

1967 Buckeye Conference meet...

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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 run. 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 Marion field Wednesday night. Until recent weeks when Sandusky posted sharply improved

times to win its own Invitational and Marion Night Relay, 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 lead-

ing in both 100 lows and 100

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 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-

iams, 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 Con-

ference records and best times

this year show that several

marks are in jeopardy. Not the

least of these is the oldest rec-

ord on the books. Bob Middle-

ton, Marion, set a discus stand-

ard of 170-4.

Until this year there has been

little threat to that mark, but

Sandusky has a double threat.

This includes Junior Ken Kru-

ger, 169-5, and sophomore Steve

Rogers, 163-3 1/2.

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.

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 runback.

But scholastic coaches con-

cerned about the new rule named a three-man committee to ask the control board to reconsider the decision made last month not to revise revised regulations dealing with physical fitness programs for the summer.

Coaches Marv Moorehead of Upper Arlington, Ted Federici 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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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; 1965, :14.4; 1964, :14.4; 1963, :14.4.

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

880 RELAY — Sandusky (Derringer, Brown, Myers, Lindsey), 1964, 1:31.3.

440—Paul Garrett, Sandusky, 1963, :49.8.

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 1/2.

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

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

LONG JUMP—Lou Dampier, Admiral King, 1965, 22-8 1/4.

POLE VAULT —Merle Willford, Elyria, 1965, 13-3 1/4.

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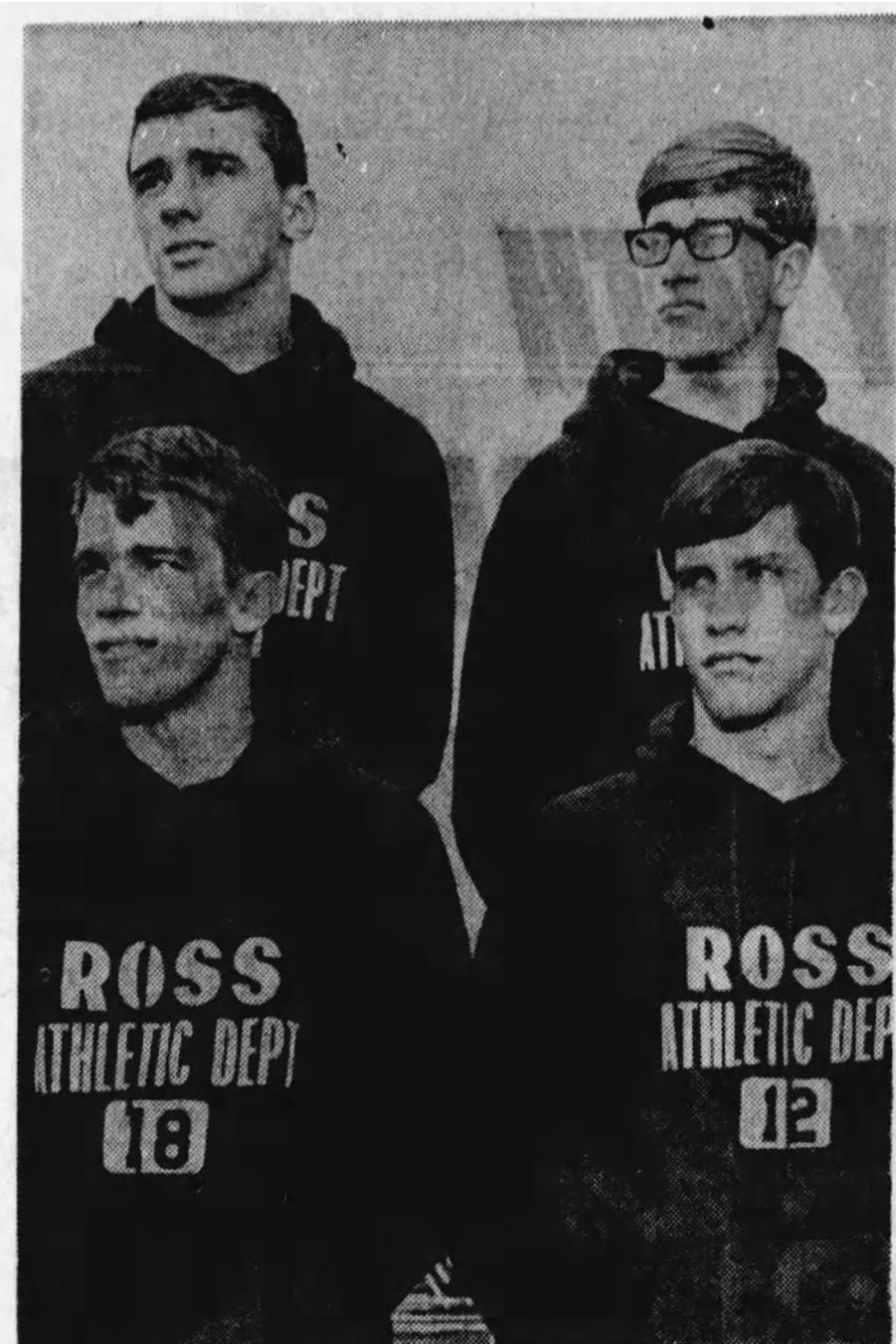
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TRACKSTERS OF WEEK—After the mile relay team broke a Ross high school record which had stood for 29 years, coaches decided the Trackster of the Week had to be a four-way deal this week. Sharing in the honors are Steve Parker and Jon Schwartz, bottom; 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)