

1959 State meet...

Sports Scan

.... By Hal Shanahan

Baker's 11-9 In Pole Vault New Ross Record; Skip And Atkins Go To State

When Richard (Skip) Baker, Fremont Ross high senior, cleared 11 feet, 9 inches to win the pole vault event in the District track and field meet at Bowling Green Saturday, he not only qualified for the state tournament this weekend but also broke a 24-year school record.

Back in 1935, Bill Thraves vaulted 11 feet, 4 and three-fourths inches to set the former Ross high pole vault standard. Thraves is now supervisor in production control at Herbrand.

The Harmon Field pole vault record is 12 feet, one-quarter inch set by D. Whittaker of Sandusky in 1935 and tied by J. Whittaker of Sandusky in 1945.

Prior to the District event, Baker said he didn't think he would be able to beat out the top-flight competition at Bowling Green.

"I was really surprised to win the event," Baker said. "In fact, I thought I had only cleared 11 feet, 6 inches. The judges said I had cleared 11-9 and was first in the event. It really felt good to be the winner."

Baker's previous high in the pole vault was a leap of 11 feet even. He did that in practice this year and also in one meet last year. He cleared less than 11 feet in meets this season.

"I've been working on the 12 foot barrier in practice but haven't managed to make that height yet," Baker commented.

Credits New Runway

Coach John Ihnat, Ross track mentor, requested the Board of Education to put in a blacktop runway this season for pole vaulting and the broad jump. Request was granted and the runway completed midway in the season. He credits the blacktop with aiding Baker in getting to go to the state.

"It standardizes track condi-

tions," Ihnat said. "Other tracks have blacktop runways," he added.

"That new blacktop was the main thing in helping me go higher in the pole vault," Baker opined. "It helped give me more speed, drive and spring."

Ihnat now wants the Board of Education to put in a blacktop runway for high jumpers.

Baker will perform in the state pole vault finals at 12 noon Saturday in Columbus, Ohio State university track. Friday, Bob Atkins, Ross 220-yard dash District qualifier (he placed second), also appears in the state meet. He'll run at 3 p. m. Friday in the 220-prelims. If he qualifies, Atkins will run in the 220-finals Saturday afternoon.

Atkins finished about a stride back of Bill Brown of Lima who won the District 220 in 22.8 seconds.

"I didn't get out of the starting blocks soon enough," Atkins commented. "I had jumped the gun in the preliminaries the day before and didn't want to do the same in the finals. . . So I held back, a little too much probably."

Ihnat has coached Atkins, a junior, two years and Baker for three years.

Last Ross performer in the state meet was Jim Tiller who won the 100-yard dash and the broad jump in the 1956 state finals. Ihnat was his track coach too.

Ihnat, this year, had two big boards erected showing all of the Harmon Field records in track and field. The boards will be taken to the new Ross high building until next spring when they again will be displayed during the track season in the Harmon Field corridor.

Driving Range Open

Fremont Golf Driving Range, operated by Ted Houghtaling, former Fremont Ross athlete, is now open for business every day, night and day, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Range is located at the intersection of Routes 20 and 19 (Green Springs road) east of Fremont.

Houghtaling said a grand opening is planned Memorial Day. The driving range is all blacktopped and has 20 tees. New and better lighting system is in operation this year (16,000 watts). Clubs, golf balls, etc. are available.

Addition to the layout this year is a baseball pitching machine. It has adjustable speeds up to 90 miles an hour and can be set up for any batter, Little Leaguer on up.

Houghtaling, now classified as a pro, said he plans to participate Mondays in the weekly pro-am golf tournaments in Toledo.



OVER THE TOP — Richard (Skip) Baker, Ross high senior who set a new school record in the pole vault in the District meet last week and will appear in the state finals Saturday in Columbus, practices for the state event by clearing a lofty barrier at the vault pit at Harmon Field.



50TH IN 50 YEARS...

Another Speedway Death Occurs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The 50th death in 50 years was charged today against treacherous turns and hard concrete walls of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the most disastrous practice period since 1937.

Rookie Bob Cortner, 32, of Redlands, Calif., died Tuesday night of severe head injuries, the second victim this year of preliminaries to the 500-mile race May 30.

Jerry Unser, Lakewood, Calif., was fatally injured in another practice run May 2.

This is the first year more than one person has been killed in the

DASHER—Bob Atkins takes off in a 220-yard dash trial at Harmon Field as Ross Track Coach John Ihnat watches. Ihnat fired the starting gun to set Atkins off. Atkins will perform in the 220-yard dash prelims in the state finals in Columbus Friday afternoon.

Sportsmen's Camps Planned In Northland

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP)—The first two sportsmen's camps north of the Canadian treeline are expected to begin operating this year, accommodating anglers will-

Minor League Results

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Pacific Coast League
Seattle 3, Portland 2
Spokane 6, Vancouver 3
Sacramento 9, Phoenix 7 — 10 Innings
San Diego at Salt Lake City, postponed

American Assn.

Houston 4, Fort Worth 3
St. Paul 2-1, Charleston 1-7
Dallas 8, Omaha 3

Minneapolis 2, Indianapolis 1
Louisville at Denver, postponed

International League

Columbus 7, Miami 6
Montreal 10, Rochester 8
Richmond 11, Havana 3
Only games scheduled

PAINT PLAYS TWIN BILL

Fremont Paint, winner of six straight fast pitch softball games without defeat this season, takes on Marion, O. Mac's Trading Post in a twin bill exhibition tonight at Rodger Young Park, 6:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

PASSES 5300 WINS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Grandpa Johnny Longden has passed the 5,300-mark in his racing victories. The 49-year-old jockey scored a double at Hollywood Park Tuesday. It's a world record, for Johnny has already ridden far more winners than anyone.

BOXING HEARING

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The California Boxing Commission started a hearing today on reports that underworld forces have tried to muscle in on welterweight champion Don Jordan's managerial contract.

Calvert Nine Tops Gibsonburg

TIFFIN — Gibsonburg and Tiffin Calvert battled in a close

practice run May 2.

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Atkins, Baker Appear In State Track Finals

Bob Atkins of Fremont Ross was in the 220-yard dash preliminaries field this afternoon in the state track and field meet in Columbus.

If he qualifies today, Atkins will run in the finals Saturday afternoon. Atkins placed second in the 220-dash last week in the District. He is a junior.

Richard (Skip) Baker, Ross high senior who won the District pole vault last week and set a new Ross high vault record of 11 feet, 9 inches, will appear in the state vaulting finals beginning at 12 noon Saturday.

A starting field of 35,136 athletes from 1,013 Ohio high schools will be on hand today for the two-day test of a four-ring sports circus in Columbus.

The scholastic stars stage their 52nd track-field meet, the 33rd golf tournament, the 32nd baseball playoffs and the 40th tennis championship. All final events are Saturday after today's first rounds in tennis, golf and baseball and qualifying heats in track and field.

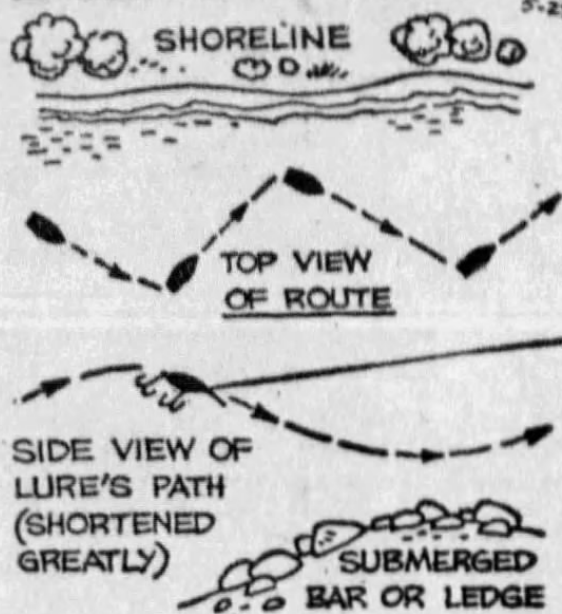
Xenia Woodrow Wilson will defend its Class A crown in track, but is given a slim chance to re-

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ZIGZAG TROLLING

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peat. Springfield is favored to recapture the Class AA laurels.

Atkins Qualifies For 220 Finals

Bob Atkins of Fremont Ross qualified for the state finals in the 220-yard dash at Columbus by winning his heat in the prelims and in the semifinals Friday.

Atkins was one of eight qualifiers who will compete in the finals at 3:45 p. m. today in the 220-dash.

Richard (Skip) Baker of Ross competed in the state finals in the pole vault which started at 12 noon today.

Atkins ran his semifinal heat in the 220 in 23 seconds flat.

Bob Atkins of Fremont Ross ran sixth in the 220-yard finals in the state track meet Saturday, only one stride away from gaining a point. Richard (Skip) Baker, pole vaulter, went out at the 11-foot barrier. It took a 12-foot vault to gain a place in the state.

Genoa's Jack Larimer won both hurdles in the state track meet.
