

1949 State Meet...

Nighswander Picks State Track Finals

To Miss Ross "Senior Day"

Ed Nighswander would like to be in Fremont Friday, "Senior Day" at Ross high school, but the Little Giants' star track performer has decided to participate in the state finals at Columbus instead.

Nighswander, who will enter three events, was in doubt whether to make the trip but he informed Coach Les Binkley yesterday that he had decided in favor of the track meet.

Meet Opens Friday

The Ross senior won the 120-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low hurdles in the District meet. He also was second in the broad jump, which will give him a full weekend of activity in Columbus. The meet opens Friday and concludes Saturday.

Nighswander set a new District record in the high hurdles, going the distance in 15.1 seconds, four seconds less than a record which had existed for 12 years.

He was the only Ross athlete to qualify for the state finals.

They Deliver Under Pressure

Stephens, Henrich Come Through In Clutch

By JOE REICHLER

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Undoubtedly two of the greatest "money players" in baseball today are Vern Stephens of the Boston Red Sox and Tommy Henrich of the New York Yankees.

They may not compare to Ted Williams in sheer power, or to Stan Musial in all-around brilliance but, in the clutch, they're in a class by themselves.

Stephens is hitting only around .270, but he leads the majors in home runs and runs batted in. Henrich, whose nine-year batting average is only .282, gets most of his hits when they count. He's hitting .320 now, is second in home runs and up among the leaders in runs batted in.

No. 11 for Stephens

Each has been responsible for a half a dozen victories for his club. Stephens has 11 home runs and half game spread between the

four of them broke up ball games. Three times this year Stephens batted in five runs in a game.

Both Stephens and Henrich hit homers yesterday to help their teams win. Vern cracked his 11th into the right field bullpen with Ted Williams on base to pave the way for Boston's 4-0 triumph over Detroit. It came in the third inning with two out.

Henrich's blast came in the first inning, with two mates aboard to enable the Yankees to overcome a 2-0 deficit. The Yankees went on from there to win over the St. Louis Browns, 10-3.

The Boston Braves took undisputed possession of first place in the National league by defeating the Cubs in Chicago, 11-4. It was the only game in the National league. The victory opened up a White Sox into third place, a game

Braves and the runner-up New York Giants.

Bickford Wins Sixth

Vern Bickford allowed 10 hits but went all the way for the Braves to register his sixth victory against two defeats. Marv Rickert paced the Braves at bat with a home run, single and double and drove in five runs. Walt Dubiel was the loser.

Randy Gumpert hurled a three-hitter against Washington as the Chicago White Sox whipped the Nats, 3-1. After Cass Michaels had tied up the game with an eighth inning home run, the Sox tallied twice in the ninth against Joe Haynes to break the deadlock.

Singles by rookies Gus Zernial and Jerry Scala brought in the winning runs. The triumph put the White Sox into third place, a game

Veeck Still Confident; Wynn

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Nighswander Faces Mark Of 14.6 In State Track Finals

Ross high school's Ed Nighswander, who has been setting new track marks with regularity this spring, faces a Herculean task this week in the state finals at Columbus.

Ed's achievement of setting Buckeye league, District, Ross high and Harmon Field records in the 120-yard high hurdles was small

British Meet Finds Oldsters At Their Best

PORTMARNOCK, Ireland, May 25—AP—The British Amateur golf championship is an "old man's tournament."

If you're in the 70's and have a

potatoes compared to the job he faces in the state meet.

The Ross senior's fastest mark in the high hurdles is 15.1 seconds, turned in last Saturday in the District meet at Bowling Green. The previous record was 15.5 seconds.

Two Hold It

The state record, however, is 14.6 seconds, held jointly by Jackson of Cleveland East Tech and Sistek, of Cleveland Rhodes. Jackson turned in the time in 1942, with Sistek equalling it in 1946.

That is one-half second below Nighswander's District performance, and the Ross athlete, only local boy to qualify for the state meet, will have to be at peak performance if he is to enter his name in the record book.

The 220-yard low hurdles record is 24 seconds, which appears to be far beyond Nighswander's reach. His best time in that event is 25.4.

8 County Athletes In State Track Meet

Opens Friday In Columbus

Eight Sandusky county high school boys will be in Columbus this weekend as the track season comes to a close with the state finals.

Locally, eyes will be focused on Ed Nighswander as the Ross senior record-breaker makes his final appearance in the Little Giants' colors.

Nighswander will participate in the 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles and the broad jump. The preliminaries in the hurdles will be held Friday afternoon, while the broad jump is slated for Saturday in Class A.

All running events with the exception of the mile, half mile and mile relay will be held for Class A athletes Friday. Field events are slated Saturday.

The shot put, pole vault and broad jump preliminaries in Class B will be held Friday.

Nighswander broke the District record in the high hurdles when he negotiated the 120 yards in 15.1 seconds. The state record is 14.6.

Green Springs will have entries in the Class B finals. Bill Garland will compete in the high jump, Gene Hasselbach in the half mile and 440-yard runs, and Tom Hasselbach in the low hurdles. The Bobcats' also will have a team in the mile relay race.

Clyde high school will send to the Class B finals Tom Miller, pole vaulter; Mike Aman, high jumper, and Bob Fox, 100-yard dash man.

Gibsonburg, like Ross, will have only one entry. He will be Paul Herman, discus thrower.

John Titsworth, faculty manager of athletics at Ross, will be the official in the discus throw. This is the fifth straight year that Titsworth has been selected.

Tribe Flop Not Doby's Fault; Gene Bearden To Hurl Tonight

Homer In Washington More Than 500 Feet

By JACK HAND
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Flop is the word for Cleveland's first eastern trip despite the long distance clouting of Larry Doby. Only the home run hitting of the talented Negro outfielder saved the Tribe from complete disaster. He couldn't do it all.

The world champions left their lake shore wigwam May 11 after whipping the New York Yankees in a night game. They were in second place. No matter what happens tonight when they wind up their tour in Washington, they'll go home in seventh place. No wonder Bill Veeck wants to start the season all over again.

They have a 2-6 record against the Red Sox, Yanks, A's and Senators. Doby took care of one victory all by himself with a 450-foot plus homer, believed by many to be the longest ever hit at Yankee stadium.

Last night Cleveland lost again, although Doby hit another. This time it was a long drive that cleared the right-center field score board at Washington. If it hadn't been for that, Sid Hudson would have had a shutout. As it was he won, 6-2.

Exceeds All Others

Some observers called it the granddaddy of all home runs. The ball certainly went farther than the other booming homers he hit in Yankee stadium at Houston, Tex., in an exhibition game and a 450-foot clout here last spring. It was Doby's fifth homer of the season.

The ball traveled over a 16-foot

Dayton Ordered To Pay Injured Player Bonus, 2 Weeks Pay

COLUMBUS, O., May 26.—^{AP}—Outfielder John M. Bachar was awarded an \$850 bonus and two weeks' salary from the Dayton Baseball club of the Central league yesterday.

George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (the minors), ordered the payment. He outlined the case thus: Bachar was signed by Dayton as a free agent March 28. The contract provided the usual salary payments and said a bonus of \$850 should be paid May 15, if the player "is retained by Dayton or affiliated clubs on that date, or in lieu thereof, his unconditional release."

Dayton optioned Bachar to Zanesville April 13. He played nine games, then suffered a fractured ankle in an Ohio-Indiana league game at Muncie, Ind., May 6.

A week after the mishap, the Zanesville club, at the direction of Dayton, released the player May 13 without payment of the bonus.

Trautman referred to the uniform player contract which provides:

"Disability directly resulting from injuries sustained while rendering service under this contract shall not impair the right of the player to receive his full salary for a period not exceeding two weeks from the date of his injury, at the termination of

Haefner For Senators; Hudson Beats Gromek

WASHINGTON, May 26.—^{AP}—In a bid to take the curse off one of the sorriest campaigns by a world champion outfit, the Cleveland Indians scheduled Gene Bearden for pitching duty tonight in the last game of their eastern trip.

Little Mickey Haefner, who held the Indians to one hit last time out, will oppose Bearden.

Last night's 6-2 defeat was the fourth in a row to Washington this season and put the Indians' standing at 12 victors and 16 defeats. And Larry Doby's home run supplied the Tribe's only two runs.

Homer Only Lapse

Except for that one lapse, Washington's Sid Hudson had an easy time fooling Cleveland. Steve Gromek, who started for the Indians and was charged with the loss, had more trouble.

He faced four men. The first man, Sherry Robertson, walked. Then Buddy Lewis scored him with a triple. Ed Stewart and Clyde Vollmer walked, too, and Sam Zolak, relieving Gromek, forced in the second Washington run by walking Eddie Robinson.

Lewis' single in the second inning scored Hudson and Lewis himself scored on another single by Stewart. Then Stewart scored on Vollmer's single.

College Sports

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL Baldwin Wallace 1.

Allegheny 5, Baldwin 6.

Fenn 20, Oberlin 6.

TENNIS Western Reserve 9, Penn 0.

TRACK Ohio State 70½, Michigan 61½.

In State Track Finals



Ed Nighswander (above) one of the brightest track stars ever to perform for Ross high school, ends his career for the Little Giants this week in the state finals at Columbus. Ed owns the District record for the 120-yard high hurdles and will be gunning for the state mark of 14.6 seconds. He will also compete in the 220-yard low hurdles and the broad jump. Preliminary events will be held today.

Nighswander Eliminated

After a brilliant performance in a preliminary heat, Ross high school's Ed Nighswander was eliminated from the state track finals at Columbus yesterday.

Nighswander, who has smashed several records this season, ran the 120-yard high hurdles in 15 seconds flat, his best time in that event this year, in his first test but was nosed out in the semi-finals and thus will not compete in today's championship race.

Nighswander still has a chance to grab some honors, however, as he will compete in the pole vault today. The Ross senior was also in the 220-yard low hurdles, placing fifth.

Countians Fare Badly

No other county athletes were able to make the grade yesterday. Green Springs, Clyde and Gibsonburg had boys entered.

Jim Cotter of Fostoria also missed out, losing in the 440-yard run, and Lind Allison of Toledo Libbey, another outstanding boy, failed in the 220-yard dash.

Ken Mischal of Cleveland Central ran the high hurdles in 14.8 seconds to pace the qualifiers. Nighswander and Mischal finished in a dead heat in the preliminary race.

Dick Mylander of Oak Harbor qualified in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low hurdles in Class B competition.

Cleve. Central And Plainville Track Victors

Cleveland Central won the Ohio scholastic Class A crown and Plainville was the winner in Class B Saturday in the finals at Columbus. Central racked up 33 points. Columbus Central was second with 17. Plainville's $21\frac{1}{2}$ edged Lockland Wayne, which scored 19.

Oak Harbor, highly regarded Class B entry, scored a disappointing total of seven points for ninth place. Green Springs was 10th with six points.

Bill Garland was the only Sandusky countian to crash the scoring column, the elongated Green Springs youth leaping 5 feet $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches to win the high jump.

Ed Nighswander was eliminated in the broad jump Saturday morning. The Ross high senior lost out in the high and low hurdles on Friday.

Milt Bruckner of Bellevue won the 880-yard run, downing Lynn Owens of Dayton Dunbar, 1948 winner.

Only new record set Saturday was the discus toss of 156 feet 8 inches by Dale Kaiser of Ashtabula. The old record of 152 feet 9 inches was set by Gene Strathman of South Euclid Brush.

