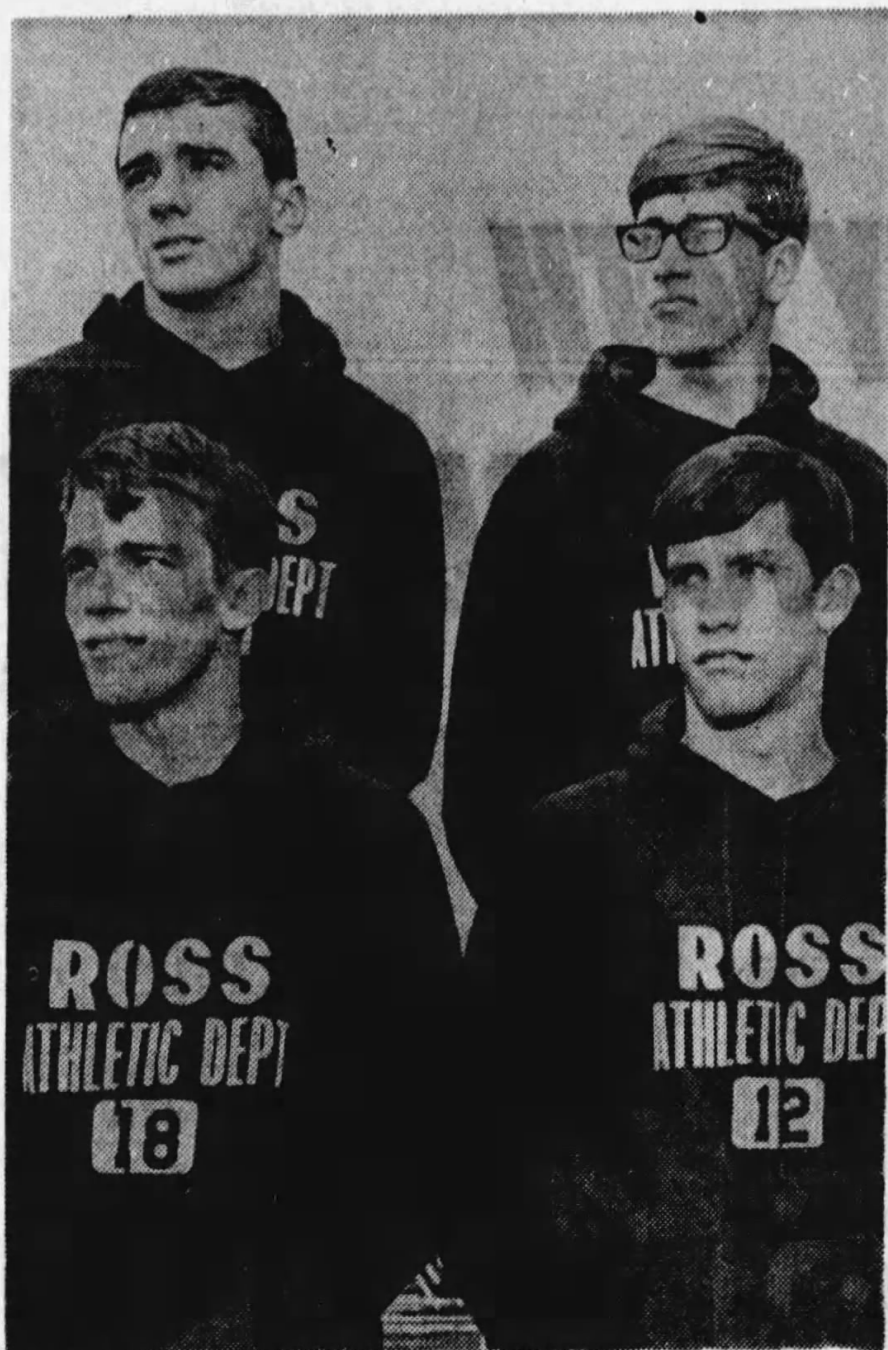
Only two colts, Northern Dancer in 2 minutes flat in 1964, and Decidedly in 2:00.5 in 1965, have run the Derby faster, and only two have rewarded

with blinkers and saddle and the whole shooting match," said Gentry, 42, who hails from Covington, Ky.

"The first time I had him over there he almost shook apart. I could hear his teeth rattling."

But Thursday he settled down some, and he thought it was dry run when he went over there yesterday," Gentry said with a smile.

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**TRACKSTERS OF WEEK**—After the mile relay team broke a Ross high school record which had stood for 29 years, coaches decided the Trackster of the Week had to be a four-way deal this week. Sharing in the honors are Steve Parker and Jon Schwartz, bottom; Rusty Williams and Bob Mackey, top. The quartet set a new Ross record of 3:33 in winning the Buckeye Conference mile relay at Sandusky. Parker also won the Buckeye 440-yard dash and was second in the 220-yard dash. (News-Messenger Photo)