

1968 Fremont Night Relays...

Ross To Defend Invitational Night Relays Title Friday

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Fremont Ross for the first time won its own Night Relays a year ago and they will be aiming for a repeat Friday night. The Little Giants will play host to five other schools in the eighth renewal of the Night Relays.

All competition will be on a relay basis, even field events. In the field events the best performance of each of three competitors will be totaled.

The Invitational meet is sponsored by the American Legion. Richard Sherman, athletic director for Ross high school, will be the meet manager. Field events open at 5 p.m. with the running events getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Sherman indicated the participating schools and their coaches will be: Ross, Rod Lash; Bowling Green, Maurice

Croft; Oregon Clay, Dick Baumgartner; Findlay, Hal Paul; Fostoria, Art Burton; Port Clinton, Joe Lukac.

Ross stands a good chance of a repeat with greater strength this year in events such as the shot put and sprints. The one-

two combination of Senior Jeff Wise and sophomore Tom Nahm could materialize into a shuttle hurdle threat if two others can be found to team with them.

In the various running relays involving dash men and sprinters, Lash indicated Tuesday he plans to pick his spots. "I haven't decided yet which events to load. I will try to put my horses together."

A year ago Ross scored 47½ points to top Port Clinton's second place 37 points for the championship. In that championship effort the Little Giants placed in all but the 880-yard

relay. This event was a victim of strategy as Coach Lash elected to load the mile relay rather than the 880-yard event. It paid off with a first place in the mile relay. In addition to the mile Ross last season took first place in the shot put, 440-yard relay, shuttle hurdles and sprint medley.

Three-fourths of that winning 440-yard team returns — Rusty Williams, Jon Schwartz and

Steve Parker. Wise is the only returnee from the shuttle hurdle champion, as is Dave Rhodes on the shot put trio. The same trio as the 440-yard events returns in the sprint medley and the records for these events are:

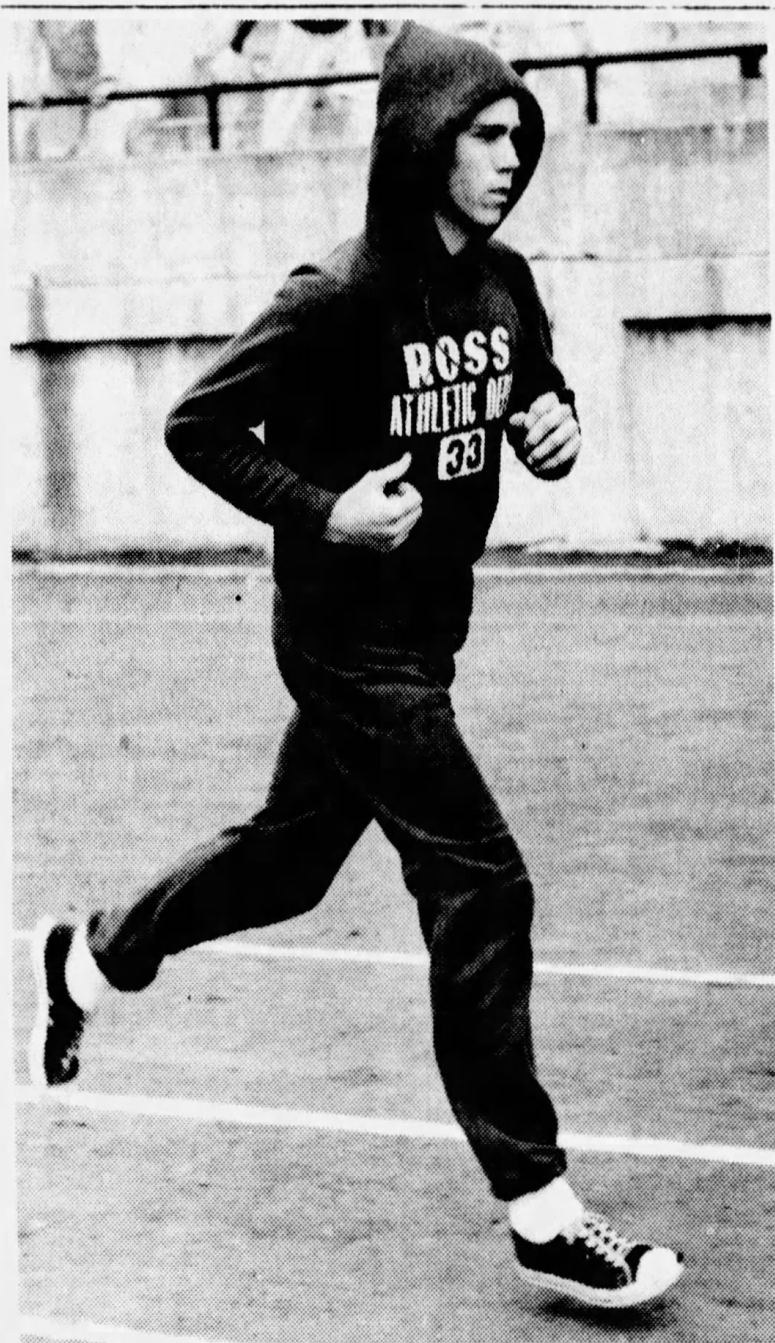
Shot Put (Findlay, 148-2), discus (Port Clinton, 415-1½), high jump (Port Clinton, 16-10), long

jump (Fostoria, 60-3½), pole vault (Clay, 33-9), 440-yard relay (Fremont, 45-2), Two Mile Relay (Bowling Green, 8:23.7), Shuttle Hurdle (Clay, 35-2), sprint medley (Bowling Green, 1:37.2), distance medley (Clay, 8:07.3), 880-yard relay (Fremont, 1:33.7), mile relay (Bowling Green, 3:34.2).

Team scoring will be six points for first, four points for second, three for third, two for fourth

and one for fifth.

The team championship trophy is presented again this year by Whirlpool Corporation. Second place trophy is the donation of Ross Boosters. A trophy is presented to the winner of each event. Donors of these trophies are Crown Rubber, Mosser Construction, Union Carbide, Fremont Gun & Athletic Supply, Serwin's Restaurant and Pfisterer's.



TRACKSTER OF WEEK — Fremont Ross coaches have honored Chuck Cheek as the outstanding Little Giant Trackster of the Week. The track coaches this year will once more pick an outstanding boy each week for his contribution to the team. Cheek is the Trackster for the first week of the season during which he set a Ross two-mile record of 10:51.5. He was substituting in an unfamiliar event when he set the record. The time broke the year-old mark of 10:56.7 set by Greg Goodwin. Cheek will be a hope for Ross tonight in its own Night Relays. (News-Messenger Photo)



Ross' Big Man Dave Rhodes Has Big Day With Top Performance Of Night Relays In Shot Put, Discus



THREE RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED

Ross Successfully Defends Night Relay Title

BAD START DIFFERENCE

Clyde Spoils Streak Baseball Inaugural

CLYDE Opening of the baseball season was a rocky one for Fremont St. Joseph's Crimson Streaks Friday as they fell to Clyde 10-2. It was the second victory in three games for the host team.

The key to our success will be pitching," St. Joseph coach Dennis Fearnow had evaluated before the season Friday the "Crimson Streaks" didn't have he pitching Clyde erupted for six runs on only two hits in the first inning to seal victory early. Pitching wildness was a contributing factor. Jim Rusch opened on the mound and walked six batters in the two innings he worked. In the two innings he allowed seven runs.

After that bad first inning St. Joseph settled down to play Clyde on relatively even terms. For the early innings St. Joseph also had the problem of Clyde pitcher Ray Baker to handle. Baker worked only three in the first inning, allowed one hit, struck out three and walked none. Twenty-four of the first 25 pitches thrown by Baker were strikes. He threw only two balls in the three innings he worked. Baker also swung the bat with his second home run of the season. For St. Joseph John Ash and Tony Bigalia each lined doubles. Mark Fultz



CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY — Two seniors who played a key part in the Fremont Ross championship repeat at the Night Relays held the trophy donated by Whirlpool Corporation. Holding the trophy are Rusty Williams and Steve Parker, surrounded by teammates. Will-

ST. JOSEPH GOLFERS LOSE THREE STROKES ARE DIFFERENCE

HURON — Victory number one escaped Fremont St. Joseph golf team the second time Friday. The Crimson Streaks came within three strokes of a tie in falling Huron 5 1/2-3 1/2. The two teams each won two matches with Huron surviving on the strength of its first two golfers.

Huron's Dan Hunter was medalist with an even par 36 and number two man Wayne Hardy, a freshman who shot a 39. Each of these Huron golfers won two points.

Dave Riley and Ken Barnwald of St. Joseph bounced back to win three and one-half points in the number three and four matches.

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Fremont successfully defended its Invitational Night Relays title and was the author in two of three new meet records Friday night; but the aftermath story centered on the concluding mile relay.

The climax of that event had the fans on their feet as Steve Parker ran one of the finest quarter-miles of his career. For the second time in the meet he had overcome Bowling Green's Rod Helm on the final leg of a relay. Helm in those relays ran 40-yard segments timed unofficially at :50.5 and :50.1 and lost ground to Parker in both.

With finishing flourishes Parker had given Ross first place finishes in the sprint medley and the mile relay. A strong quarter of sophomore John Taylor closed the gap at the end of three quarters but Parker took the baton for the final leg nearly 10 yards behind Helm. He was unofficially timed in :48.9 for the last 400 yards of relay.

The work of the first three runners, Taylor, Jon Schwartz and Ron Readon, plus the Parker climax added up the fastest mile relay run in eight annual Night Relays, the greatest mile run by a Ross team and the greatest ever witnessed in Harmon Stadium.

Final clocking of the mile relay was 3:32.4. This topped the Night Relays record of 3:34.2 held by Bowling Green. It erased from the record books the Ross school record of 3:32.6 run last year by the combination of Rusty Williams, Bob Mackey, Jon Schwartz and Parker in District.

Also going by the wayside was the Harmon track record of 3:32.9 which has stood since 1938. That mark was set by a Sandusky quartet of Gant, Johnson, Reidy and Weyer.

For the meet Ross won six events, failed to place third or better in only the pole vault of 12 events. This gave the winning Little Giants a total of 55 points. Points scored by other teams in the Relays were Findlay, 41; Port Clinton, 36; Bowling Green, 29; Oregon Clay, 16; and Fostoria, 14.

In addition to the mile relay, records fell in sprint medley and pole vault. Ross set the

sprint medley mark with the combination of Rusty Williams, Larry Sheffield, Schwartz and Parker. They were clocked in 1:35.8 to top the 1:37.2 record held by Bowling Green.

The third record was a 34-foot total in the pole vault by Bowling Green. This bettered the 33-9 previously held by Oregon Clay. Vaulting on the record-setting team were Manley, 11-9; Shank, 11-0; and Deweyer, 11-3.

Ross' other first places were

in the discus, 440-yard relay, shuttle hurdles and distance medley.

One of the strongest individual performances of the meet was turned in by Ross junior Dave Rhodes. Rhodes had his own personal high and the individual bests of the Relays in shot put and discus. Rhodes put the shot 50-2 1/4 and tossed the discus 134-3. He led the Ross discus victory which included throws by Roger Billman, 112-5, and Randy Good, 114-2.

Relays Summary

DISCUS — Ross (Billman, Rhodes, Good), 360-10; Clay, er.; 34-0 (new Night Relays record); Findlay, 334-1; Bowling Green, 329-11; Port Clinton, 326-1.

BROAD JUMP — Bowling Green (Halm, Ballard, Zellers), 58-9 1/4; Findlay, 57-1; Fremont, 55-11 1/4; Port Clinton, 54-3.

HIGH JUMP — Port Clinton, 16-9; Fremont, 16-0; Oregon Clay, 16-0; Findlay, 15-10; Bowling Green, 15-1.

SHOT PUT — Findlay (Hickman, McKinnel, Foltz), 137-6; Bowling Green, 125-10 1/4; Fremont, 124-10 1/4; Port Clinton, 123-2 1/4; Clay, 110-5 1/4.

400 RELAY — Fremont (Wise, Ferguson, Schwartz, Parker), 4:53; Port Clinton, 4:56; Findlay, 4:52; Bowling Green, 4:56; Clay, 4:52.

TWO MILE RELAY — Findlay, 8:35.4; Fremont, 8:46.5; Fostoria, 8:58.4; Port Clinton, 9:25.4; Bowling Green, 9:29.3.

SHUTTLE HURDLE — Fremont (Nahm, Pitts, Daniels, Wise), 56.9; Port Clinton, 57.2; Fostoria, 59; Clay, 1:03.8; Findlay, 1:04.8.

SPRINT MEDLEY — Fremont (Williams, Sheffield, Schwartz, Parker), 1:35.8; (New Night Relays record); Port Clinton, 1:39.5; Findlay, 1:40.9; Fostoria, 1:46; Clay, 1:47.

DISTANCE MEDLEY — Fremont (Cheek, Holman, Taylor, Geib), 8:21.1; Port Clinton, 8:22; Findlay, 8:29; Bowling Green, 8:34; Clay, 8:43.9.

880 RELAY — Findlay, 1:36.6; Fremont, 1:36.7; Clay, 1:37.5; Fostoria, 1:42.2; Bowling Green, 1:43.7.

POLE VAULT — Bowling

Green Springs Pulls Bye In Tournament

BETTSVILLE—Green Springs drew a first round bye in drawings for the Class A baseball sectional tournament at Bettsville. The tournament opens April 22 when Old Fort meets Hopewell-Loudon.

Lakota plays Bettsville, April 25, and Green Springs meets the Old Fort-Hopewell winner April 30. Bettsville sectional final game will be held Thursday, May 2.

Votes Expansion

CHICAGO (AP) — The National League will expand to 12 teams next season and, like the already expanded American League, probably will have divisional playoffs.

The NL originally had a target of no later than 1971 for expansion to 12 teams but was spurred to the earlier date by the fast-moving American League.

Warren Giles, president of the NL, left no doubt here Friday, at a league meeting, that his circuit will follow suit in splitting into two divisions.

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