

1921 State meet...

F. H. S. Athletes Invade Columbus For Big Honors

Captain Towner Smith, Wendler, Boyer, Ross and Thurn accompanied by Coach Warren Vanorsdal, left on Thursday evening for Columbus, where on Saturday that quintet of star athletes will mingle with the class of the state in a big meet held on the O. S. U. field. Smith, champion high school middle distance dasher in the state, should win in his events; Wendler should show in the broad jump; Boyer ought to do well in the weights, and with Ross topping the timber in the hurdles in his usual style, and Thurn working the mile as he is capable of doing, F. H. S. ought to come back with a few points, some medals and a few ribbons. Several rooters accompanied the team to the capital city.

SMITH AND ROSS ENTER FINALS AT STATE MEET

Little Fremont high, all surrounded up by larger arrays of athletic talent at Columbus, where the greatest track meet in the history of high schools in the state is being held, didn't do half bad. Amos Boyer, Thurn, Harold Wendler, "Bunk" Ross and Capt. Towner Smith went down with Coach Vanorsdal to take a fling with scores of other schools. A wire from Student Manager Elmer Boehringer, who accompanied the trackers to the state capital, Saturday, shows that Fremont didn't do half bad in the preliminaries. Capt. Smith, by far the best middle distance dasher in state high school ranks, qualified in the 440 and 220 and "Bunk" Ross was up in the semi-finals in the century dash and the 220. Smith's time in the 220 dash was 22 3-5 seconds which is whirling over the cinders some for a high school lad.

According to Manager Boehringer, with Smith and Ross going great guns Fremont will have a chance to finish third or perhaps second. East Tech of Cleveland, had ten men qualify and Lakewood high was next with six men. Akron west high came across with three men and Fremont was next. The big final events will be carried out Saturday and some glowing reports are expected from Columbus by supporters of the purple and white squad.

FREMONT HIGH SQUAD MAKES FINE SHOWING

Fremont high's mighty five, Wendler, Ross, Smith, Boyer and Thurn went down to Columbus Saturday and in field and track competition with the best that Ohio can afford, finished fourth in line and annexed 14 points, which is certainly going some as far as honor is concerned. Many schools sent down young armies of athletes and didn't get any place, but Fremont sent down five men and four of them got places.

East Tech of Cleveland, won the Class A high school events with 38½ points; Lakewood of Cleveland, was second with 23; Akron filed into third rank with 17½, and along came Fremont with its hard won 14 points. Sandusky also did well with small numbers and finished one point behind Fremont.

Towner Smith won the 440 from a speedy field and he stepped the distance in 51½, which beats his old mark of 52 2-5 and sets a figure for future F. H. S. middle distance steppers to fling their spikes at.

"Smithy" also showed well in the 220 and was tied for second place. Wendler was third in the broad jump with a lunge of 20 feet 5½ inches, which is said to be a record performance inasmuch as it beat the local record made by Ed O'Farrell 12 years ago. "Windy" also turned in a trick in the pole vault when he tied for third position at the height of 10 feet, 4 inches. Amos Boyer whipped the javelin for a distance of 137 feet, 19 inches and got second mention. It was some work for the victors to carry out and every man but Thurn got a place and this miler made 'em hurry to beat him. Smith was high point winner with 7½ to his credit, Wendler next with 3½, and along came Boyer with his 3 getters. The boys received medals and ribbons for their work and came home reporting a fine time and great treatment. Fremont's next and final trial will be at the L. B. S. doings down at Oberlin next Saturday.

