

1940 District Meet

Blue Streaks; Tygers Chief Threats To Buckeye Champs

Coach Althoff To Send Squad Of 14 Into Qualifying Tests For State Meet Next Week-End; Shaw Is Little Giant Hope In Four Events

Seeking to add district laurels to their recently-acquired Buckeye league title, the thinclads of Fremont Ross will invade Mansfield Saturday for the annual northwestern Ohio district track and field meet at the Mansfield high school stadium.

Coach Harold (Whitey) Althoff announced he would take a squad of 14 Little Giants to the Tyger lair, with his entries definite in all but the relay events.

Headed by record-breaking Bob Shaw, the Purple tracksters are expected to find their stiffest competition in the Tygers of Mansfield high and Sandusky's Blue Streaks although Port Clinton, Shelby, Ashland, Columbian, Bellevue and Junior Order Home will present individual threats.

Second Ross Appearance

Winners of the first three places in all events will qualify for the state meet scheduled at Columbus the following weekend.

It will be the second appearance of the season for the Rossmen at Mansfield where they placed third in the annual Mansfield Relays several weeks ago. At that time, Shaw shattered the meet and state shot-put records with a mighty heave of 54 feet and won the discus event with ease.

Owen Is Entered

Since then, Shaw has hit his stride in the hurdles, being clocked in 15.6 for the high sticks and 26.7 for the low timbers in the Buckeye meet here last week, and should al-

so be a strong contender in those events in the district affair.

Clarence Chestnutwood and Willie Clark will be Althoff's sprint entries with both promised plenty of competition from a field of speedsters that will include Ben Fleming of Sandusky and Russ Owen of Junior Order.

Owen set new marks in the 220 and 440 in the Buckeye meet and shaded Chestnutwood by inches in the 100. Althoff stated he may keep Chestnutwood out of the 440 and enter him in the half-mile relay with a trio to be selected from among Dick Schneider, Paul Huddle, Carl Erchenbrecher, Jim Wisbon and Clark.

Other Ross entries include: Carl Hufford in the quarter-mile; Henry Sewell and Bill Price in the half-mile; Sewell in the mile; Charlie Robertson in the low and high hurdles; Bill Jenkins and Robertson in the high jump; Erchenbrecher and Robertson in the broad jump; Jack Carroll in the pole vault; Dick Frantz in the shot-put and discus; and Schneider, Huddle, Hufford and Jim Wisbon or Bill Stoldt in the mile relay.

Clyde Favored

Sewell copped both the mile and half-mile in the Buckeye vie while both relay teams won; Jenkins tied for first in the high jump and Carroll took the pole vault.

Ross won its two only dual meets this season, finished third in the DeVilbiss Night Relays and the Mansfield Relays, placed fifth in the Salem Relays and walked off with the Buckeye.

This district also will be represented at Mansfield Saturday by Clyde's well-balanced squad and Green Springs, both entered in the Class B division. Clyde, boasting a team undefeated in dual competition and second in the Class B section of the DeVilbiss Night Relays, stands a strong chance of copping the lower division honors at Mansfield.

OHIO STATE LOOP STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Per.
Lima	7	4	.636
Findlay	7	4	.636
Fostoria	5	5	.500
FREMONT	5	6	.455
Mansfield	4	6	.400
Tiffin	4	7	.364

RESULTS

Fostoria at Findlay, cold.
FREMONT at Lima, cold.
Mansfield at Tiffin, cold.

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Lima at FREMONT.
Tiffin at Mansfield.
Findlay at Fostoria.



PRESS PASSES

Over the Desk From

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Glowing Fan-Fare . . .

Bob Shaw, who led his Ross track and field mates into Mansfield for the district meet Saturday, found himself preceded by a glowing bit of fan-fare.

"One of the greatest high school athletes ever to perform before Mansfield sport fans will be on hand for the district vie," announced the Mansfield News-Journal. "He is Bob Shaw—brilliant record-smasher in the weight events and nationally-known football and basketball star from Fremont Ross."

"Mansfielders first saw Shaw in action a month ago when, on his first throw, he heaved the shot 54 feet, a solid three feet, eight and three-quarter inches further than the former Relays record. A few minutes later, the lanky Fremont lad dazzled the spectators again by calmly out-tossing all comers in the discus.

"Coach Harry Mehock, who has seen high school athletes come and go for the past 15 years," continued the Mansfield paper, "tagged him that day as 'probably the greatest high school athlete in the United States today.' "



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Not So Smooth . . .

Not so long ago, it was blandly announced in Mansfield that the district track meet was awarded to that city because of Harry Mehock's ability to handle a large meet just about as smoothly as it could be handled.

It was on this theory that Sandusky, logical site of the meet this season, was skipped and the district affair bestowed upon Mansfield for the second straight year.

Because Coach Mehock is father of the Mansfield Relays, a really important scholastic cinder carnival, perhaps the claim was justified to a certain degree.

But the district meet at Mansfield last weekend hardly was a feather in Mehock's cap. For one thing, the program wasn't sent out to entered schools until two days before the meet. At the meet itself, the championship Ross team was told the trophy hadn't arrived in time for presentation.

And to top it off, the results filed on the wire out of Mansfield stated that no records were broken. Which was a slight understatement since Bob Shaw cracked his district shot-put mark by almost four feet and Russ Owen broke the 440 record.