

1925 Season...

FREMONT IS SURE GROWING

A practice of the Fremont High school diamond squad was held Tuesday after school. The nine is being coached into condition by Coaches Laub and Weiler. Early indications are that the Purple and White will have a winning team. With a large number of lettermen back from the team of last season, but few green men have to be rushed into condition for the opening games.

FREMONT HIGH VARSITY WEAK ON PITCHING

Fremont high school will have a fighting though inexperienced baseball team to place on the diamond this spring, according to Coach Laub Tuesday. With but four veterans of last years team on the tentative squad, fast development work will have to be done before Friday to place a presentable combination against Jackson.

The immediate attention of the mentors, Laub and Wei'ler, will be toward the development of the battery. The high school nine being notably weak in the pitching and catching department behind the stick for the Purple and White, while any one of three, namely Schreffler, Stout and Wingard may be in the box. While inexperienced, the fighting quality of the team is looked upon as one of the assets which will carry it a long way toward a championship. The locals showed up good Monday night at bat, though there is plenty of room for improvement. The team for Friday's game has not as yet been picked, depending largely on the showings made this week.

SHREFFLER'S GREAT WORK: SCORE 5 AND 4

The Fremont high school diamond squad lost the first baseball game of the season to Jackson centralized school Friday afternoon, 5 to 4. The opening scholastic tilt was played at the Jackson field, and brought out some startling revelations in regard to Fremont's ability.

Early indications were that the high school nine would be weak in the box, and have an exceptionally good fielding crew. This situation was reversed, and it was on the ability of Shreffler as a pitcher, that the local nine lost its contest by but one point. Tossing his first game, the Four-Mile House lad struck out 17 Jackson men in seven innings, while not one was able to get a free trip to the first sack.

But four real hits were made by the Jackson players, while four more were registered because of errors on the part of the defense. The work of Shreffler, with poor support, was a pleasant surprise to the coaching staff of the nine. Renewed hopes are now entertained for a championship team, though the seven errors made, loom as a large obstruction in the path of a winning combination.

Ash, the sensation of the Jackson team, was unable to bewilder the Fremonters, who socked 12 good hits into the field, and took the count but eight times on strikeouts.

The batting of the locals was up to the early expectations for this department. A change in the locations of the members of the nine is strongly hinted at by Coaches Laub and Weller.

Among the changes which will probably be made this week, will be the shifting of Wingard to center field, to support the inexperienced men on either side. In the game Friday, Wingard played an important part in stopping the rampage of the Jackson team, and secured three hits off of Ash. Bowers also showed up good in the opener.

The stress of the coaches for the coming week will be in the development of base running and fielding. Jackson has one of the best teams in the county, and the locals holding the into a 5 and 4 count, was unexpected. The nine, however, is developing fast and in one week hence, if the present rate of improvement is continued, the locals would not be defeated by the Jackson centralized school.

Shreffler comes from a family of ball players and he is a chip off the old block. He is small but mighty, having a nice curve ball, a dash of speed and a pitcher's best asset, control. He'll be heard from before his baseball career is ended. Hawk did very well in handling the Four-Mile House smokeballer's speed.

The Fremont boys were feeling quite trim over their good showing Friday afternoon, but, according to those who viewed the game, they should have won with a share of the breaks.

POOR UMPIRING LOSES LOCALS GAME, REPORT

Fremont high battled nine innings with Woodville high at Stamm field Wednesday afternoon but were unable to break a 6 to 6 tie made in the sixth inning. Woodville took advantage of Fremont's errors in the first inning and scored two runs before the locals realized the game was on. Another run was put across in the early part of the third before the purple and white nine managed to ease a base runner across the home sack.

Bowers, Foos and Wingard opening the first inning for the locals, went down in one, two, three order.

Fieblecorn and Shepman, up for Woodville, also slashed the air and Myers went out on a fly to Wingard in the center meadow.

Opening the second for the Fremonters, Overmyer made second on a pop past Bruns in left field but died on base when the next three went down on flies and strikeouts.

Siefke made second base opening the third and came in when Pelton muffed a fly and threw the pill over Hawk's head. Myers, the last up for the visitors, failed to connect with Shreffler's flings and struck out.

Keller for Fremont, sent a fly to right field and made first when it fell safe, then stole second. Shreffler was out at first and Keller went to third on a hit which carried Bowers to first. Keller scored by means of a wild throw to the plate and Foos and Wingard struck out.

Fieblecorn and Shepman scored for the visitors in the fourth and Pelton and Keller came in for Fremont in the same round. Kell, Bowers and Wingard crossed the plate in the fifth and the score was evened up when Wonderly singled to right field, Hawk singled to second and Keller singled to left field.

Shreffler brought wonderly in on a single to shortstop. Hawk, after being declared safe on third by Umpire Clarke, was called out by Umpire Sheffer on the bases. Hawk slid in and was unquestionably safe. Keller attempted to get home on a dropped ball and was put out at the plate.

The majority of those who viewed the game are of the opinion that the contest should have been won by Fremont. The home town battlers drew the rough edge on decisions and Hawk, in the judgment of spectators, was safe twice when he had been called out on the bags. The principal rap on the doings is, taking it from a spectator, that an inexperienced man gave the decisions on the bases. These high school games are of enough importance to guarantee the hiring of professional umpires and thus remove any chance for a kick anybody might have in basing a claim on favoritism.

Shreffler and Hawk formed the battery for Fremont, with Overmyer at first, Pelton at second, Bowers at short and Foos at third. Wingard was in center field, Wonderly in left and Keller in right. Pelton was removed in the ninth because of an injured ankle, being replaced by Fronizer.

FREMONT HIGH NINE DEFEATS CLYDE STUDENTS

The Fremont high base ball team won its first victory of the season Friday when it defeated the Clyde high school diamond squad 21 to 9. Although out scored 5 to 7 at the close of the second period, the locals held the Clyde team scoreless for three innings and sent twelve runners across the plate.

In the absence of Shreffler, inexperienced pitchers were used in the Clyde game, and a very credible showing was made by the subs. Wingard, starting the game, was knocked for five runs in the initial inning and one more before he was removed in the second. Wingard was sent to center field, replacing Smith. Swartzlander replaced Wingard and brought one man in to the plate and walked another before being sent to the showers in the same frame and being replaced by Overmyer. Keller went to center and Wingard took charge of the first sack.

Overmyer displayed a good brand of ball, and with fine support, from his team mates, held scoreless until the sixth inning when they eased one runner across the plate and another in the seventh.

Hawk took the pill as it crossed the plate for six innings, being replaced in the seventh by Miller. Both did good work behind the bat.

The Purple and White team started the game with Bowers, at short, Fronizer on second, Wingard in the box, Overmyer at first, Wonderly in the left meadow, Hawk catcher, Foos at third, Smith in the center park and Gabel at right field. Wingard was replaced in the second by Swartzlander, and Smith at center by Overmyer at first. Overmyer went into the box for the remainder of the game. Hawk was replaced by Miller in the seventh. made during the game were Wadsworth for Gabel and Swint for Wonderly.

"OUTLAWS" DEFEATED 'VARSITY

The Fremont high school "Outlaws," otherwise the high school athletes who are barred from participation in high school athletics, defeated the varsity nine 10 to 4 at Stamm field Tuesday night. But one home run marked the Insurgent-Varsity contest, this being banged out to the center meadow by Zink and brought him in on an error by Wingard. The drive was a perfect shot to the center field.

With their ranks strengthened by Bob Recktenwald and Arden Overmyer, members of last year's squad, the Outlaws had little difficulty in putting down the purple and white battlers. The game went six innings with Umpire Clarke calling the tosses. A demonstration of brotherly love occurred when "Lupica" Overmyer, after a beautiful hit, failed to slide into the home plate and missed scoring the first home run made by the varsity squad this season. "Lupica" traveled straight into the catcher's arms and was out.

The Outlaw nine had big Don Pasch in the box hurling to "Hotch" Fox, and Shreffler tossed to Hawk for the varsity for four innings, and was then relieved by Overmyer. Hawk is said to have braved death in staying behind the plate to receive the varsity tosses, while the Outlaws were at the plate. Had more of the wild swings of the opponents of the varsity nine connected with the pitches of Shreffler and Overmyer, home runs and a high score would have been the result.

The insurgent team was made up of Pasch and Fox, battery, and Recktenwald, Overmyer, Nickels, Reardon, Zink, Lerch and Hughes. The strong battery and the nifty work in the field, accounted for the excellent showing made by the insurgents.

With the game played last night, the locals have an average of .375 for the first games of the season. Friday the purple and white nine will travel to Woodville, where they will attempt to defeat the high school diamond squad. The first game between the two teams closed at the end of nine innings with both sides having made six tallies.

After Fremont's easy victory against Clyde, the locals are expected to defeat the Woodville nine.

The showing made last night against the Outlaws, cannot be taken as a true display of the ability of the team, as they were playing against some of the best athletes of the school who were barred because of the riot last year. The team also was strengthened from the outside with players who have received their letters for playing with last season's baseball team.

WOODVILLE DEFEATS HI IN BASEBALL

Fremont high lost a hard fought baseball game in the eighth inning, 7 to 6, to Woodville high Friday afternoon. The second game between the two schools was very similar to the first played two weeks ago, when the box score remained tied six to six at the close of the ninth inning.

The regular seven innings played by the high school teams Friday, also resulted in a tie, 6 to 6, at the close of the seventh. Woodville won the game by scoring in the eighth. The locals were scored on and held down in the early innings, being on the short end of a 5 to 1 score at the start of the fifth inning. A spirited rally brought the purple and white up to the Woodville team's score in the next three innings.

Shreffler, although scored on in the first four innings for five runs, let but two slip over in the final four. Hawk received for the Weiler-Laub coached team for the entire game. The Fremont high squad used the regular line up for the whole contest.

Meyers and Shepman formed the battery for Woodville, and although Meyers weakened perceptibly during the last half of the game, the locals were unable to put the winning runs across the platter.

The loss of Friday's game takes the average for the purple and white nine down to .300. The locals have dropped three games, tie one and won one.

CLYDE HIGH DIAMONDEERS APPEAR HERE

This afternoon Fremont high played Clyde high on the baseball diamond at the rear of the Stamm school. This isn't a mythical statement either, unless rain, at the last moment prevented the teams from meeting. In a game ten days ago, Clyde took a severe drubbing from the locals. The score was something like 21 to 9 in favor of the purple and white nine.

Wednesday the two teams meet again and Fremont high is confident of an easy victory. Perhaps it will be, but when glancing over the list of Clyde track men that competed in the Norwalk-Clyde track meet the Friday afternoon that Clyde and Fremont bowed to each other on the diamond, a number of names appear that would greatly strengthen the lineup of a baseball nine.

Today Clyde high school is placing its undivided attention in the baseball game, and unless we miss our guess completely, there will be some names there that were not on the roster in the last contest.

For Friday night of this week, either Jackson centralized or Gibsonburg will play here. Next week Libby high of Toledo, is to be the chief attraction.

The members of the local diamond squad are working hard to perfect themselves into a winning combination under the coaching of Howard Laub. Some members, however, are to grace the bench in the near future if regular attendance at practice is not one of their habits.

"We will lose nine to one, rather than let those dudes in," is one remark that was overheard at the purple and white training quarters Tuesday night.

No names were mentioned but it is quite general knowledge that some prominent members of the nine make a habit of skipping practice.

GIBSONBURG BASEBALLERS BEATEN HERE

Fremont high school won a "league" baseball contest when it defeated Gibsonburg 5 to 3 at the Stamm diamond Friday afternoon. It was a "league" contest because the game went nine innings, a professional umpire ruled on the plays, and the playing was a good sample of big league work. Double plays, sacrifices, fly outs, nice hits, accurate fielding and good base stealing were seen in Friday's contest.

Things came near being perfect and even the base lines were marked and "Puggy" Kritzel officiated as umpire. It was the first high school baseball game in which a paid official was used since the revision of the diamond game as a high school athletic event last spring.

Fremont turned the tables on Gibsonburg Friday and started scoring in the second inning and continued through the fourth, with the result that the purple and white was credited with five runs before a Gibsonburger made a trip around the bases. In fact it wasn't until the third frame that they were able to get a man on base, and this only happened when two men were down and on an error by Kenny Hawk, catcher for the locals. LeVlar, Gibsonburg shortstop, sent a grounder between third base and short stop in the fourth and managed to make first. He stole second. Krotzer received a pass to first after Huff had struck out and Reineck sacrificed to short. Heinke lined one out to center field, which was hot and was mitted by Wingard after he had made 50 feet in nothing flat. This retired the side.

In the opener, Wadsworth, first up, went down at first. Pelton fouled out to the catcher, and Wingard rolled to the pitcher. Opening the second, Overmyer sent a hot single to center field, stole second and went to third on Keller's hit to left field. Fangbner was safe at first on an error and Overmyer scored. Foos fouled out and Keller scored on a roller to second which retired Hawk. Shreffler struck out and retired the side for the second.

Wadsworth and Pelton's opening Fremont's stand at bat in the third, were easy outs at first, but Wingard singled to right field, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and was brought in by Overmyer, who hit through short. Overmyer went to second a weird heave and was safe at third on a cover theft. Keller walked. Overmyer scored on another wild pitch and Fangbner fanned for the third out.

The fourth opened with Foos up and he was out at first on a grounder to third. Hawk walloped a pretty two-bagger to right field and Shreffler went to first on a hit through short.

Hawk scored when the ball rolled to right field. Hawk traveled fast and although the ball was relayed nicely from right to third and thence home, it could not beat the fleet footed catcher.

Overmyer replaced Shreffler as pitcher in the sixth, after Gibsonburg scored two men and had a runner on second. Shreffler went to center field and Wingard to first. The remaining four innings were scoreless. Shreffler at center, caught two nice flies which were sent his way, while Overmyer pitched scoreless ball. Each side made seven hits during the game, Fremont making the round trip on five of them.

The game was the best the locals have played this season, and though Fronizer and Bowers were absent, the locals had little difficulty in annexing the tilt.

Shreffler, Overmyer and Hawk formed the battery for Fremont and Krotzer and Shutt for Gibsonburg.

Kritzel officiated with entire satisfaction to both parties. The hiring of an official to handle the high school baseball games, opens a new era in high school baseball and will do much to further the support given the sport here.