

1930 State Tournament...

CLASS A TOURNEY STARTS TONIGHT

Tiffin Columbian and Bellevue will oppose each other in the opening of tourney play at Sandusky tonight in the only game scheduled outside of the all-day sessions of Friday and Saturday. The Tiffinites should prove to be easy winners for Bellevue, while having a game little team, is still far from the class of play which will prevail in the tourney.

Fremont will get into action Friday night when they tackle Mansfield in a game which will either make or break the Bob Cats. The game is slated to start at nine o'clock and there will be many purple fans in the auditorium.

Sandusky will bump into stiff opposition in Toledo Central, a team which finished in third place in Toledo city scholastic standings. Central will be the favorite in this game and, with Sandusky playing the type of game which has characterized its play in the latter part of the L. B. S. season, will have an easy time.

Fremont teachers will open the tournament play tonight when they tackle the Sandusky teachers in the first contest in the faculty tourney. Sandusky had an easy time winning from the locals a short time ago, but may find a different foe facing them tonight.

HOW FREMONT PUT SANDUSKY OUT OF GEAR

The Sandusky hoodoo, jinx or whatever it is that has baffled Fremont high teams in the past, is no more. For the Fremont purple and white cagers, just to show the fans at the Sandusky tourney Saturday afternoon that they did not believe in jinxes, went after the Sandusky crew and after letting them get into a lead of 8 to 4 in the first half, started in to a great defensive game, holding the Fish-town team scoreless in the last two periods, but succeeded in tallying six points in the third period and four in the final, making the game score 14 to 8, and winning the right to participate in the finals with Scott high Saturday night, as well as qualifying for the northwestern Ohio meet at Findlay next week.

Fremont fans went wild when it was seen that the hoodoo was gone and Fremont could score on Sandusky on their own court, even after being trimmed in the league season at the same place by a 22 to 11 score.

How They Lost

Sandusky papers appear to think that the game was lost by Sandusky when Johnny Bettridge, Sandusky's stellar performer, was eliminated in the game during the third period, but it must be recalled that Captain J. W. Miller, Fremont's all state guard a couple of years ago, was eliminated in the second quarter, some time prior to Bettridge's retirement.

For Fremont, Ross, Sackrider, Brehm and Holmes each scored from the field while each of the regulars scored from the free throw line, Newton getting two from the black stripe.

Kelley and Gant of Sandusky, scored the only fielders for the blue and white in this game, while Bettridge garnered two free throws, Kelley and Gant each making one. All of the Sandusky scoring came in the first half.

Scott Wins

In the first game of the semi-final round, Scott high of Toledo won over Norwalk, Little Big Seven champions, by a score of 29 to 22. Norwalk lost the game in the first half when the Scotters scored 13 points while the Maple City lads made six. Each team made the same number of points in the last two frames when each scored 16.

Taylor played best for Norwalk, while Wright was the stellar performer for the Toledo lads, starting plays which the league champs could not fathom. Norwalk staged a spurt in the early part of the third period when R. Schneer caged a fielder, followed by two gift shots by Taylor, but Toledo soon found the basket and caged three in rapid succession. Norwalk apparently could not stop the passing attack of Wright at center and the forwards and then to Radbaugh.

Box scores of the two games follow:

Fremont 14	G. F. P.
Ross, rf	1 1 3
George, lf	0 1 1
Newton, c	0 2 2
J. Miller, rg	0 1 1
Sackrider, lg	1 1 3
Redding, rf	0 0 0
Brehm, lg	1 0 2
Holmes, c	1 0 2
Totals	4 6 14

Sandusky 8	G. F. P.
Wright, rf	0 0 0
Laessle, lf	0 0 0
Kelley, c	1 1 3
Bettridge, rg	0 2 2
Totals	7 8 21

sented, Miss Lauer turned to the St. Joe rooters and called quickly the name of a fellow who has had much to do with the success of the team and the greatest cheer of the evening was given for business Manager Louis Gabel.

William Herner of Monroeville was presented with a medal for his winning of the foul shooting contest in which he nosed out Ambrose Gabel of St. Joseph. The boys tied with 24 out of 30 shots and repeated with 8 of an additional 15. With ten more shots ordered, Herner dropped 8 and Gabel 7.

SEMI-FINALS

NEXT IN LINE

COLUMBUS, Mar. 10. — (INS)— The outstanding high school basketball teams of Ohio today began preparations for the six annual district title meets, following the many preliminary contests which were held in all parts of the state last Friday and Saturday.

For the most part the favorites came through on the top end of their games in the sectional tournaments over the week-end. The state championship Dayton Stivers quintet, however, had a narrow escape from defeat Saturday evening when it just pulled through its game with Dayton Roosevelt. Roosevelt was out for a victory and succeeded in pushing the champs to the utmost. Stivers won one of the hardest fought battles ever staged in the Gem City by a 13 to 12 score. The Dayton five, led by giant "Big Bill" Hoskett, all-state center, is out for its third consecutive state championship.

The district meets will be held at six cities next Friday and Saturday. The districts and their battle-fields are Northeastern, Akron: Northwestern, Findlay College, Findlay; Central, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware; Eastern, Dennison; Southeastern, Ohio University, Athens, and Southwestern, Dayton.

Eastern District: Zanesville, Marietta, Coshocton, Dover, Mingo Junction, Wellsville, Barnesville and Cambridge.

Southeastern District: Eleven class A teams in this district will compete because they did not play in sectional meets last week-end. They include teams from Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Perry and Vinton Voodoos.

Southwestern District: Dayton Stivers, Dayton Chaminade, Cincinnati Withrow, Cincinnati Norwood, Cincinnati Purcell, Hamilton, Bellfontaine and Greenville.

DASH RECORD

COLUMBIA, Mar. 10. — Hubert Meier, of Iowa State College, in winning the 60 yard dash of the Big Six indoor track meet here Saturday in 6.1 seconds, beat the world's record for the distance. The record is 6.2 seconds.

Gant, lg	1 1 3
Morrison, lf	0 0 0
M. Miller, rf	0 0 0
Weis, rg	0 0 0
Totals	2 4 8
Toledo Scott 29	G. F. P.
Mewhort, rf	3 0 6
Utley, lf	0 2 2
Wright, c	3 1 7
Raudbaugh, rg	4 0 8
Henry, lg	1 1 3
Florence, lf	1 0 2
Dowd, rf	0 1 1
Totals	12 5 29
Norwalk 22	G. F. P.
Garcia, rf	3 2 8
Whittaker, lf	0 0 0
R. Schneer, c	1 0 2
Taylor, rg	2 3 7
Beschman, lg	0 2 2
Shadie, lf	1 1 3
F. Schneer, lf	0 0 0
Totals	7 8 22

FREMONT CAGE HOPES READY FOR WHISTLE

Bob Cats and St. Joe Put in Licks to Polish Form

In the silent watches of the late afternoon and behind closed doors in the Fremont high gym and Educational hall, the Bob Cats and the Crimson Tide of St. Joe are putting in some fancy licks for the important doings in Findlay later in the week.

Despite the fact that both of these classy teams have been caging since early this winter, and have gone through touch schedules, the youngsters are all up on the bit and ready to go. The one worry on the parts of Coaches Oldfather and Hoffman is that the teams might go stale through over-training, and this condition will not be allowed to develop.

Both the Bob Cats and the Crimson are working on passing and practicing their plays. Their physical condition is fine, both outfits being on edge and without cripples.

The fact that each team has drawn tough customers for their start in the Findlay joust, is not bothering the coaches or the players. The Bob Cats mingle with the fast St. Rose team of Lima at 11 a. m., Friday, and an hour previous to this the St. Joe hopes trot out for a shot at the Junior Order outfit from Tiffin.

From the view of the man on the sideline, it appears that Fremont high has drawn the stiffest engagement of the pair, St. Rose having a great record.

St. Joe, although placed against a scrapping crew, stands a chance of bucketing out a victory. Junior Order has lost to teams that St. Joe has trimmed and if the Crimson gets off on its best foot, they are likely to sink the Tiffin outfit.

Both teams leave early Friday morning for the scene of the doings and the migration of fans that will follow in their wake will be like the line of vehicles in the inaugural parade.

That both teams will be ready and set to give their best is taken for granted. Should they come through and cop the Class A and B honors in Findlay, well that's another story. Should either of them win is another tale, but the fact that both F. H. S. and St. Joe have worked their way into the flight for district honors is plenty of honor for any city anywhere.

TOURNEY FIVES AWAITING TAP OF BIG GONG

Fremont and St. Joe Play- ers Ready; Great Crowd to Follow Teams

With battle plans completed and every man ready to give his best, the Fremont High Bob Cats and St. Joseph's Crimson Tide are resting on their oars, all set for the greatest efforts in their young lives—the big district tourney at Findlay Friday.

St. Joe, as every Fremonters knows is to take on the fast Junior Order team of Tiffin at 10 o'clock Friday morning and F. H. S. again all hands being acquainted with the fact, will tie into the powerful St. Rose team from Lima.

St. Joe is meeting a team that has dropped contests of teams they (St. Joe) have beaten this season and they stand a chance that is better than 50-50 to win. F. H. S. is taking on the most feared team in the Findlay tourney but they may strike one of their good streaks and pull this one out. If they do they will be out-standing company in the tourney for the class A honors.

Coach Oldfather will present his first string battle front, Newton, Ross George, Sackrider and Captain Miller to start the game, with plenty of reserve force on the bench.

Coach Hoffman will also trust to his regulars, Hoffman, Miller, Chudzinski, Widman and Mayle to start against the Junior Order and he will have a heap of power ready for the word on the sidelines where the reserve force will be anxiously awaiting the word.

If both Fremont teams, or just one of them comes through, the migration of Fremont fans to Findlay will be of record proportions, but the early morning trek out of here Friday by the fan army will also be one long line of motor cars.

FREMONT HIGH WINS VICTORY FROM BEANERS

St. Joe Cagers Go Down in Defeat in Play With Tiffin Team

Fremont High 23. St. Rose, Lima, 20.

Junior Order, Tiffin, 15. St. Joseph's High, 13.

Basketball dope suffered a rude upset in the opening rounds of the Findlay tourney this morning, when the powerful St. Rose high team of Lima fell before the Fremont Bob Cats, and the scrappy little St. Joe Crimson Tide dropped a close decision to the Junior Order outfit.

Fremont high, ranking second in the betting, raced to a sensational win after a tough battle. St. Joe, favorite to defeat the Juniors, although the speculation was about even as the teams took the arena, was off on bucket shooting and dropped a hot floor sketch.

Fremont high's victory places it in the semi-final bracket with the winner of the Bryan-Scott game, the contest being billed for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A great outpouring of Fremont fans was on hand to boost their home teams, the rooters and cheer leaders from both schools uniting to encourage the warriors as they battled for an advance on the road to a state title.

Fremont vs. Lima
The towering Fremont Hi team

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in new uniforms, got the bulge on the Lima crew in the initial period, running the count 8 to 3. George, Ross and Sackrider getting the range. The purple and white, with the entire team functioning on all gears, had the highly touted Lima Beans down 14 to 4 at the half, the opposition failing to score a field goal in the two first periods of play.

Newton, Fremont's lanky center, got in Dutch and off on the wrong foot, in the first three minutes of play, making three personal fouls. Coach Oldfather took the big fellow out and replaced him with Dare Devil Dave Holes, Freshman center. Dave played good ball. Newton again took a hand in the going in the final period but committed another offense and was sent to the showers.

In Third Quarter

St. Rose lagged 19 to 12 in the third quarter, Blanchard, star for Lima, opening up. The final quarter saw the Bob Cats playing it safe and the Allen county contingent resorting to its entire bag of tricks but to no avail. Blanchard scored his teams final points, hurling a fielder that was in the air when the gun barked.

George, Miller, Holmes, Ross and Sackrider worked well for Fremont. Blanchard was the big noise for Lima, but he started too late.

The lineup and summary:

Fremont 23	G	F	P
George, rf.	2	0	4
Ross, lf.	2	0	4
Brehm, lf.	1	0	2
Newton, c.	0	1	1
Holmes, c.	2	1	5
Sackrider, rg.	2	1	5
Miller, lg.	1	0	2

Totals 10 2 23

St. Rose 20 **G F P**

Blanchard, rf.	4	3	11
Townsend, lf.	1	3	5
Schneider, c.	0	1	1
Burke, c.	1	0	2
Palmer, rg.	0	1	1
Kerwin, rg.	0	0	0
Quinn, lg.	0	0	0

Total N 6 8 20

Referee—Bacon.

Umpire—Wilson.

BRYAN LACES SCOTT; WILL FACE FREMONT

Findlay and Bucyrus Play in Semi-Finals; Elmore Came Through

Upsets featured the opening day at the Findlay tourney, but every contest was a fight to the finish.

The defeat of the St. Joe team of Fremont, at the hands of the Junior Order team of Tiffin, supplied the early morning sensation, although a nip and tuck battle was expected. St. Joe lost 15 to 13 but, according to the number of tries for the basket, should have won. They were off the target and thereby lost.

Fremont High, defeating Lima St. Rose also supplied a big thrill and an upset. The Allen county outfit was figured as one of the favorites in the running, but they could not check the sweep of the tall Sandusky county team.

Little Elmore, runners up to St. Joe at Bellevue, also thrilled the audience, when it raced away with a victory against Delphos.

The Big Shock

The big shock of the day, however, developed when Bryan took on and whipped Scott High, of Toledo in a 19 to 13 fight that was hot after the first quarter. Scott, winners at Sandusky, expected to be in the finals or nothing at all. They allowed the Bryan folks to get a 11 to 2 margin in the first quarter and hung onto the lead that won them the ball game. First quarter leads appeared to be the deciding points in several of the tourney games, namely the St. Joe-Junior battle in which the latter obtained a 9 to 0 edge in the first quarter.

Findlay put Libby High of Toledo out of the running and enters into the semi-finals against Bucyrus this afternoon. Bryan, as every Fremonters knows, takes on Fremont at two o'clock this afternoon and the victor will meet the winner of the Findlay-Bucyrus layout for the district championship tonight.

The Bryan team is said to be tall and fairly smart, but none too speedy. They depend on the prowess of Bishop, a towering center who, like Bill Hosket of Stivers, is the main cog in his team's play.

Big Chance

Fremont, by defeating Bryan this afternoon can go to Columbus next week, even if it does not trim the winner of the Findlay-Bucyrus meeting, the runner-up being listed for a trip to the big finals for state honors.

The defeat of St. Joe took a lot of edge off the proceedings yesterday, but the followers of the crimson and gray stuck to their seats and united with the supporters of the purple and white to cheer Fremont high on to its great victory over St. Rose.

Hundreds of Fremont fans, taking advantage of the Saturday vacation, trekked to Findlay this afternoon to cheer the Bob Cats in their big effort. If Fremont comes through with Bryan, the outpouring of fans here will be a reminder of those football proceedings between Fremont and Sandusky when all hands turn out. As one wise cracker, who is a bit off on his basketball, but powerful on political history, said this morning: "McKinley trimmed Bryan in 1896 and Fremont ought to do it today!"

The supporters of the Bob Cats were lauding their favorites about the city last evening and "Dare Devil Dave" Holmes, former center on the F. H. S. Reserves, who was sent into the game against St. Rose after Eggle Newton had become all tangled up with a flock of personal fouls, was getting his share of the plaudits. The entire F. H. S. team was on the job and that's what makes work well done.

FREMONT DRAWS COLUMBUS NORTH

Fremont High vs. Columbus North High.

This contest was picked from the silk hat by Governor Y. Cooper at the big drawings for starters in the state cage finals in class A at Columbus this week. The teams meet at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Governor Cooper drew the tickets out of a silk hat at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon, according to a special wire to The Messenger, and he appears to have given the Bob Cats a break. Columbus North, according to the dope sheet, is not one of the outstanding teams in the scholastic cage finals.

In the upper bracket, Akron East High drew Zanesville. They play at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Findlay High slipped into a hot sketch, when it drew Stivers and Big Bill Hosket in state championship array. This pair of fives collided at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening and Canton fives collided at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening at Canton. McKinley plays Chillicothe High in the same bracket at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening.

The winners of the two brackets will clash at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the semi-finals and the championship tilt will be the big feature at 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Junior Order, winners of the class B title at Findlay, drew St. Mary's High of Lancaster, for its starter at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening.

DARK HORSES ENTERED IN TITLE TRIALS

Drop Final Go to Findlay
After Cinching Trip to
Columbus

Fremont high's towering cage
may not be champions of the
state of Ohio, as yet, but they are
the kings of the turnover running
up and down the floor.

They ended in second place at
the Indiana tourney and drew a
trip to Findlay. In the Hancock
county seat they also played sec-
ond fiddle to Findlay in the final
finals, but they get a trip to Co-
lumbus and are the "real" dark
horses of the final trials.

The Bob Cats entered the finals
by defeating the lanky Bryan team
11 to 9, and got a 10th place. They
hewed to Findlay in the finals, 23
to 17.

Their final at Findlay was at-
tended by a crowd that packed the
capacity of the gym and hundreds
of spectators outside. A great
representation of Fremonters
were on hand to boost for the
purple and white and also lend a
helping hand to Edith Gable,
member of the St. Joseph's high
team, who won a foul shooting
contest as part of the district in
Class B, same honor that was taken
by Duke Gering of St. Ann's last
year.

Fremont vs. Findlay

Going into the final game of the
Findlay tourney, the purple and white
failed to show any of the basket-
ball which they put on display in
the first two games. They
had the tension broken by figure-
ing that they were certain of a
place in the final. The game in
Columbus through their winning
of the Bryan game in the afternoon,
and soon after the Findlay
high quintets were held unable
to gain the lead although they
made more or less feeble efforts to
do so.

In the first period, Captain Clark
of Findlay dropped the initial
couple of turns, but with his
next shot and Spangler, one of his
running mates, added two points
with the same shot, the game was
won by Newton. Ross scored the only
counter of the session for the
purple and white, but a shot
from the charity line when Collins
fouled him.

A few moments later the count was 13 and
6. Newton having added the point
from the free shot zone, Collins
won from the same point. Captain Clark
of Findlay, however, added one
more point to the Findlay score
by Newton getting a pretty shot
from the floor for a two pointer.
For Findlay, Ross soon took up
the charity toss and then Clark added
one more, but Spangler dropped his
and was sent to the floor so by the referee.

Thrilling Shot

Findlay scored first in the third
period. Clark, however, a dandy
shot from the center of the floor, re-
shot that dropped through the net
without a touch. A few moments later
Miller added a nifty two pointer
for Fremont and Hendricks placed
another in the same spot with a
few feet after a foul. However,

George was not yet to get one in the
meantime, his effort making the count
10 and 10. Now, however, Captain Clark
was fouled shortly after the
start of the final session and made
good his shot. Then, when Holme,
dropped a pretty pass from George,
dropped it through the net from
the charity line.

Spangler added another point to
the Findlay total with a charity
toss, but the game was still in
doubt in a portion of the game
as a fielder to widen the margin.
Spangler, however, was of the
same kind and it was all over
but waiting for the gun.

Sackrider sent a fielder through
the hoop for Fremont but Clark
came back with one for Findlay
and Newton one for Fremont but
another shot of the same nature
the game ended a few seconds later.

Captain Clark of Findlay was the
bright light of the game with 13
points, including Findlay's big
vantage. For Fremont, Miller and
Holmes played outstanding ball
with the other two members of
team just going through the motions
although at times showing
class and skill which took
them to the final.

Findlays was a lucky team to get
to the final trials from Bryan in
the last minute and a half of
play when the Crawford
boys were beaten by Findlay
in the last minute of play by
dropping the ball they could carry off
the honors.

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Redman, f. 2 0 4
Hendricks, f. 1 0 2
Collins, g. 1 0 1
Henderson, g. 0 0 0
Shoemaker, g. 0 0 0

Totals 7 9 23
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Bryan was going into the final
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put away their toys for the rest of
the year.

With 1 minute and 21 seconds of
playing time left in the final quarter,
Captain Miller called for time
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MIRACLES OF SPORT



PUZZLED ABOUT JACK'S HANDLE

LONDON, May 17.—Believe it or
not, Jack Sharkey's real name is
John Zukuska. Sharkey may dis-
agree as he frequently has declared
he is Lithuanian, but John Con-
skey, but the Lithuanian legion
here has determined that this error
was made.

In a letter to British newspapers,
a member of the legion protested
the name, pointing out that Sharkey's Lithuanian name.

Consequently, the Lithuanians are
im-
possible combination of letters cal-
culated to make anybody familiar
with the language write in anguish, he said. "There
is no excuse for persistence in these
errors," he said, "and the prin-
ciples of international com-
munication require that some attention be paid
to the efforts to correct an annoying
error."

out a plan of campaign for the
short time, a plan which
will either sink the man or bring
it through the storm. The leader
of the leader was shown on the
first play when he sank
down the floor to get the ball
far side of the court where he
was a basket that put the purple
within reach of the hoop.

George was fouled on the
next play and sank the shot which
kept the purple and white mon-
sters present into a frenzy of
whatever it is basketball fans go
into in a game.

A Great Roar

The red which went up when
George sent the ball through the
hoop was as nothing when Newton,
who had scored only three points
with the other two members of
team, dropped the ball he carried
down to a spot near the baseline
line, to take a pass from Holmes
and through the net for the
marksmen which meant victory for
his team.

The purple were men pumped
from the veins, women some of
them, started to weep, boys and
girls, students from the Fremont
classrooms, all of whom took
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FREMONT HIGH BOB CATS PUZZLE MAKERS OF DOPE; REAL TOURNEY DARK HORSES

Show Poor in L. B. S., But Reach Great Heights in
Important Tourneys; Mingle Where Others
Failed to Tread

Speaking about in and out teams, the 1929-30 crew of Fremont high Bob Cats will go down on Ohio scholastic basketball records as being the katydid's knees, when it comes to being a team that just lumbers along the highway, stumbles now and then, but, like the pay car on the Erie railroad, it gets there just the same.

The big team, according to its present status, runner-up in the Findlay district event, should have won the championship in the L. B. S., but it did not, finishing fourth behind Norwalk, Sandusky and Tiffin. They played like the Rosies on night and gave a good imitation of Five Corners the next time out. They were beaten in league play by Tiffin, Sandusky and Norwalk, and, figuring the present form these outfits should have been at least two helpings of the proverbial duck soup for the Bob Cats.

Odds Against Them

They entered the Sandusky tourney way down in the betting, yet had the great, noble and tickled pink satisfaction of trimming the celebrated Blue Streaks, greatest bunch of over-rated cagers in the L. B. S., and brought untold joy to the hearts of their fellow countrymen in this section of the woodlands.

They lost to Scott, amid Sandusky cheers, but went to Findlay as runners-up, while Norwalk, league champions, Sandusky, Tiffin, all next in league finish order, stood idly by to rub their well known noses, scratch their ears and wonder why.

The same thing happened at Findlay. The long, raging Bob Cats stepped out, spilled St. Rose, tourney favorite, whipped the highly touted Bryan team in a sensational finish, but lost a close game to Findlay. They now make their next step toward Columbus where they enter the state title contests as runners-up from the Findlay joust. Can you beat it?

Perhaps it took a long, tough league schedule to get the Oldfather machine into its real form. Probably they have just struck their stride.

Great Following

Fremont fans follow the purple and white colors almost everywhere and the same applies to the delegations that rally to the colors of the St. Joe gamblers, team that should by all manner of form, be in the Class B doings at Columbus. A great fan army will be on hand at Columbus this week, where the noted in and out Bob Cats will be on hand, dark horses.

Fremont threatened to win the top honors at both Sandusky and Findlay, after being sidled outside in the betting, rain checkers, as somebody cracked wise.

There is no telling what they might do at Columbus. They might curl up and drop out in the first round, or they might hit into that powerful stride that placed them victors over Sandusky, St. Rose, Bryan, Waite and a few others and cause a lot of people and a couple of bands to sit up over the week-end when they come sailing in from the seat of Ohio learning. No derby is won until they slip under the wire, and no cage contest is completed until the final gun barks and they stop shooting at the old bucket on the wall. The Bob Cats have applied much as to punishment during the fag end of the cage season and the leading question now is how far will they go at Columbus?

Sandusky View

The sport's scribe on the Sandusky Register, also aroused to action over the great showing Fremont is making, has penned the following:

The great showing of the Fremont high five in the Sandusky and Findlay tourneys seems to have occasioned some surprise. No place greater than at Fremont, where, during the closing weeks of the regular basketball season, the town was giving more attention to its St. Joseph's high five than it did to Coach Oldfather's team. To the sideline observer who looked upon the Fremont high team in the Sandusky tourney, however, the real puzzlers were these: Where was Fremont high, with all its apparent material, during the pre-tournament season? Why did a team which appeared to have everything make so dismal a showing in the Little Big Seven race? In the sectional tourney here, Fremont had by far the rangiest and sturdiest outfit in evidence and it was a team well fortified with veteran material. Its reserve strength seemed exceptional. Its tournament showings must be gratifying to Fremont. But what happened to it during the regular season?

WALSH SEES NO COBB IN NEWCOMERS

By DAVIS J. WALSH

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NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—If Mendelsohn had been a baseball writer, he probably would have written his spring song about a young man from Fort Wayne who was going to make posterity forget Cobb, so there is something almost ominous about the fact that, to date, the silence on this subject has been well nigh deafening.

Somehow the matter dribbling in from the press boys at the training camps lacks the pompous note of other years; it is almost austere. If one didn't know better he would suspect that baseball had no confidence in its ability to produce another Cobb at every training camp.

The flowers that bloom in the spring seem to have turned out to be a lot of milk weed. The press boys haven't been writing about them because you can't make anything heroic out of the third out. All you can hope to do in a case of this kind is to point with pride to the young man's outstanding love for his mother.

The Giants, for example, thought they were ready to go with Eddie Marshall at second base but, so far, Edward hasn't hit anything except maybe the hay at night. Of course, this is all a bit premature and maybe the young man is only what they call a slow starter. But I notice that the slow starters in the training camp usually gathered speed as they go. In fact, they go very rapidly when the times comes.

However, the Yanks have declared themselves for an opening game line up that includes Chapman and Cooke, the St. Paul recruits, at third base and in left field respectively and Berger, the coast league hitter, seems to have caught on definitely in the outfield of the braves. At that, this is only bogey for the course. If you don't catch on with the braves, you go on back to Council Bluffs and start all over again.

Neither Chapman nor Cooke is hitting, the latter being so inept to date that he has the press boys writing their eulogies about the great speed he shows in going from first to second on a single. The tin

FREMONT BOB CATS OUTFIT OF MYSTERY

Selling Platers in One
Start and Derby Win-
ners in Others

Wobblers, Dark Horses, Bob Cats, Rain Checkers, Little Giants, Lucy Womes or whatever they may be dubbed in friendly spirit or in the type of fun now called "Sandusky" cheering or your grape sweetened with salt the liaison and bread of Ohio is awaiting with bated breath as to their showing in the state scholastic tourney.

The cage mysteries of northern Ohio, these same Bob Cats are causing the greatest stirring of dope that the old scholastic kettle ever received.

What will they do? is the leading question about the streets, business places and school house lobbies.

Yea, what'll they do?

It would take a bookmaker with the skill of the late Sam Yengen and a less hot player like "Bet a Million" Gates to work on this proposition.

They may go down there and act like a flock of selling platers in the derby, or they may step in, click and go away with the doings. That's them.

Two things are certain. The Bob Cats will either flatten out or else display that form that has made them mysterious five, the prowess of which is startling at times.

The Bob Cats play the ball. This isn't in them. It will either be break or make and that's that, as Nero said when he fractured a G string on his famous cello.

Up and Down

The team that has downed Bryan, Waite, Sandusky, Mansfield, St. Rose, while flashing its best form, and has drawn game after game, Sandusky, Scott, Findlay, Norwalk when not hitting on all gears, is absolutely the most sable of dark horses and they are a thorn in the side of the opposition that has no way of figuring them out on their past seasons.

The first string five is composed of veterans, George, Ross, Newton, Säckerider and Captain Jayson Miller, quintet that is immune from excitement, having had four years of experience.

An old performance on a cage floor is another bad game for them and nothing disturbs the even tenor of their ways. If they get off on the right foot, it's too bad for the opposition. If the wrong foot is put out first, why that's just something that they have experienced time after time.

In "stacking" against Columbus North, their first opposition, and maybe their last, the Bob Cats are not taking on the stiffest team in the tourney.

A good start will put them in the semi-finals and, figuring them as best they can be figured, two good starts may put them in the finals where, be it the Stivers crew and Bill Hosket, the opposition will have to neck out to beat them to the wire, if they click.

If a team of weight in this case and a lot of folks will huddle up in the Fremont neighborhood just to see these cage mysteries of Bob Oldfather's stage either a parade down the road to success or just curl up and tell the folks that they just went to Columbus for the auto ride.

CAGERS, ORATORS FACE BIG CHANCE

Fremont High School students and their friends will have ample reason for going out of town Friday. At 3 o'clock, the Fremont High basketball team and the Columbus North crew clash in the first game of the tourney first at the Coliseum in Columbus, and an hour after the start of this game Fremont High debaters meet the Troy high team at Ohio Wesleyan University in the last game of the Ohio State Debating league.

If Fremont orators win at Delaware, they will be matched with the winner of the Ravenna-Canton McKinley meet. These two schools with Fremont and Troy are the only ones left in the league and the winners meet at Columbus the following week for the state championship.

Coach William Timmons has been holding practice sessions almost daily with his squad. Fremonters in the semi-finals at Delaware are Robert Anderson, captain, Hazel Garver and Virginia Reeves.

POLISHING UP FOR DEBUT IN HIGH SOCIETY

Oldfather Gives His Men a Workout; Season's Last Drill

After two days of rest, Bob Oldfather's leaning towers from Pisa and other parts, got down to their last practice grind of the season last evening.

Two weeks ago they worked for the Sandusky tourney. Last week they prepped for Findlay. Now they are working for the mecca of every high school cager's ambition in the state of Ohio—a shot at the real big shot of scholastic basketball, a state championship. Prior to all this work and mighty hard work it was, too, they labored for fourth position in the L. B. S.

Speaking about Horatio Alger and his famed story, "From Newsboy to President," these tall suckers from Croghan street, have Humpty Dumpty looking like a rubber ball, when it comes to bounding in and out of the lime-light when the old spotter has the proper focus.

Norwalk, Tiffin and Sandusky are "regusted" with the "proposition," as Amos and Andy would say, but up in our halls of learning the band is playing "Stumbling Along" and they sure are doing it, stumbling and falling into the river of doubt and coming up with their hip boots full of black bass.

Included in the group of purple cagers who are taking their last practice of the season unless Fremont wins the state title and is sent to London to enter the disarmament tourney that is now entering the finals, are Captain J. W. Miller, Newton, Ross, Redding, Brehm, Binkley, Shamp, Holmes, Sackrider and Happy New Year George.

This is the crew on which the hopes of the Fremont rooters are based and speculation is running rife as to what will be what when the Bob Cats meet who is who. They tie into Columbus North, outfit that is anything but a world beater, and if they do the false tooth drag and click when the big bite is offered, they should smack the Columbus delegates right under the butt of the ear.

The team will work along its same practice lines, there is no question regarding that, their cage habits here of late being plenty good enough to make such partakers of basket food as Bryan, Sandusky, Mansfield, St. Rose and a couple of others eat Lima beans with their knives.

If they carry on as they have been taught, hook up like they have on several auspicious occasions here of late, nobody will have any complaint to offer. It will be plenty good to carry them far on the tourney journey. If they just go out there to be there because they're there, the same folks will have no cause for complaint.

But all hands from the president down to the juggler of the waste basket will be with them from gong to gong. They have it coming, these great big surprise packages in purple and white.

ALL FREMONT TURNS TOWARD STATE CENTER

Bob Cats Leave for Columbus Early; All Set for Title Action

Well, at this time tomorrow, a lot of us are going to be sitting up there taking a slant on the meeting of Fremont High with Columbus North in the opening class A event at the state finals in Columbus.

The coliseum will be clogged with humanity from the capital city all, naturally, boozing for the North crew, but let it be said right here and now, a flock of burgers from this branch of the Sandusky river will be on hand to send up a cheer for the most unusual team that ever played under the folds of the purple and white.

Columbus North made a poor showing in its league and so did Fremont for that matter. Columbus North got into the tourney via the prowess of battle while the Bob Cats just leaned on the swinging door and fell through. Fremont has trimmed Mansfield on two occasions this season while the Tigers from Bunk Ross's new location took a jolt out of North high, winning 26 to 24. The North crew has only won 13 out of 24 games played this season while Fremont has only lost to Sandusky, Norwalk, Scott, and Findlay and, on the other hand was trampled on the prone forms of such heroic performers as Sandusky, Mansfield, Bryan, Waite and others.

Figuring It Out

The sharers who follow the fortunes of the teams have wasted much pencil and paper in attempting to figure Fremont out, but they have failed to compile their sum total. If Fremont licks the Northmen they will enter the semi-finals and a flock of the wise betters are figuring on this very thing.

Fremont ought to do the stunt, playing its best form and showing the class that downed St. Rose and Bryan, but if they falter and slip into one of their well known slumps it's going to be just too bad.

It is a known fact that the Bob Cats can step out one night and make the Rosenblums ankle fast and the next time out they would have a tough time with Riley Center or Bogart's Corners. Here's hoping they hit one of their good streaks during the entire Columbus joust.

Coach Oldfather and his outfit will leave Fremont for the scene of the doings at 8 o'clock Friday. They will probably travel via one of the big palace school buses. The rooters, flocks of them, will follow in the wake of the team in autos while not a few who have not cars will work the rail lines and even some will ride the brake beams on the Hocking.

Whether or not they come through to the finals and give Stivers the shivers remains to be seen, but the outfit that ties into the Bob Cats going as best they can will have to play some real championship basketball to nose them out of the proceedings.

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PURPLE AND WHITE COLORS
unfurled in the breeze in honor of
the Fremont Bob Cats who are
making their fight in the cage finals
at Columbus this afternoon, ap-
peared on the flag poles in the
downtown business section this
morning.

CLASSY TEAMS TOE LINE AT STATE JOUST

Attention of Ohio Focused on Group of Cagers at Columbus

Trained to the minute and anxious for the gong, 16 Ohio scholastic basketball teams toed the scratch in the Coliseum at Columbus this afternoon for the early rounds of the annual state tourney that will create Class A and B champions for the season of 1929-30.

These 16 teams, divided evenly in the two division, are the survivors of regional and district tourneys held in every section of the state and have emerged into the annual classic over the prone forms of hundreds of other teams in Ohio.

Fremont, as everybody in the northwestern district is aware, entered the tourney as runner-up to Findlay and is one of the real dark horses in the race for titular honors.

The tall Bob Cats or "Miracle Men" started this afternoon at 3 o'clock, facing the Columbus North outfit. Neither team won the championships in its respective school loop, but the purple and white contingent carries the most impressive record.

Fremont, of course, is the favorite in the northern section and has a great following, hundreds from this section wheeling their way to the side lines for the start this afternoon. Columbus North, however, has its backing in the old home town, Columbus, and there you have the setting for the opening number on the class A bill.

Semi-Finals

The winner of the Columbus-Fremont game will meet the winner of the Zanesville-Akron East contest in the semi-finals. In the other bracket Canton-McKinley and Chillicothe hook up at 8:30 o'clock tonight and the semi-finals in this arrangement will be worked out against the winner of the Stivers-Findlay session. The finals are the big event of Saturday night.

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Fremont has another representative in the championship titles, Ambrose Gabel, cager from St. Joseph's high, being entered in the class B basketball shooting contest, having his chance at the Findlay tourney. This year each shooter will be given a chance to sink 50 tries instead of the usual 35.

FREMONTERS IN SEMI-FINAL

Lanky Bob Cats Win Opener, 21 to 19 in Eyelash Finish; George Scores Big Shot; Meet Akron East Cagers Today for Chance in Finals

COLUMBUS, March 22.—(Special)—Bob Oldfather's Bob Cats, representatives of Fremont high school at the state basketball tourney Friday afternoon took an advance step, entered the semi-finals and set a delegation of purple and white followers wild with joy, when they eliminated Columbus North by a score of 21 to 19.

The contest was won by another of those eyelash finishes that have characterized the play of the Fremonters in district and regional tournaments. The Bob Cats meet Akron East high in the semi-finals this afternoon.

Hap George, rugged and rollicking forward of the Purple, was the

hero of the game in the eyes of the Fremont fans, for it was his shot in the fourth period that gave the winning edge to his team, but Captain J. W. Miller, the Townsend flash, was not overlooked by the followers of the team, who congested in the lobby of the Fort Hayes hotel, where the team was quartered following the game.

It was a beautiful play by the sturdy cage captain which made possible the winning shot for George. On a jump ball near the Fremont end of the floor, Miller went high into the air to take the ball from the hands of McClain, North's colored center, dribbled away, pivoted like a flash and passed to George, at the side of the floor, who then sank the ball for the two points which proved to be the winning marker.

Well Executed

It was a wonderfully executed play and drew the plaudits of the crowd, regardless of their team affiliations. There was just one minute and 19 seconds of playing time left, when the ball slipped through the net and North was without a chance to score. During the balance of the game the Fremonters gave a real exhibition of freezing the ball, keeping it in motion regardless of the play displayed by North.

In addition to Miller and George, credit must be given every one of the Fremont players in the game, especially the sophomore, Holmes, who played the greatest ball of his short career. Newton, while missing a number of shots, played an outstanding game, with Ross, Brehm and Sackrider also displaying ability which make the chances of the team this afternoon look considerably brighter than was expected.

Fremont Counts First

The game started with George dropping two shots through the net from the charity line on two fouls by Hunt, North forward. Howels, North guard, knotted the count with a pretty shot from near the center of the floor and Hunt added two to give his team the lead.

Newton then sank an overhand

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TRIGGER GIRL FACING DEATH FROM VERDICT

**Irene Shrader Unmoved
by Conviction of First
Degree Murder**

NEW CASTLE, Pa., March 22.—(INS)—Irene Shrader, blonde mother of a 4-year old son, was convicted here last night of the first degree murder of Corp. Brady Paul of the state highway police. The verdict was reached by the jury on the second ballot in almost record time for a case of this character.

Despite the appeal of Thomas W. Dickey, defendant's chief council, for mercy, none was included by the 10 men and two women who passed on the young woman's fate. As a consequence it is mandatory

on the part of Judge Lawrence Hildebrand, who presided at the trial, to impose the death sentence. The jurors were out only two hours and 43 minutes. The first vote, it was reported, was for conviction, but



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shot to even the count and Fremont took the lead when the lanky center made two from the free line.

Stark for North, tied the count with his fielder, and Ross' shot put Fremont to the fore again with a two-point margin. Hunt added two for North and Stark with a free toss on Sackrider's foul, put North in front by a single point as the quarter ended.

Fremont scored two points in the second period on a fielder by George, and North added three, a fielder by Howels and a charity toss by Gunnell. In the third period each team scored five points, Sackrider and Miller getting baskets from the field and Miller a free toss for Fremont, and Stark and McClain getting two-pointers and Hunt a single point for North.

Fremont Trails

The final period opened with Fremont trailing 16 to 18. After two plays, Ross was replaced by George, who had been taken out late in the third session. Nearly five minutes of play passed with neither team scoring, Fremont missing seven shots and North three before Sackrider threw the shot that knotted the count at 19 all. McClain then sent one of two shots from the foul line into the bucket and it looked as if Fremont had lost a chance, but Newton came through with a single charity toss on two chances after Howels' foul, and then came the play where Miller and George co-operated to give the Purple the winning margin.

Columbus newspaper men and many others who witnessed the game, as well as the Akron East high game with Zanesville, are of the opinion that Fremont will go to the finals by winning from Akron this afternoon.

The summary:

Fremont 21	G. F. P.
George, rf	2 2 6
Ross, lf	1 0 2
Newton, c	1 3 5
Miller, rg	1 2 4
Sackrider, lg	2 0 4
Brehm, lf	0 0 0
Holmes, c	0 0 0

Totals	7 7 21
Columbus North 19	G. F. P.
Stark, rf	2 2 6
Hunt, lf	2 1 5
McClain, c	1 1 3
Howels, rg	2 0 4
Gunnell, lg	0 1 1
Hagans, lf	0 0 0

Totals 7 5 19
Referee, Wilson; Umpires, Ruff and Long.

HE NEVER MISSES

Among the interested rooters for the purple and white at Columbus Saturday afternoon was William (Bunk) Ross who came up from Mansfield to boost for the Bob Cats. "Bunk," as everybody knows was former mentor for the athletes at Fremont High school and he was among the scores who gave them a lusty cheer and a hearty hand.

