Fremont All-Ohioans of the 1940s

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Bob Demmel Named Captain Of United Press All-Ohio Football Team

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Tonight's The Night

Fremont sports fans gather tonight to honor the football players of Ross and St. Joseph's high schools and the cross-country squad—most unsung of all athletes—from the lower Croghan street school. It isn't definite yet how many will be on hand for the Boosters' Club's first banquet, but regardless of the number, many who would like to be present will be absent.

If ever prizes are passed out to cities which have a myriad of conflicting activities every night in the week, this community should draw one well up near the head of the list. No night for a banquet could possibly be selected that would find every sport fan free, so a good many who would like to be present tonight will be missing. But a goodly number of them have purchased tickets anyway—tickets that they knew they would never use and which were handed to a football player.

This city should be justly proud of its athletic teams regardless of the won and lost records. One had a splendid season and the other a less than mediocre one, but the fact remains that the boys who did the actual playing gave unstintingly of their efforts.

Demmel Honored

And then, as though made to order for the Booster Club, organized only a few weeks ago and making its first big bid for public recognition, the football fates heaped added honors on this city. Individual honors it is true, but reflecting back on the teams and Fremont.

Bob Demmel, Ross high halfback, track champion and member of the basketball varsity, has attained the highest honor ever bestowed on a Fremont scholastic football player. Not only was he selected for a first team berth

he ran opponents into the cinders in the last few strides. He made 24 conversions out of 37 tries. And have we mentioned that his 156 points made him high scorer in the state?

Two other Ross high football players won statewide honors as well. Ed Seils, as tough a guard as you'll find in high school ranks and a boy who, for our money at least, could play on any team in the state, was placed on the United Press second all-Ohio and received honorable mention from the other two services. He warranted better, but too many fine heroes go unsung, given a break. Seils will

FREMONT STAR WINS STATE'S HIGH HONOR

Ed Seils Given Second Team Berth; Miller Placed On Squad

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 11.—UP—Wartime conditions today accented youth in the 1944 United Press scholastic all-Ohio football selections as two 16-year-olds, four 17-year-olds and five 18-year-olds were named from nearly every part of the state by the sports editors.

Eight of the 11 first team players were seniors, while three were juniors who probably will see plenty of football action next fall unless called by the armed forces.

Cleveland Latin, which repeated-ly rolled over Cleveland area opponents to end the season with seven consecutive victories and the Cleveland city Senate championship to receive acclaim as the state champions, was the only team to place two players on the first team.

Latin's Bill McKeon, captain and defensive bulwark, was named for the right tackle post, while Cliff Oliver, Latin halfback who scored 10 touchdowns, was named for the right half position. Oliver, a red-headed junior, scored the six points which smashed Masillon's dream of an undefeated season.

Versatility Wins

Two other first team backfield players scored more than 150 points this season. Bob Demmel, Fremont Ross triple-threat man who set a new school scoring record by making 156 points, was named for the left halfback position. Because of his versatility on the football field and because he also was a basketball player and a record setter in track events, he was selected as the 1944 up all-Ohio first team captain.

Benny Battista, Canton Township's backfield star who scored 150 points during his squad's undefeated season, was named for the first team quarterback position.

Five of last year's nominees for all-Ohio honors on the 1943 all-Ohio scholastic teams again appeared and landed positions and honorable mentions, foremost of all being Joe Pujazon of Canton McKinley. Pujazon, who scored 95 points while being the field general of the McKinley team, again was selected for a backfield position on the first team while Harry Maloney, Steubenville's large end, was renamed to his 1943 position at right end on the second squad.

Other Selections

Bill Gable, of Massillon and Marvin Beans, New Philadelphia ace, who received honorable mention as guards last year, advanced with Gable receiving a second team guard position and Beans a third team post. Bob Currier of Fostoria, who was a third team guard last year, received honorable mention.

Two key 16-year-old players on two of the state's outstanding Class A undefeated squads were named for first team positions, with Jim Marck of Cincinnati Purcell receiving the right guard post and Anthony Momsen of Toledo Libbey getting the center position.

Warren's husky Negro end Leonard Corbin, was named for the right end position; Martin's Ferry veteran Larry Mamone for the right guard post; Stuart Wilkins of Canton Lincoln for left tackle, and Bob Green, who scored 71 points for Bellevue, was named at left end.

UNITED PRESS ALL-OHIO

Pos.	Player	School	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class
LE	Bob Green	Bellevue	18	5.10	170	Sr.
LT	Stuart Wilkins	Canton Lincoln	18	5.9	178	Sr.
LG	Larry Mamone	Martins Ferry	17	5.10	160	Sr.
C	Tony Momsen	Toledo Libbey	16	6.1	200	Sr.
RG	Jim Marck	Cincinnati Purcell	16	6.1	185	Jr.
RT	Bill McKeon	Cleveland Latin	17	6	185	Sr.
RE	Leonard Corbin	Warren	17	6.11	185	Jr.
QB	Benny Battista	Canton Township	18	5.10	180	Sr.
LH	Bob Demmel	Fremont Ross	18	5.10	158	Sr.
RH	Cliff Oliver	Cleveland Latin	17	5.9	160	Jr.
FB	Joe Pujazon	Canton McKinley	18	5.9	160	Sr.

Second Team

Harry Maloney, Steubenville, LE; Bob Lally, Cleveland Latin, LT; Bill Gable, Massillon, LG; Bill Elliott, Coshocton, C; Ed Seils, Fremont Ross, RG; Bob Parks, Canton McKinley, RT; Ned Chatelain, Findlay, RE; Mike Cannavino, Collinwood, QB; John Gross, Coshocton, LH; Jerry Krall, Toledo Libbey, RH; Alex Verdova, Lakewood, FB.

Third Team

Bill Salem, Akron Buchtel, LE; Sam Winters, East Liverpool, LT; Marvin Beans, New Philadelphia, LG; Ray Breitenstein, Dayton Chaminade, C; Joe Pryor, Philo, RG; Bob Meador, Cincinnati Hughes, RT; Jack Straub, Cincinnati Hughes, RE; Gene Dudley, Bellevue, QB; Mike Zivkoff, Mansfield, LH; Bill Biel, Canton Lehman, RH; Dave Bonnie, Columbus North, FB.

Bill Miller, sterling Ross high tackle, received honorable mention while four other players from this section were similarly honored. They were Bob Currier, Fostoria fullback; Mike Milk, Sandusky halfback; Tucker, Lima South tackle, and Howard, Lima South halfback.

8000 HUNTERS; 75 DEER; NO MISHAPS

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 11.—UP—The record of Ohio's week-long 1944 open deer season which ended Saturday:

Number of hunters—8,000.
Bucks taken—75, including 50 on state property and 25 on private farms.
Last year's "take"—176 during 14-day season.
Accidents—None.

Giants Blast Redskins 31-0, For Eastern Title

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—UP—The New York Giants, parlaying a breath-taking spot passing attack with the best running game in the National League, awaited their world championship test with the Green Bay Packers today, but win or lose they aren't likely to surpass their performance yesterday in beating Washington 31 to 0.

Making the title game for the Eastern championship thoroughly anti-climactic, the Giants humiliated the vaunted Redskins by beating them at their own game—forward passing—and at the same time making a goat of the league's top all-time passer, Sammy Baugh.

Baugh Is Goat

It was the same Baugh who completed 25 out of 35 passes for 273 yards in the previous week's meeting between the teams. Almost rushed off his feet by the aggressive Giant line he fumbled twice in the first period and both fumbles resulted in New York touchdowns.

His first fumble was recovered by Frank Cope on his own 39 and after a 14 yard dash by Bill Paschal, Arnie Herber threw a touchdown pass to Ward Cuff, who went over from the two.

It was Herber, the "retired" Green Bay star, who stepped into Baugh's role as master passer. After the second Baugh fumble, Herber gave the Giants a two touchdown lead with a scoring toss to Frank Liebel. Again in the third he "buzz-bombed" the Redskins with a 44 yard touchdown pass to Liebel. Completing Baugh's humiliation, Charley Avedisian, Giant guard, intercepted one of his passes in the fourth period and ran 40 yards to score. Ken Strong, with four conversions, and Cuff with a 24-yard fourth period goal accounted for, the rest of the scoring, giving the Giants their most one-sided victory in the entire 10-game campaign.

The Philadelphia Eagles finished with a futile 26 to 13 victory over Cleveland, which would have given them the Eastern championship had the Giants lost at Washington. For consolation, they gained second place and their only victory in league history over the Rams, to complete their best season since 1937. Unbeaten in their own division, ties with the Giants and Redskins cost them the title. Their only loss was to the Chicago Bears.

ROSS-ST. JOSEPH'S PLAY FIRST GAME

This week's basketball card will be high-lighted here by the opening clash between Ross and St. Joseph's high schools with the latter making its initial start of the season. The schedule for the week in this section is as follows:

Tuesday—St. Joseph's at Fremont Ross; Port Clinton at Toledo Central; Old Fort at Green Springs; Marion St. Mary's at Tiffin Calvert.

Friday—Fostoria at Fremont Ross; Findlay at Tiffin Columbian Port Clinton at Gibsonburg; Bowling Green at Celina; Fostoria St. Wendelin's at Bellevue; Carey at Clyde; Green Springs at Jackson; Woodville at Pemberville; Elmore at Genoa; New Riegel at Bettsville; Norwalk at Sandusky; Willard at Mansfield; Bloomville at Jackson-Liberty.

Sunday—Fremont St. Joseph's at Norwalk St. Paul's.

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