

1940 Season Review...

# Coach Althoff Plans Taking Purple Outdoors This Week

Bob Shaw, Clarence Chestnutwood Provide Nucleus For Promising Little Giant Thinlie Squad; To Open With Practice Meet At Oak Harbor

Outlook for the 1940 Ross high track campaign which opens Thursday with a practice meet at Oak Harbor is encouraging to Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff who has nine lettermen back and a squad of 35 candidates already reported.

The Purple mentor expects to have his charges outdoors as soon as weather permits this week. Despite the recent mild weather, the track and field at Harmon stadium still are frost-bitten and unsuited for workouts.

Only three of the nine meets carded for the Little Giant thinlies this year are dual affairs. After encountering Oak Harbor, Bowling Green and Toledo Waite in dual competition, Ross engages with Toledo Woodward and DeVilbiss in a triangular vie and then squares off for the Mansfield or Wesleyan Relays, the DeVilbiss Night Relays and the Buckeye, district and state meets.

## Dozen Lettermen

A dozen lettermen were named last season, but three, Dick Manahan, Gale Berger and Burdette Klawitter, are posing by the cinder path this spring for outside work. Manahan probably will be missed most, having been outstanding in the hurdles, broad jump and half-mile relay last year. Berger and Klawitter are distance men.

The Little Giants placed second to Sandusky in the Buckeye meet last year, being edged by a scant five-point margin. They took third in the district meet at Mansfield which was won by Mansfield high with Sandusky second.

Key performers this season should be Bob Shaw, Ross high's great all-around athlete who climaxed his cage career by winning all-state honors at center, and Clarence Chestnutwood, lithe junior sprinter.

## Third in State

Shaw excels in the shotput, in which even he set a new district mark of 49 feet, 6 inches, and finished third in the state meet at Columbus with a toss of 49 feet, 8 3/4 inches. However, he also is a sure point getter in the discus, hurdles and high jump.

Chestnutwood is one of the smoothest dashmen to develop at Ross high in many seasons and should be outstanding in every running event under the half-mile.

Other veterans being counted upon by Coach Althoff to direct Ross towards its first Buckeye league title are Carl Erchenbrecher, Willie Clark, Paul Huddle and Carl Hufford in the sprints; Bill Jenkins in the hurdles and high jump; Henry Sewell in the mile, and Jack Carroll in the pole vault.

## Springy Freshman

Perhaps the most promising newcomer is Charles Robertson, springy freshman, who will compete in the hurdles, high jump and broad jump. He has amazing "lift" in his pins and should be a sterling high jumper. He was ripe for varsity competition last year, so Althoff figures he'll be counting up plenty of points this season.

Other candidates include: Carl Wiewandt, Charles Stevens, Wayne Druckenmiller, Harold Ross, John Smallwood, Jack Hufford, Jim Wisbon and Dick Frantz, sprints; Delbert Little, pole vault; Jack Arnold, Bill Stoldt, Floyd Waggoner, Melvin Jacobs, Richard Schneider, Ed Davison, Dale Overmyer, Arthur Alberts, Lue Wernig, Frank Wernig, Norm Teifke, Bill Price, Lee Williams and Dave Brocksicker, distance events, and Lue Wernig, Frank Wernig, Dick Frantz and George Biggs, weights.

Three lettermen graduated from last year's team, including Bud Goodwin, hurdler; Burdette Ballard, quarter-miler, and Bob Thompson, discus and shotput tosser.

## May Quit Relays

Loss of Ballard disrupted the mile relay team and Coach Althoff

must find another outstanding 440 man to run with Huddle, Hufford and Chestnutwood. With Manahan gone, the same situation exists in the half-mile relay, leaving Huddle, Clark and Chestnutwood to carry on.

There is a possibility that further repair than that will be necessary on the relay teams. Althoff is contemplating taking Chestnutwood out of relay competition and using him only in individual races.

Once the outdoor workouts get under way, Althoff expects his present squad which has been drilling at the high school to be increased by 10 more candidates.

The 1940 schedule:

April 4, Oak Harbor (practice) 4 p. m., there.

April 10, Bowling Green, 4 p. m., here.

April 12, Waite, 4 p. m., here.

April 20, Woodward-DeVilbiss, 2 p. m., here.

April 27, Mansfield or Wesleyan Relays.

May 3, DeVilbiss Night Relays.

May 11, Buckeye meet, here.

May 18, district meet, Mansfield.

May 24-25, state meet, Columbus.

## JOHN COTTIER SNARES TITLE

Cops North Central Ohio A. A. U. Laurels In Welter Division

John Cottier of Fremont, Monday held the North Central Ohio A. A. U. welterweight title after scoring semi-final and final round triumphs in the annual A. A. U. tourney at Mansfield last weekend. The scrappy Fremont lad had only one previous bout before he entered the meet.

After scoring a knockout in the opening round last Monday, Cottier trimmed Bud Harrison of Loudenville, in the semi-finals, and Joe Sauers of Mansfield, in the finals Friday night.

Two other of Trainer Art Kolbe's Fremont entries were defeated, Ed Laubert dropping a decision to Bob Miller of Mansfield, after flooring his foe four times, and Phil Huss being decisioned by Al Sauers of Mansfield, in the most thrilling battle of the tourney.

After being downed twice in the first round, Huss came back to floor Sauers twice for counts of nine in the second canto. A cut over his eye slowed Huss after the second round.

## NEW LEADERS SHOW IN ABC

DETROIT, April 1.—(AP)—New names in three divisions adorned the high stands board at the American Bowling Congress tournament today as a result of the heaviest assault on the pins since the tourney got under way.

Top performance in the Sunday rolling was that of Jack Taylor, 31-year-old printer of Upper Darby, Pa., who equalled last year's winning singles total with a brilliant 730 series.

Vincent Lamb and Eddie Gramlich, 24-year-old machinists from Peoria, Ill., rolled up 1303 to usurp the doubles lead.

Schamberger Schlitz of Chicago,

## Ross Cops Ten Firsts At Oak Harbor

Satisfied with results of a practice meet at Oak Harbor high Thursday afternoon in which his Ross thin-clads snared 10 firsts, Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff Friday began pointing the Purple squad for the triangular meet with Bowling Green and Bellevue at Harmon field next Wednesday afternoon.

No score was kept in the informal meet at Oak Harbor which was held in a gale-like wind. Only events in which the Little Giants failed to place first were the high and low hurdles, the pole vault and the broad jump.

Bob Shaw and Clarence Chestnutwood showed the best form for the Fremonters in their opening

test of the season. Chestnutwood scampered to victories in the century, 220 and 440 dashes, while Shaw copped the shotput and discus and placed second in the 120 high and low hurdles.

Henry Sewell won the mile run, while Billy Jenkins took the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 8 inches. The Ross quartet of Carl Erchenbrecher, Schneider, Paul Huddle and Willie Clark copped the half-mile relay, while Dick Frantz, Schneider, Huddle and Carl Hufford teamed to take the mile relay.

Shaw heaved the shot 45 feet, 8 inches and whirled the platter 118 feet, 8 inches. Times in the running events were not available.

In the 100 dash, Clark placed

second and Erchenbrecher third to Chestnutwood. Trailing Chestnutwood home in the furlong were Clark, second, and Wayne Druckenmiller, third, while in the quarter-mile sprint, the star Purple dashman was followed across the finish line by Hufford, second.

Melvin Jacobs took second to Sewell in the mile while placing for the Rossmen in the hurdles were Shaw and Charlie Roberson, second and third respectively, in both the low and high sticks.

Bill Price won the half-mile for the Purple, with Arnold taking second. Roberson was second in the high jump and Erchenbrecher second in the broadjump. Oak Harbor scored a slam in the pole vault.

# Shaw Shatters Harmon Field Records For Shotput, Discus

Also Places Second In Both Hurdle Events To Lead Purple With 16 Points; Chestnutwood, Robertson Also Score Double Wins In First Test

It becomes more and more evident that some college is going to get a pretty nifty athlete when, and if, it nails husky Bob Shaw of Fremont Ross.

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Romping Robert, who ran the lads dizzy in football and shot them groggy in basketball this year to win all-state recognition in both sports, promises to close his career in blazing fashion as a weightman on Coach Harold Althoff's 1940 Little Giant track and field team.

The track season is scarcely under way, yet Shaw laid the hammer to two Harmon field records as the Purple thinnies routed Bellevue, 95-23, Wednesday afternoon. He nudged the shot 49 feet, 6 3-4 inches to break his 1939 field mark of 49 feet, 4 3-4 inches. Then he smashed the field discus record, sailing the platter 132 feet, 10 inches. The old standard was 132 feet, 3 inches, set last year by Bob Thompson of Ross.

Assistant Coach Johnny Titworth, overseer of the Purple weightmen, reports that after the event was finished, Shaw stepped up and whisked the plate 137 feet, just like that. So stand by for more record stuff later.

## Gets 16 Points

With his victories in the weight events and a pair of seconds in the low and high hurdles, Shaw was high point man for the Little Giant tracksters with 16.

Shaw wasn't the only double winner, however, as the well-conditioned Rossmen copped every event but the mile run in which Bob Long staged a great finish to edge out Henry Sewell of Ross by six feet.

Clarence Chestnutwood breezed to triumphs in the 100 and 440-yard dashes, being clocked in the exceptionally good time of 10.7 seconds against a stiff wind. The school record is 10:2 seconds, set by Townner Smith back in 1920.

## Wins Both Sticks

Charlie Robertson, springy negro lad, bounced home first in both the 120 high and 220 low sticks. Other Purple firsts were scored by Jack Carroll in the pole vault with a leap of 9 feet, 11 inches; by Bill Price in the half-mile after a final lap sprint that shook off Long of Bellevue; by Bill Jenkins in the high jump with a 5-foot, 6-inch leap; by the half-mile and mile relay quartets; by Carl Erchenbrecher in the broad jump; and by Willie Clark in the 220 dash.

The Ross 880 team of Erchenbrecher, Paul Huddle, Schneider and Clark won by 40 feet over the Redmen in 1:38.5, favorable time for this stage of the season. The mile relay was won by Bill Stoldt, Schneider, Huddle and Carl Hufford in 3:48.2 and a second Ross team of Dick Frantz, Frank Wernig, B. Schwartz and Jack Hufford finished 100 yards behind, beating the Bellevue varsity combine.

## Promises in Sprints

Like Shaw in the weights, Chestnutwood gave great promise in the sprints as the Purple made their first regular start of the season. Besides covering the century only five-tenths of a second behind Smith's school mark, the bespectacled sprinter negotiated the quarter-mile in 53.9, a little less than two seconds over Smith's record of 52 flat for the event.

Erchenbrecher's 19-foot, 4 1-2 inch leap in the broad jump; Robertson's 18 second flat in the high hurdle; Price's 2:12 in the half-mile, and Clark's 24.8 in the 220 dash also were commendable performances considering the season is still in its infancy.

Carroll's showing in the pole

## MEET WAITE FRIDAY

The Ross high trackmen entertain Toledo Waite in their second Harmon field engagement of the week Friday afternoon. The dual is scheduled for 4 p. m.

vault is praise-worthy since the captain-elect of the Ross cagers has had little practice because of illness.

The Purple scored a slam in the high hurdles with Shaw and Jenkins finishing second and third to Robertson. Clark trailed Chestnutwood to the tape by three yards in the 100 for second ahead of Geiger of Bellevue.

## Fades on Stretch

Sewell led all the way to the final lap in the mile and then Bellevue's Long stepped up and they matched strides around the last turn. But Long had more "soup" left than the Purple jogger and edged him out at the tape. Jacobs of Ross, was third.

Carl Hufford took third in the shotput and finished in a dead heat for second with Charles Correggio of Bellevue, in the 440. Del Little of Ross, and Bruce Bellard of Bellevue, deadlocked for second in the pole-vault.

Other Purple point winners were Arnold, third in the half-mile; Robertson, second in the high jump; Druckenmiller, third in the 220 dash; Dick Frantz, second in the discus, and Jenkins, second in the broad jump.

## The summary:

120-yard high hurdles—Won by Robertson, R; Shaw, R. 2; Jenkins, R. 3. Time—18 flat.

100-yard dash—Won by Chestnutwood, R; Clark, R. 2; Geiger, R. 3. Time—10.7.

100-yard dash—Won by Long, B; Sewell, R. 2; Jacobs, R. 3. Time—5:08.

Half-mile relay—Won by Ross (Huddle, Erchenbrecher, Schneider, Clark). Time—1:38.5.

Shot-put—Won by Shaw, R; Schoen, B. 2; C. Hufford, R. 3. Distance—49 feet, 6 3-4 inches. (New stadium record, breaking mark of 49 feet, 4 3-4 inches set by Shaw in 1939).

440-yard dash—Won by Chestnutwood, R; Hufford, R. and Correggio, B. tied for second. Time—53.9 seconds.

Pole-vault—Won by Carroll, R; Bellard, B. 2; Little, R. 3. Heights—9 feet, 11 inches.

220-yard low hurdles—Won by Robertson, R; Shaw, R. 2; Redd, B. 3. Time—20.3.

Half-mile run—Won by Price, R; Long, B. 2; Arnold, R. 3. Time—2:12.

High jump—Won by Jenkins, R; Robertson, R. 2; Bellard, B. and Foos, B. tied for third. Height—6 feet, 6 inches.

220-yard dash—Won by Clark, R; Geiger, B. 2; Druckenmiller, R. 3. Time—24.8.

Discus—Won by Shaw, R; Frantz, R. 2; Schoen, B. 3. Distance—132 feet, 10 inches. (New stadium record, breaks mark of 132 feet, 3 inches set by Bob Thompson of Ross in 1939).

100-yard dash—Won by Ross (Stoldt, Schneider, Huddle and Hufford). Time—3:48.2.

Broad jump—Won by Erchenbrecher, R; Jenkins, R. 2; Foos, B. 3. Distance—19 feet, 4 1-2 inches.

## 53 OHIO STABLES IN SPRING RUNNING

COLUMBUS, O., April 11.—(AP)—

Fifty-three Ohio-owned stables will be among the more than 200 racing establishments represented at the Beulah Park Jockey club's spring meeting which gets under way April 20 at Grove City.

Sixteen of the Ohio owners are from Columbus, nine from Grove city, five from Lancaster, and four each from Dayton and Cleveland.





## PRESS PASSES

Over the Desk From

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### Hard To Top . . .

While it appears Bob Shaw and Clarence Chestnutwood will carve prominent niches in the Ross track hall of fame before the current season is finished, they won't dim the luster of a couple of former Ross stars named Townner Smith and Wade (Soupy) Campbell.

Shaw's name now appears twice on the record plaque that hangs at Ross high. Or rather, it will appear twice, when his new discus mark of 132 feet, 10 inches replaces the old standard of 132 feet, 3 inches set by Bob Thompson. He set the school record in the shotput, 49 feet, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches last year and Wednesday bettered his old Harmon field mark of 49 feet, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches by two inches.

But whether Shaw's new marks will stand bright and unchallenged 20 years from now is another thing. Yet Townner Smith's achievements have looked down from the Ross halls that long. Since 1920 no Little Giant athlete has been fleet-footed enough to erase the school records set by Smith in the 100, the 220 and the 440!

Smith traveled the century in 10.2, ran the furlong in 22.6 and was clocked in 52 flat in the 440. Pete Erchenbrecher has come the closest of any Purple runner to match the 1920 speed merchant. Two years ago, he whisked over the 220 route in 22.7 for a new Harmon field mark.

Unlike Smith, "Soupy" Campbell was a product of the modern track era at Ross high, but his brilliant distance performances of 1936 are likely to stand a long, long while.

Campbell set school records of 2:03.3 in the half-mile, 4:33.4 in the mile, and 10:26.1 in the two-mile cross country jog. A runner like that comes to a school once a generation.

Chestnutwood, a smooth-striding junior, already has one finger in the record pot. He was a member of the team, also including Jim Spangler, Frank Kochoy and Burdette Ballard, that set the school mark in the mile relay, a 3:35.5 established in 1938.

The bespectacled youth has record-breaking possibilities in every running event up to the quarter-mile. He showed great form in covering the century in 10.7 and the 440 in 53.9 against Bellevue the other day. And he wasn't pressed in either event. Before the season is over, you'll hear a lot more about Master Chestnutwood.

There's one other "ancient" record in the books at Ross high. That's the broad jump mark of 21 feet, 3 1-2 inches, set by "Wendy" Wendler back in 1921. With the javelin throw eliminated from state scholastic competition, George Lerch's 1929 toss of 172 feet, 4 1-2 inches will

keep as long as there is a Ross high.

Another Ross record not likely to be shattered for years to come is the high hurdle mark of 15.1 seconds by Pete Fox in 1937. Hal Binkley's 27.1 in the 220 low sticks now is five years old, but there's a colored lad on Whitey Althoff's current squad who may be flirting with that record before he's finished. We refer to Charlie Robertson, who has more bounce than a rubber ball. With a little more speed, his natural springiness would make him a great hurdler.

Two other Ross records date back to 1935, namely the pole-vault mark of 11 feet, 4 3-4 inches, by Bill Thomas, and the half-mile relay time of 1:33.4, set by Binkley, Burkett, Christy and Lewis. Eight years old and in no immediate danger, is the Purple high jump record of 5 feet, 10 1-2 inches, set by Bob Pettiford in 1932.

### Short Shots . . .

Max Carey, advertising his Miami baseball club "school," informs candidates not to come "unless you can run, hit, throw or pitch." . . . "We'll teach you the rest," he adds. . . . Rest of what, Maxie? . . . Dick Hirbe, assistant pro to Abe Forbrich at the Fremont Golf club, spent the winter as assistant pro at the Lake Worth Country club in

# Three Toledo Cinder Squads Slated To Encounter Purple

Chestnutwood And Shaw Likely To Get Stiff Competition From Francke Of DeVilbiss, Ueberroth Of Waite! Meet Scheduled At 2 P. M.

Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff's Ross trackmen, and particularly his two top point-getters, face a sharp test at Harmon field Saturday at 2 p. m., when the Little Giants play host to a scheduled quadrangular affair with three Toledo schools, Waite, Woodward and DeVilbiss.

DeVilbiss, however, is not a certain entry, having failed to confirm Coach Althoff's invitation this week. Should that school compete, however, an interesting duel should result between Paul Francke, DeVilbiss sprint ace, and Clarence Chestnutwood, Ross high's dash star.

In a recent dual meet between DeVilbiss and Waite, Francke triumphed in the 100 and 440 dashes, copping the century in 10 seconds flat to set a new Toledo prep mark. Chestnutwood was clocked in 10.7 and 53.9 in the 100 and 440 respectively against Bellevue last week.

## Stars In 4 Events

Another individual tangle is promised between Bob Shaw of the Little Giants and Emerson Ueberroth of Waite. The latter counted 19 points in the DeVilbiss-Waite meet as he won the pole-vault, discus and shotput and tied for first in the high jump.

Like the husky Waite star, Shaw also specializes in the field events last week by setting new stadium records in the shot-put and discus. He whipped the iron platter 132 feet, 10 inches and heaved the shot 49 feet 6 3/4 inches.

In the pole-vault Ueberroth's Ross rival will be Jack Carrell, while in the high jump his chief Purple competition will come from Billy Jenkins.

## Good Miler

Besides Francke, another DeVilbiss threat exists in Dick Bonsack, who stars in the high hurdles and broad jump in which Fremont's best bets are Charlie Robertson and Carl Erchenbrecher.

Henry Sewell, who suffered a close defeat last week at the flying feet of Bob Long of Bellevue, will face another tough miler in Elmer McDonall of Waite. Jack Sanderson of Waite appears the leading low stick skimmer of the invading schools but should receive a serious challenge from Ross high' Robertson and Shaw.

Paul Roebke of DeVilbiss is one of Toledo's top half-milers, while another Tiger runner, Jim Eads, is a leading 220 performer. Bill Price, whose improvement has been one of the big surprises in the Purple camp, should give Roebke plenty of competition in the 880, while Willie Clark and possibly Chestnutwood will go after Eads in the furlong.

## Strong In Relays

DeVilbiss has shown marked strength in the relays and will be the school to beat in the mile and half-mile baton-exchanging chases.

Little is known of what calibre team Woodward will bring, but the Polar Bears usually boast a better than average cinder squad.

The Rossmen have won two dual events to date, defeating Oak Harbor and Bellevue in easy fashion. Coach Althoff reported Thursday

afternoon his charges were slightly off form due to the layoff caused last Thursday and Friday by inclement weather. "They've been slow in rounding into shape this week, but I hope they'll hit their stride by Saturday," he said.

## FIELD OF 200 TO RUN BOSTON RACE

BOSTON, April 19.—*AP*—A bit of silver, just enough to cool the body's racking pains, and a wreath of laurel, just large enough to circle a bursting head, are the only rewards that will be bestowed on the winner of today's 44th Boston A. A. marathon.

Most of the field of 200 agrees that either Ellison (Tarzan) Brown, the Narragansett Indian from Westerly, R. I., Leslie Pawson, the Pawtucket, R. I., alderman, or Don Heinicke of Baltimore, can win. Both Brown, who set the course record of 2:28:51 4-5 last year, and Pawson are two-time winners. Heinicke placed second last year and recently won the Pat Dengis Memorial marathon in Baltimore in surprisingly good time.



## ROSS ENTERS 10 IN RELAYS

### Coach Althoff Names Squad For Mansfield Cinder Vie

A squad of 10 Ross high tracksters will vie in the Mansfield Relays Saturday, Coach Harold (Whitely) Althoff announced Tuesday as his Purple thinlies traveled to Bowling Green for a practice meet with the Falcon frosh.

The Little Giant mentor named the following entries for the cinder carnival at Mansfield:

100 yard dash—Clarence Chestnutwood and Willie Clark.

220 yard dash—Chestnutwood and Clark.

440 yard run—Chestnutwood.

880 yard run—Bill Price.

Medley relay—Clark, 220, Carl Hufford, 440, Price, 880 and Sewell, mile.

High hurdles—Bob Shaw and Bill Jenkins.

Low hurdles—Shaw.

Pole vault—Jack Carroll.

Shot put—Shaw.

Discus—Shaw and Dick Frantz.

High jump—Jenkins.

Althoff stated a team also would be entered in the 880 junior high relay, to be chosen from among Charley Robertson, Wisbon, Druckenmiller, Schneider, Wiewandt and Welker. All are freshmen.

Preliminaries in the dashes, hurdles, shot-put, high jump, broad jump and pole vault will be held at 10 a. m., Saturday with the finals in all events at 2 p. m.

#### Idle Since April 10

The practice vie with the Bowling Green freshmen was scheduled for Monday afternoon but was moved back a day when the Bowling Green varsity team's meet with Baldwin-Wallace, postponed by rain Saturday, was held yesterday.

The Purple thinlies have not seen action since the dual with Bellevue April 10, last Saturday's scheduled quadrangular affair with Woodward, Waite and DeVilbiss being cancelled by bad weather.

The long layoff has slowed down the Little Giants somewhat and they've been below par in practice, but Coach Althoff hopes the action this week will get them back in stride for the DeVilbiss Night Relays and the Buckeye meet here the first two weeks in May.

## PURPLE TEAM STARS AT B-G

### Chestnutwood, Shaw In Great Form Against Falcon Freshmen

The Ross high track team made an impressive showing against the Bowling Green freshmen in a practice meet on the new Falcon track Tuesday afternoon. Coach Harold Althoff reported the Little Giants appeared in good condition as they hung up a number of commendable marks. No point tabulation was made and the places in each event were not disclosed.

Bob Shaw was clocked in 16.8 seconds in the 120 high hurdles, running the regulation college sticks, three inches higher than used in high school. He whipped the shot 49 feet, 7 inches, just under his school record; sailed the discus 131 feet, 11 inches; and skimmed the 220 low hurdles in 27.6 seconds.

Clarence Chestnutwood also made remarkable times, covering the 100 in 10.4 seconds, the 220 in 22.8 seconds and the 440 in 54.3 seconds.

Other Ross marks were: Henry Sewell 5:09.4 in the mile; Bill Price 2:15.4 in the half-mile; Jack Carroll 10 feet in the pole vault; Bill Jenkins 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump; Carl Erchenbrecher 19 feet, 5 inches in the broad jump; the team of Huddle, Erchenbrecher, Schneider and Clark 1:39.5 in the half-mile relay; and the quartet of Frantz, Schneider, Huddle and Hufford 3:39.2 in the mile relay.

The Little Giant tracksters were dinner guests of the university at Kohl dormitory following the meet. Ross travels to Mansfield Saturday for the annual Mansfield Relays.



## PRESS PASSES

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### *Trend Towards Relays . . .*

The Buckeye track meet is still two weeks off, but Athletic Director Roy Ballenger of Ross already has obtained a nifty team trophy for the affair. It stands about 15 inches high and consists of a large cup topped by a shapelessly winged foot. It's gold-plated and as perky an ornament as ever graced a trophy shelf.

And speaking of the Buckeye cinder carnival, the Purple thinlies of Coach Whitey Althoff look good enough to give Ross a clean sweep in league athletics this year, Coach Fred McCintock's grid team and Mentor Ed Gabel's cage outfit already having snatched crowns for the Little Giant school.

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The fact that Coach Althoff has been able to schedule only two dual meets, and both of them in the nature of practice events, indicates the trend of track towards relay extravaganzas.

It all started a decade ago with successful college "mass" meets, the Central Intercollegiate, the Drake Relays, the Butler Relays, the Penn Relays, etc. Up to that time, track had been the poor relation of the athletic family. At the average dual meet, there are more officials than spectators and what revenue it brings hardly pays for the cartridges used in the starter's gun.

But with the advent of the relays type of meet, public interest quickened in track. With the field of entries leaping from several dozen to more than 500, naturally more talent was offered and with more talent came razor-keen competition.

Sports fans wouldn't stir out of their easy chairs if they read that Jesse Owens was going to run against Joe Bloke of Sissboom-baa college in a dual meet. But when they learned he was pitted against such sprinters as Ralph Metcalfe, Perrin Walker, and Eulace Peacock, they turned out to see the race and they got their money's worth.

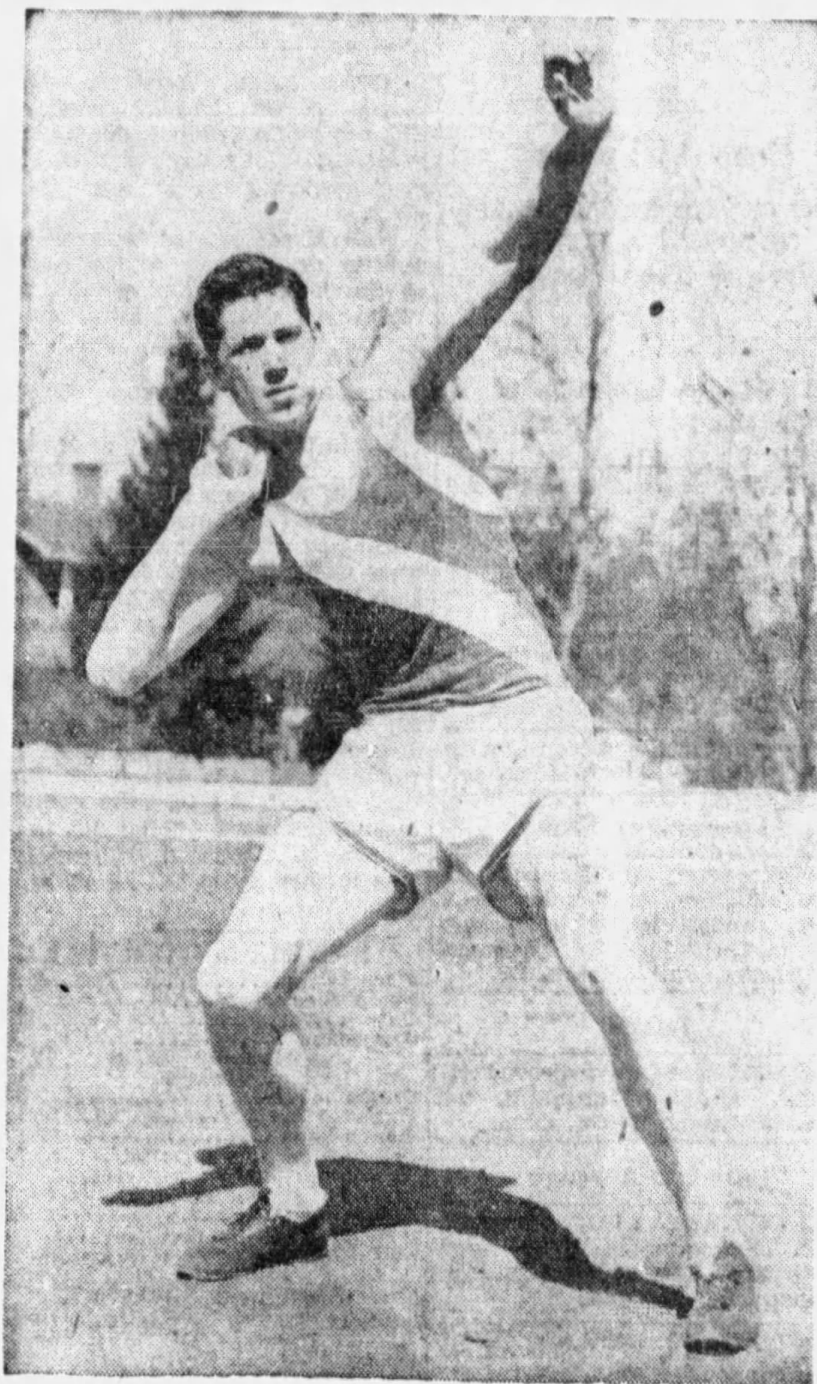
In other words, the big track carnival proved a sort of American Olympics and it surrounded itself with bands, ruling "queens", and colorful ceremonies. Whether a person knew anything about track or not, the ballyhoo of a large meet lured him to the stadium.

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High schools soon saw the value of concentrating talent and dressing up their meets. It was only recently they followed suit, but even now there are dozens of important scholastic track affairs in the middle-west.

Right in this part of Ohio we have three, the Mansfield Relays, the Ohio Wesleyan Relays and the DeVilbiss Night Relays, which attract prep teams from other states. They receive as much publicity as any college event and their prestige is beginning to rival that of the state meet, once regarded as the final testing ground of all school-boy competition.

## READY TO GO—54 FEET



**BOB SHAW**

**. . . Record-Smasher**

Picture above shows Bob Shaw, king-pin of the Ross high track team, just before let fly his record-breaking 54-foot heave in the Mansfield Relays last Saturday. The sensational heave was made in Shaw's first toss of the meet. It shattered the Relay mark of 50 feet, 3¼ inches and surpassed the state record of 52 feet, 8½ inches.

(Courtesy Mansfield News-Journal)



## ROSS SENDS 15 TO TOLEDO VIE

### Lack Of Field Events In DeVilbiss Relays Hurts Purple Team

Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff will send 15 Ross high tracksters into the DeVilbiss Night Relays at Toledo Friday evening, but hopes for a repetition of the great Little Giant showing in the Mansfield Relays last week are faint because no field events are included in the Toledo classic.

Bob Shaw copped both the discus and shot-put, setting a new meet record of 54 feet in the latter at Mansfield. The brawny Purple giant may contribute points elsewhere, however, since he is entered in the high hurdles and several relay events. He placed fourth in the tall sticks at Mansfield.

#### 6 Relay Events

Besides the high hurdles, only other individual events are the 100, pole-vault and high jump. Clarence Chestnutwood is entered in the century, Jack Carroll and Del Little in the pole vault, and Bill Jenkins in the high jump.

Althoff's team entries are as follows:

1-lap relay—Charlie Robertson, Carl Erchenbrecher, Jim Wisbon and Willie Clark.

Shuttle relay—Shaw, Robertson, Jenkins and Frank Wernig or Dale Bowlus.

2-lap relay—Shaw, Paul Huddle, Clark and Chestnutwood.

Sprint medley—Carl Hufford (400), Huddle and Clark (200), and Chestnutwood (400).

Distance medley—Bill Price (2 laps), Huddle and Hufford (1 lap), and Henry Sewell (4 laps).

4-lap relay—Bowlus, Wernig, Wisbon and Dick Schneider.

Preliminaries will be held at 3 p.

## It's Up To Doc They Can Res

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The real test for the Brooklyn Dodgers will start today.

This isn't as ridiculous as it may sound, because an era in the lives of the darling Dodgers has just been completed—a miraculous era of nine consecutive victories climaxed by a no-hitter—and today they are just another strong contender in the National league.

Everyone knew, of course, the Dodgers would lose a game sooner or later and everyone knows now that they will lose a lot more over the long, arduous stretch of the season. The real test is whether they show the same proclivity for losing streaks they have for winning.

The awakening—beaten 9-2 by Cincinnati—certainly was rude enough. Hugh Casey was going along pitching a no-hitter for three innings and the writers were wondering what superlatives they could say about a second no-hitter that they hadn't used the day before for Tex Carleton.

#### Boom-Boom-Boom

Then it was boom-boom-boom-boom so fast in the fourth inning Manager Leo Durocher didn't have a chance to get Casey off the

m., Friday, the pole vault at 6 p. m., and the finals at 8 p. m. It will be the final meet for the Purple thinlies before the annual Buckeye cinder affair at Harmon field Saturday, May 11.

The Jackson, Mich., junior high track and field team, coached by Ken Hawk, former Ross star, will visit Harmon field Saturday at 2 p. m., for a dual with the Ross junior high squad.

## LITTLE GIANTS GET 32 POINTS IN TOLEDO VIE

### Clyde Takes 2nd In Class B Division; Oak Harbor Sets Mark

Piling up 32 points, Fremont Ross finished third in the annual DeVilbiss Night Relays at Toledo Friday night. DeVilbiss, snaring four of 10 firsts, was first in the Class A competition to edge out Scott by 1 1-2 points, 66 to 64 1-2.

Clyde high's strong team finished second in Class B competition with 30 2-3 points, being nosed out by Lambertville, Mich., which retained its title with 36 2-3 points. Oak Harbor was third with 21 1-3, followed by another Ottawa county school, Harris-Elmore, which scored 20 2-3.

In the individual competition, Jack Carroll and Bob Shaw gave Ross second and third in the pole-vault and high hurdles respectively. Carroll vaulted 10 feet, 3 inches to finish in a three-way deadlock for the runner-up spot.

#### Sprint Medley Second

Clarence Chestnutwood failed to qualify in the 100, while Bill Jenkins failed to place in the high jump. The Fremont sprint medley team of Carl Hufford, Paul Huddle, Willie Clark and Chestnutwood took second in that event.

The quartet of Charlie Robertson, Dale Bowlus, Jenkins and Shaw took fourth in the shuttle hurdle relay, while Robertson, Carl Erchenbrecher, Jim Wisbon and Clark were third in the one-lap relay.

Fremont finished fifth in the distance medley with Bill Price, Erchenbrecher, Hufford and Henry



Sewell carrying the baton in that order. Shaw, Huddle, Clark and Chestnutwood snatched third in the two-lap relay.

Coach Harold Althoff said he was pleased with the performance of his squad as it took a third spot in a big meet for the second straight week. The Little Giants finished third in the Mansfield Relays last Saturday.

#### Go To Salem

Althoff took Jenkins, Chestnutwood and Shaw to the Salem Relays at Salem, O., Saturday.

Oak Harbor's great hurdle combination romped to a new Class B record in the shuttle hurdle relay, being clocked in 54.8 second where the old mark was 57.6.

Other first place winners in Class B from this sector were Garen of Clyde in the mile run and Damschroeder of Elmore in the high jump. Race of Clyde finished second to his winning team-mate in the mile.

Beatty and Fox scored Clyde's first points as they finished fourth and fifth in the 100-yard dash. Then Garen and Race jogged home one-two in the mile. Behrensden tied for second in the high jump, while the Clyde two-lap relay of Kuns, Baker, Mann and Beatty took second.

The shuttle hurdle relay quartet of Kuns, Rol Baker, Filson and Armstrong finished fourth as did the four-lap team of Rogers, Waserman, Rich Baker and Thompson.



# Chestnutwood Equals Salem Meet Mark

Clarence Chestnutwood, slightly-built junior, came into his own as a Ross track luminary in other precincts Saturday as he placed second in both the 440 and 220 sprints in the 11th annual Salem Relays at Salem, O., tying the meet record of 22.7 in the semi-finals of the furlong.

In the 220 finals, the Fremont sprinter finished only a yard behind Chet Thomas, Cleveland East Tech's state dash champion. Winning his heats in the preliminaries and semi-finals, Chestnutwood registered better times than Thomas in both.

Bob Shaw won the Salem shot-put event, but the stellar Ross weightman who shoved the iron ball 54 feet at the Mansfield Relays the previous Saturday got it out only 49 feet, 11 inches at Salem.

Coach Harold Althoff reported that Shaw was "too tight" because of the sun-less, chill weather and was unable to "open up" in his favorite event. Shaw was third in the discus with a toss of slightly over the 131 foot mark. He was entered in the high hurdles but had the misfortune of drawing the qualifying heat which produced the first and second place final winners. Shaw was third in the heat, with two to qualify.

Bill Jenkins was the only other Little Giant taken to Salem by Coach Althoff and he failed to place in his event, the high jump, going out at 5-feet, 6-inches.

Chestnutwood's 22.7 in the 220 semi-finals equalled the Harmon field mark for the distance set by Pete Erchenbrecher of Ross two years ago and was one-tenth of a

second behind Towner Smith's Ross record of 22.6 established in 1920.

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Thomas was clocked in 23 flat as he was chased to the tape by Chestnutwood in the 220 finals Saturday night. The 440 finals were run off in two heats and Chestnutwood copped his heat in 52.6, the best time of his career. If the bespectacled Ross youngster hadn't sprinted the grueling quarter-mile dash, he probably would have showed Thomas the way home in the 220, held a half-hour later.

Shaw and Chestnutwood, together with their Ross mates, will have a chance to snatch new Purple laurels this Saturday as the Little Giant school plays host to the annual Buckeye league meet at Harmon field. Findlay, Bowling Green, Columbian and Junior Order are expected to have entries.



## PRESS PASSES

Over the Desk From

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### *Ready For Buckeye . . .*

The Little Giants are really geared up to make the Buckeye league track meet here this Saturday a gala occasion, to coin a phrase. With the naming of four meet queens, about the only feature lacking is the flag-raising ceremony that's staged in the Olympics.

Athletic Director Roy Ballenger has all the trophies and medals under lock and key, just waiting to dish them out come Saturday afternoon. Thus far, only Junior Order Home, the school without a track team, has filed entry, but Fostoria, Bowling Green, Findlay and Columbian are expected to be heard from in a day or two.

Meanwhile, Coach Whitey Althoff and his aides are bearing down on the Little Giant thinlies to make certain Ross scores a clean sweep in Buckeye titles this year.

If Clarence Chestnutwood and Bob Shaw are anywhere near form, the Purple contingent should add the track toga to the grid and basketball crowns already resting at the Crogan street school.

Shaw's brilliant performances in the shotput in the Mansfield and Salem Relays have stamped him as the next state champion in that event and he looked good enough in the discus at Mansfield and Salem to warrant placing in the platter-heave at Columbus.

Chestnutwood is developing fast in the sprints as proved by his second-place achievement in both the 220 and 440 at Salem. He was edged by Chet Thomas, Cleveland East Tech's state champion, in the furlong and it was the kind of race that showed the Fremont lad will be heard from plenty before he grabs his diploma next year.

## WIRKKALA IS CHASED IN 7TH

By Associated Press

A hero one day and a bum the next—that's the experience of Pitchers Ed Cole and Mickey Haefner in the American Association's tight flag race.

Cole baffled Kansas City Sunday in scattering nine hits for a Toledo

Coach Althoff can look much further than Shaw and Chestnutwood for point-winners Saturday afternoon. Charlie Robertson in the hurdles, Carl Erchenbrecher in the broad jump, Jack Carroll in the pole vault, Bill Jenkins in the high jump, Henry Sewell and Bill Price in the distances, and Carl Hufford, Paul Huddle, Willie Clark, and Erchenbrecher in the relays are among the other squad members who have been delivering the goods this spring.

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## *Program Plotters . . .*

Credit Johnny Titsworth, assistant track coach, and Jim Vaffis, boss high's man-about-the-campus, for the big league touch to the Buckeye meet here last Saturday . . . They plotted the enthroned queens, streaming banners, and formal presentation of awards, as well as the post-meet dance . . . Incidentally, the hotter the pace big Bob Shaw sets in the field events, the happier gets Coach Titsworth, who has charge of the Little Giant weight activities . . . Might mention that Fred Huffman has the Purple jumpers hepped up this year and working hard . . . All of which is pleasing to Chief Whitey Althoff . . .

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# Chestnutwood Elected 1941 Leader; 15 Awarded Letters

Shaw Scores 96 1-2 Points In Season Highlighted  
By State Shot, Discus Title Performances; Only  
Three Seniors Among Letter-Winners

Bob Shaw, state shot-put and discus champion, who tallied 96½ points for the recently-completed season, was elected honorary captain of the 1940 Ross track and field team this week as Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff named 15 lettermen.

Voted captain-elect for the 1941 cinder path season was Clarence Chestnutwood, slight, be-spectacled junior sprinter.

Shaw's amazing individual total, compiled in such tough competition as the Mansfield, DeVilbiss Night and Salem Relays and the Buckeye, district and state meets, rounded out a brilliant senior year on the athletic field for the 215-pound youngster.

He was leading Class A scorer in the state in both football and basketball and won all-state center laurels on the hardwood and on the grid.

Beyond a doubt Shaw was the prime reason why Fremont Ross scored a championship sweep in the Buckeye league this school year, the first time a loop grid, cage or track title had come to the Little Giant institution.

While Shaw set a new state record of 53 feet, 4¼ inches in the meet at Columbus last weekend, his best mark of the season was 54 feet in the Mansfield Relays. His 144 feet in the discus giving him the state crown was his best performance of the season in that event.

## Ties Smith's Record

Letter-winners besides Shaw and Chestnutwood, were Willie Clark and Delbert Little, seniors; Jack Carroll, Carl Erchenbrecher, Paul Huddle, Carl Hufford, Henry Sewell and Dick Frantz, juniors; William Jenkins and Bill Price, sophomores; and Charles Robertson, Richard Schneider and Jim Wisbon, freshmen.

Receiving managerial awards were Harold Hoffman, head manager, and Ervin Maillard, Don Sahl and Fred Vultee, assistants.

Chestnutwood was an outstanding dashman this year, equalling Towner Smith's school record of 22.6 in the 220 in a qualifying heat of the Salem Relays. He was beaten by Russ Owen of Tiffin Junior Order in the 100, 220 and 440 in the Buckeye meet, but defeated the speed merchant from Tiffin in the district 220.

## Freshmen Promising

Chestnutwood's blazing performance as anchor man enabled the Ross 880 relay team to take sec-

ond place in the state meet at Columbus.

While loss of Shaw will be keenly felt by Coach Althoff next season, the outlook is far from gloomy with Chestnutwood leading the return of a dozen lettermen, among them three extremely promising performers in Freshmen Robertson, Schneider and Wisbon.

The Little Giants this season defeated Oak Harbor and Bellevue in dual competition, finished third in the Mansfield and DeVilbiss Night Relays, fifth in the Salem Relays, won the Buckeye and district meets and finished third in the state.



Bob Shaw

## RASSLE ROYAL HERE FRIDAY

LaCross, Moreno, Sailor  
Keller And Orth In  
Arena Tangle

The first battle royal to be held at the Jackson arena in several months will be staged Friday night, bringing to Fremont a trio of grapplers who have not been seen by fans here for some time.

The cast for Les Fishbaugh's groan and grunt melee this week includes Gil LaCross of Boston, Paul Orth of Toledo, Tony Moreno of California and Sailor Bob Keller.

It will mark the first appearance here of Moreno, Pacific Coast Italian who once held the light heavy championship of the world, in more than a year.

Sailor Keller and Orth also are comparative strangers, but LaCross is in the midst of a campaign to build his unpopularity in Fremont to new heights.

Anything can happen when LaCross is in the ring and you can say pretty nearly the same thing about Keller, Orth and Moreno.

The first pair to be pinned will return later for a one hour semi-final, and the two survivors in the battle royal come back for a two-hour main go.

A 15-minute preliminary between Jack and Bob Aldrich of Clyde will open the show at 8:30 p. m. The weekly attendance prize will be awarded.

## MOUND SLUMP