

1960 District meet...

Bob Atkins Records 48.6 Quarter Mile

Breaks Ross, District Marks

Bob Atkins, Fremont Ross high track sensation, electrified the crowd watching the preliminaries of the District track and field meet at Bowling Green State university Friday with a sensational 48.6 seconds timing in the 440-yard-dash.

The 48.6 is a new District record, breaking the old District standard of 50.5 set by Defiance's Gary Wagner seven years ago.

The 48.6 is also a new all-time Ross high record, breaking the old school mark of 52 seconds flat held by Towner Smith in the early 1920s and by Atkins in the recent Buckeye Conference meet at Lorain.

Atkins also holds the Ross all-time mark in the 220-yard-dash with a 22.1 showing in the Lorain conference meet.

Classy Performance

The state record in the 440 which is also the national scholastic record is held by Dave Mills, Lakewood, with 46.6 in 1958. Atkins was only two seconds off that national pace in yesterday's classy performance.

Coach John Ihnat, Ross high coach, said "Bob ran the 440 like it should be run for the first time this season. He set the pace he wanted, got a good jump on the

field and left the others trailing early."

Ihnat and Art Hendricks, veteran Clyde track coach, agreed that Atkins ran "a perfect race."

There were five watches clocking Atkins. One registered 48.5. Atkins ran the first 220 in 23 seconds flat.

Atkins also won both the heats he was in in the 100 dash and the 220 dash. His time was 10.2 in the 100 and 22.1 in the 220. He placed first of all runners in the 220.

Last year, Atkins went to the state in the 220-dash. He placed second in the District 220 to qualify for the state.

Gene Nitschke of Ross picked up a point for his team with a fifth place in the discus, a toss of 137 feet, 10½ inches.

Atkins will be running in the 100, 220 and 440 this afternoon and Tom Koebel and Ken Koebel in the mile run, Dave Zimmerman in the half mile and Steve Frontz, Gary and Larry Wilkins and Jim Ohms in the mile relay for Ross. Running events start at 2 p.m.

Shot put in Class AA yesterday was won by Jack Neuenschwander of Lima Senior, 51¾ feet. Bruce Alexander of Rogers won the discus, 150 feet, 10½ inches. Roger Lorensen of Oak Harbor was fourth and Nitschke of Ross fifth. Allen Smith of Toledo Scott won the broad jump, 22 feet, 1½ inches.

No Clyde or Oak Harbor runners qualified in the hurdles, 100,

District Track, Field Marks Of Area Performers

Fremont and area performances in the District track and field event at Bowling Green Saturday included:

Bob Atkins, Fremont Ross, 10.26 in 100-yard dash, second to Bob Jordan, Toledo Macomber, 10.2; Atkins, 22.4 in 220-yard dash, second to O'Dell Barry, Toledo Scott, 22.3; and Atkins, 50.1 in 440-yard dash, second to Larry Copeland, Lima Senior, 50 seconds flat.

Gene Nitschke, Ross, fifth in discus, 137 feet, 10½ inches; winner Bruce Alexander, Rogers, 150 feet, 10½ inches.

James Bolinger, Clyde, 12 feet, 2 inches (his best performance), tied for third; winner, Tom Barrington, Lima Senior, 12 feet, 5 inches.

Larry Fredericks, Clyde, fourth in 880-yard run, 2:02.5 (his best performance); winner, Ron Burgess, Toledo Libbey, new record time of 1:58.5.

Roger Lorenson, Oak Harbor, 139 feet, 3 inches, fourth in discus.

In Class A, Bill Reynolds of Elmore won the 120-yard high hurdles in 16.4 seconds; Elmore's 880-yard relay team had a 1:37.2 time, third place; winner Paulding, 1:35.6; Bill Avers, Elmore, third in 220-dash, 23.5; winner Mike Connor, Paulding, 22.7; and Elmore's mile relay team was fifth, 3:43.4; winner in record time of 3:35.8 was Paulding.