

1930 Little Big Seven Meet...

FIELD DAY TROPHY PUT ON EXHIBITION

The silver trophy to be awarded the winner of the Little Big Seven track meet to be held at Harmon Field on May 10, has arrived here and is on exhibit at the High school gym office.

A statue of a Grecian runner placed at the top of a silver Corinthian column features the trophy and a silver band about the base of the award is inscribed the words, "Winner, Little Big Seven Track Meet, Fremont, May 10."

WEIL'S TRACK BRIGADE LOOMS PASSING FAIR

Purple and Whitters Work Hard for Big Meeting on May 10

What chance has Fremont High's contingent of thin clads in the Little Big Seven track and field meeting scheduled for Harmon Field May 10?

This question is being broadcast considerably since the cinder and grass brigade started to amble about the field and track on Mr. Harmon's broad acres, preparatory to mingling with the eclat of the tidiest little high school league in seven states and a couple more.

Early observation indicates that, although the purple and white thin clads under the direction of Eddie Weil, good 'un who used to pat the cinders quite handily for that dear old Miami (Ohio not Florida), the collective crew may not set the league ablaze with record breaking efforts, but the outfits that trim it will be well informed as to some keen competition when the sun goes down on the battle field.

J. W. Miller, all around star, is back on the job and he will probably be entered in the sprints, low hurdles, broad jump and may take a turn at the weights, also being an adept in shoving the leaden ball. Ross, a high hurdler and a pole vaulter, will also be looked upon to show and Paul Schwartz may show the boys a trick or two on the javelin shove. Eggie Newton is a corking good quarter miler and then there is Nelson Trafalger Jones to take his shot at the half mile, distance in which he is really a star. Ireland is listed as a mile hiker and Leedy can soar over the sticks in the high jump at a height that would make a timid aviator dizzy.

Jimmy O'Farrell is also showing well in the sprints and can be depended upon as can Johnny Shamp. Eddie Brehm, Babione, Kohr, Ezra Bowers, Lawrence, Wonzer and the flashy Bob Redding as well as Bob Pettiford can also be looked upon to be out point hunting when the big drive opens.

The purple and whitters will have a few dual sessions before they take their stances for the main go and they will supply lots of excitement when the L. B. S. merry-go-round starts on the cinders and the leapers and stout fellows mingle on the paddock a few weeks hence.

LEAGUE TRACK MEETING ONE OF BIG CLASS

Stars From All Units of Little Big Seven All Set

Those that love the crunch of spiked shoes on the cinder paths and the thud of the weights, broad jumpers and pole volters on the ground can surely have their fond hopes for a bountiful supply of entertainment satisfied at Harmon field next Saturday afternoon. It will be the occasion of the Little Big Seven annual track and field meeting, first time the big session was ever held on Harmon field and great plans have been made for the doings.

Each and every unit in the association, Fremont, Sandusky, Norwalk, Tiffin, Willard, Oberlin and Bellevue have girded their loins for the contests and they have been practicing for weeks and weeks.

Norwalk and Sandusky appear to be the outstanding favorites to pick off the championship, but they will have plenty of competition. Blumm, of Tiffin, will make them all hurry to take off the weight honors while Captain Bob Ross will have something to say about the pole vault and the high hurdles. J. W. Miller, Fremont's versatile athlete will also be looked upon to give the visiting boys something to think about in the 100 yards and 220 dashes. Newton can amble nicely in the 440 while Nelson Jones will be in there with abated breath when the half mile talent is being credited with the honors.

Each school has its big pick and the relays will also supply some of the excitement.

The meeting will mark the finals appearance of Captain Bob Ross who for the past four years has been a capable performer in football, basketball and track. Nelson Jones, captain of football in 1929, will also be taking his last fling under the purple and white colors as will the capable happy George. J. W. Miller and Newton, who are also members of the graduating class, are lined up in baseball and will make several more appearances before they bid farewell to F. H. S. halls.

NORWALK HIGH FAVORITE TO WIN MEETING

Sandusky Second and Fremont Listed Third; Time Will Tell

SANDUSKY, O., May 7.—While Sandusky High School's cinder artists are undergoing strenuous workouts daily at Strobel field under the direction of Coaches Jim Nicholson and Bob Whittaker, word is going the rounds throughout this district that Norwalk High's stellar track squad will enter as the top favorite to cop the annual Little Big Seven League track and field meet, to be held this year at Fremont.

It is generally conceded that Norwalk this year has the strongest track team that has represented the Maple City for many seasons, and this fact is not being overlooked in selecting a probable winner. Sandusky, because of its records in the past, is generally accorded a second choice and is looked upon as a possible "dark horse" to win the meet. Both teams are expected to chalk up around 60 points.

Fremont is rated as a third place choice, while Tiffin, Columbian, Willard, Bellevue and Oberlin are expected to battle it out for the remaining places, possibly in that order.

After the Blue Streaks' impressive win last Saturday over Lorain, the stock of the local athletes has gone up considerably and they loom at least as decided threats in the league meet. In preparation for this annual competition the Sandusky High mentors are devoting special attention to each of their possible point-getters.

150 ATHLETES ENTER GREAT L. B. S. MEET

Each of the Seven Schools
Sends Best Talent;
Many Favorites

With weather conditions at all favorable on the part of the L. B. S. Seven records will be broken or at least tied in many of the events scheduled for the big track and field meet to be held Saturday at theathletes of Norwalk, Sandusky, Bellevue, Tiffin, Willard, Oberlin and Fremont. The meet will be opened at 1:15 events started under the capable direction of Coach Bob Oldfather and Howard Laub.

Burbridge of Sandusky will no doubt show their heels to one of the fastest galaxy of speedsters in the 100 yard dash, when Jim Oberlin, John Miller, Miller, Willard; Stape, Bellevue; Wentz Tiffin; Taylor, Norwalk; and O'Farrell, Fremont, toe the mark for the century.

Burbridge may be forced in the 100, but he looks to be the best bet for the 220, which is practically the same field against him.

Newton of the Purple and White, with Jones also in the race, Burbridge is expected to win the 400 and the 880 runs with Sando, Willard; Farr; Bellevue; Jackson, Tiffin; Chapman, Oberlin; John Miller, Oberlin; and Harp of Sandusky all crowding in line at the finish for first place, while Jim Oberlin, Sandusky; Evans, Oberlin; Brown, Norwalk; Bintz, Tiffin; Reitz, Bellevue; and Gates of Willard are sure to force Newton to the limit in the quarter.

Nagle of Sandusky looks to be the best bet in the 440, while Jackson, Oberlin; Farr, Bellevue, and Ireland, Fremont, in line to place. Miller, Willard, and the track-taker of Norwalk will stage a tight race in the low hurdles, with Parkhurst of Oberlin pushing them hard.

In the high jump, Captain Ross will likely win with Mead of Norwalk and Wright of Sandusky trying hard to beat him.

Ross Favored

In the pole vault, Ross and Angel will be the stars, while Norwalk will more than likely qualify in the preliminaries and are expected to place in the finals. Blum of Tiffin is booked to win the shot and discuss events in easy style with a fight on by the other schools for second and third place. Blum is a recent state title holder in the discuss.

Beach of Norwalk and Blum of Tiffin will make the grade in the javelin, while the other schools will go to Beach with Blum at close second. In the broad jump, Bishman, Norwalk, Mead, Willard, Gates of Fremont and Taylor, Norwalk will without doubt go to the finals.

Leader of the Fremont staff appears to be on the edge in the high jump, closely pressed by Weiss, Sandusky, and DeMuth of Tiffin. Norwalk will be the star in the 440 relay while the final event, the mine relay will be the meet with Sandusky and Fremont fighting it out for first place.

Preliminaries for the big meet will be started at 1:15 o'clock with the first competition at two o'clock. The Fremont High band responds in their new purple and white uniforms and make their first appearance in the afternoon and will be stationed at the grandstand throughout the meet.

The list of stars entered in the meeting consists of over 150 of the pick of seven outstanding schools and are listed together with their numeral as follows:

Bellevue: 1. Wallace, 2. Wood, 3. Johnson, 4. Robert P. man, 4. Paul Farr, 5. Melvin Miller, 6. Moyer, 7. Reitz, Thomas, 8. Max- well, 9. Jackson, 10. Jackson, 11. Houston, 12. Miller, 13. DeLoach, 14. Albert Reitz, 15. Clyde McClintock, 16. Schenck, 17. Todd, 18. Ross, 19. Moyer, 20. Miller, 21. Miller, 22. Gahn, 23. Terpen, 24. Whitcomb, 25. Miller.

Fremont: 26. John Shamp, 31. J. W. Miller, 32. O'Farrell, 33. Ireland, 34. Becker, 35. George, 36. Newton, 37. Miller, 38. Miller, 39. Ross, 40. Wenzel, 41. Jones, 42. Miller, 43. Bower, 44. Eckert, 45. Fry, 46. Kohr, 47. Bahone, 48. Leedy, 49. Schenck, 50. Miller.

Norwalk: 60. Taylor, 61. Shadie, 62. Brown, 63. McGukin, 64. James- son, 65. Johnson, 66. Chapman, 67. Hell, 68. Foy, 69. Miller, 70. Miller, 71. Burk, 72. Whitaker, 73. Beach, 74. Hakes, 75. Angel, 76. Bluhman, 77. Clegg, 78. Johnson, 79. Miller.

Oberlin: 80. Barnes, 81. Jones, 82. Gordon, 83. Johnson, 84. Nalipok, 85. Evans, 86. Johnson, 87. Parkhurst, 88. Fields, 89. Pratt, 90. Johnson, 91. Rowman, 92. Evans, 93. Mallory, 94. Weiss, 95. Fisher, 96. Bower, 97. Fisher, 98. Brink, 99. Voss, 100. Saylor, 101. Stenger, 102. Hastings.

Sandusky: 110. Stetzer, 111. Weaver, 112. Burton, 113. Narel, 114. Hills, 115. McCook, 116. Miller, 117. Miller, 118. Miller, 119. Wright, 120. Weiss, 121. Wright, 122. Andress, 123. Eakin, 124. Vazzen, 125. Price, 126. Hackett, 127. Miller, 128. Miller, 129. Clegg, 130. Hill, 131. Bright, 132. Gars, 133. Thomas, 134. Miller, 135. Souter, 136. Miller, 137. Miller, 138. Rogals, 139. Miller, 140. Miller, 141. Miller, 142. Hardin, 143. Hixson, 144. Bintz, 145. Mackmer, 146. Serrig, 147. Young, 148. Stoffer, 149. P. Miller, 150. Clegg, 151. Miller, 152. Stoffer, 153. Blum, 154. DeMuth, 155. Lambeth, 156. Kerchner, 157. Clegg.

Willard: 160. John Miller, 161. R. Thompson, 162. Smith, 163. Sexton, 164. Schirral, 165. Jacobs, 166. Miller, 167. Oberlin, 168. Miller, 169. Hoff- ley, 170. Yochum, 171. Smith, 172. Bintz, 173. Jacobs, 174. Cox, 175. Thompson, 176. Houghton, 177. Hollinger.

RECORD GROUP OF ATHLETES TO FACE GUN

Stage Set for Annual L. B.
S. Track Meeting Here
Saturday

A real gathering of the hosts, greatest in the history of Harmon field, is scheduled Saturday, when the cinder stars of the units affiliated in the Little Big Seven, gather for their annual joust. The pick of the athletic talent at Fremont, Sandusky, Norwalk, Tiffin, Bellevue, Willard and Oberlin will be on hand and the accumulated numbers will total up around the 150 mark.

The preliminary try-outs are scheduled for 10 o'clock in the morning and the finals will be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon. Sandusky and Norwalk, according to the advance dope, are picked to split first and second with Fremont coming in for third honors. There may be a dark horse, too, proceedings of the kind always breaking out in affairs of the kind.

Fremont has some capable performers in Captain Bob Ross, J. W. Miller, Newton, Redding, Leedy, Bowers, Jones, Ireland, Schwartz, Shamp, O'Farrell and other good boys. Each team has its stars groomed. Sandusky is sending Johnny Bettridge, among others; Tiffin has the incomparable Blumm with the weights; Norwalk has Whittaker and Taylor, together with Beach; Willard has Johnny Taylor; Bellevue has Ross, and here comes Oberlin with its share of the cinder gallopers.

Harmon field has been arrayed in its best bib and tucker for the classic and extra tents have been erected for the comfort of the visiting athletes. The Fremont high school band will be out on the job, dressed in its new uniforms to give one of its famous concerts.

Many of the teams are bringing along delegations of fans and one of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a L. B. S. track and field event will be on hand for the doings.

In looking over the events of the past, the following records for three years have been compiled:

1927.—Sandusky 69 1-3; Norwalk 54 1-3; Fremont 47; Tiffin 17; Oberlin 15 1-3; Willard 6; Bellevue 0.

1928.—Sandusky 48½; Norwalk 44; Fremont 43; Willard 28½; Tiffin 22; Oberlin 21; Bellevue 3.

1929. — Sandusky 54; Norwalk 45 9-10; Fremont 39 9-10; Tiffin 23 1-5; Oberlin 22; Willard 21; Bellevue 4.

VAST ASSEMBLY STRAINS EAGER EYES ON TRACK

Little Big Seven Track Meet Draws Hundreds to Arenas

Two Great Classic Contests Afford Entertainment for Multitude

Individual and group standings found on page two.

Disciples of the winged footed Mercury; those who have patterned after the grace of Jove who hurled thunderbolts, and the immortal hero who won the first Marathon in early Grecian days, were gathered in Fremont today in the greatest numbers in the history of Sandusky county.

It was the occasion of the annual field meet on Harmon Field and, just a few blocks distant, county schools, grades and higher class students, were holding their annual field day and picnic on the rolling slopes and clay oval of the Sandusky county fair-grounds.

The two great meetings, both classics in their line, have drawn thousands to Fremont on a day that was built to order for the entertainment.

Athletes in Fettle

The thin clads took the city by storm and the crunch of spiked cinders, the whirr of the discus, the solid thumps of the broad jumpers, high jumpers and pole vaulters resounded, over the entire northwest section of the city while the bark of the starter's guns in both localities heralded the exciting events.

Harmon field, best ordered athletic park around the L. B. S. loop, is harboring its first league track and field meeting. Norwalk, Tiffin, Bellevue, Willard, Oberlin and Sandusky sent trained athletes here to compete with Captain Bob Ross and his group of seasoned stars. Norwalk was looked upon as the winner with its Beech, Taylor, Whittaker and a well balanced crew of point getters.

Sandusky also was in the top betting, but Fremont and Tiffin, the latter with the mighty Blumm, star of weights were looked upon as dark horses.

Fremont pinned its hopes on Captain Ross, J. W. Miller, Eggle Newton, Bully Jones, Redding, George,

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O'Farrell, Shamp, Ireland and other good boys.

Opens at 10 a. m.
The great meet opened at 10 o'clock this morning and the initials were started at 2 o'clock this afternoon. At noon the big stands, aflutter with school colors, and facing the field was the black, cinder- and wood-covered former stand, a wonder for a well kept field of emerald green. The high school band, 75 pieces and the new uniforms gave a concert in front of the stand this afternoon.

Over on the county show lot, the county schools were having it out in athletic competition with all the might that features action on Harmon Field. The big object in the county meeting was the Messenger silver loving cup that has been held by the Clyde school for two years and which again was the object of athletic attention this year. Clyde with its Dolly Gray, Friedley and other performers was again an outstanding favorite; but Woodville, Greenfield, and other great performers were distinctly contend- illa, er, not to forget Jackson, Gibson- burg, York, Townsend and Lindsey.

Many at Picnic

The picnic at the county meeting witnessed many a family group convened under the shade of the spreading elms, oaks and maples air gatherings that were centered by heaps of fried chicken, salads, corn and beans.

Athletes, compelled to fight shy of rich foods prior to feasts of endurance, cast longing eyes at the seats, as their stomachs kept up the strain on the track, and in victory or defeat for the ladies and the ladies who had visions of drum sticks, white meat and pie two inches thick as they galloped for the glories of old Swish.

Qualifying Rounds

In the qualifying rounds at Har-

mon field this morning some of the

entries stepped high wide and

handsome and one of the L. B. S.

records fell by the wayside, when

Blumm, of Fremont, in the 100 yard

High, Tiffin, heaved the shot for a

distance of 46 feet, 9 1/2 inches, bet- g

tering "Oom Paul" Krueger's (Sandusky) mark of 45 feet made sev- k

eral years ago. Blumm also shot t

the discus for 119 feet, approaching

his own record of 120 feet. B

Fremont failed to qualify in the

100 yard dash, but is represented in

the 100 yard hurdles, Captain

Ross, J. W. Miller, from Bow- J

ern, being among the qualifiers and

Newton, Jones, Ireland in on long

distance jumps and the boys all

set the pace in the broad jump.

Such stars as Whitaker, Nor-

walk; Blumm, Tiffin, Beach and

Taylor, Norwalk, Sandusky and Tomp-

kins, Willard; Wentz, Tiffin, Miller,

Yost, Gordon, Oberlin; Staff

Bellevue; Parkhurst, Oberlin; Bet-

tridge, Sandusky, and others set for

the finals.

The results of the qualifying

rounds this morning were listed as

follows:

120 High Hurdles

Parkhurst, Oberlin; Garcia, Nor-

walk; Ross, Fremont; Wright, San-

odusky; Young, Tiffin, and Mead,

Norwalk. Best time 15.4.

Discus Throw

Jones, Fremont, Bishman, Nor-

walk; Gant, Sandusky; Bright, San-

odusky; Blumm, Tiffin, and Johnny

Miller, Willard; Best mark 119 2 1/2

inches, Blumm, Tiffin.

Pole Vault

Ross, Fremont; Bower, Fremont;

Anger, Norwalk; Bishman, Nor-

walk; Bishman, Oberlin; Hollinger,

Willard; Thompsons, Willard, Kahl,

Sandusky.

100 Yard Dash

Thompson, Willard; Wentz, Tif-

fin; Taylor, Norwalk; Staff, Bel-

levue; Gordon, Oberlin; Bettridge,

Sandusky. Best time 10.2, Tom-

kins, Willard.

220 Low Hurdles

Whittaker, Norwalk; Ross, Frem-

ont; Parkhurst, Oberlin; Miller,

Fremont; Wright, Sandusky; Mar-

tin, Bellevue. Best time, 27.5, Whi-

ttaker, Norwalk.

220 Yard Dash

Thompson, Willard; Taylor, Nor-

walk; Bettridge, Sandusky; Miller,

Fremont; Staff, Bellevue; Wentz,

Tiffin; Best time, 22.2, Thompsons,

Willard.

Javelin Throw

Beach, Norwalk; Cunningham,

Norwalk; Gant, Sandusky; Bright,

Sandusky; Blumm, Tiffin; Sandusky;

Willard. Best mark 139 feet 10 1/2

inches, Beach, Norwalk.

Broad Jump

Bettridge, Sandusky; Miller, Frem-

ont; Bishman, Sandusky; Staff,

Bellevue; Barnes, Oberlin; Yockum,

Willard. Best mark 19 feet 6 2 1/2

inches, Bettridge, Sandusky.

Shot Put

Blumm, Tiffin; Miller, Fremont;

Gant, Sandusky; Cunningham,

Norwalk; Taylor, Norwalk; Bright,

Sandusky. Best mark 46 feet 9 1/2

inches, Blumm, Tiffin, new record.

Sam Monnett and Ruth Bech-

tel of Toledo, Ohio, the starting

judges concurably filled this morn-

ing and the crowd was increased

greatly as the hour for the finals

2 o'clock, approached. The F. H. S.

had its new uniforms made a

decidedly well and marched into field

for concert purposes.

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ECHOING CRUNCH OF CINDER PATHS

The Little Big Seven coaches and all visitors, for that matter, agreed that the track was lightning fast, the field arrangements perfect and that Fremont was the logical point for sessions of the kind.

A stiff wind from the northeast sort of bothered the sprinters, but it did not prevent a lot of record-cracking. Bettridge, in his 220 victory, would have added another record performance to the day's list, had he been pushed a bit more by Tompkins and J. W. Miller.

By the way, Bettridge said Saturday that headed toward Kiska prep school and that institution headed its graduates to the University of Penn or Ohio State.

Captain Bob Ross, J. W. Miller, Eggie Newton, Nelson Jones, all graduating in June, staged their final performances as athletes under the purple and white banner, flag they have fought for with credit and glory during their past four years. They finished their careers in a blaze of brilliance, the work of Ross and Newton standing out prominently among the features of the exciting day.

A persual of college track and field records made in other localities Saturday, indicate the class of the Little Big Seven cinder conference, the majority of the marks excelling the returns from the higher school centers. Harpel's half mile, Blumm's javelin and discus toss, the high jump and the pole vault returns being something to read about and digest with pride.

Blumm, Tiffin giant, is one of the coolest gents in the history of L. B. S. athletics. He takes things as a matter of fact and is never hurried or worried. Breaking a state high school record as he did in the discus toss, is all in a day's work with him. He walked up to the secretary's desk where C. A. Hudson had charge and took his medals and ribbons with a brief thanks and elbowed his way across the lot where he sat down with the rest of the boys and that was that.

The Columbian students from Tiffin were sort of put out by the returns. The fact that Willard finished fourth sort of got under their skin.

Captain Bob Ross was plainly fouled in the 880 relay, but the bump that set the Fremont leader off his stride and lost the purple and white its chance was not officially reported. Fremont was shut out in this event and the bump, happening that was staged in front of the grand stand, did the business.

This Angel of Norwalk, who won the high jump event, setting a new league mark with a height of 5 feet 10 inches, is sure gifted and has wings. His record leap was almost seven inches higher than his head, he being a wee bit of a customer.

Newton, a real classy performer in the broad jump, failed to qualify, fouling on all his trials. Newton can leap more than 20 feet and would have given Bettridge a race for the honors that were taken in

this evening by the Sandusky speed merchant.

A flock of newspaper gents were sprauled all over the lot collecting data for their stories. Among the out of town scribes noticed were Earl Walrath, Sandusky Register, Fred Ball, Tiffin Advertiser and Henry Wynne, Willard News.

If ever a fellow was busier than the proverbial one-armed barber with hives, this gent was Howard (Gob) Laub, popular Fremont athletic director who was one of the powers behind the throne that managed the successful session. Gob was here, there and every where and at the right time in the right place.

Bob Oldfather, grid coach, was also on the job as were Messrs. Timmons, Weland, Bodie, Cooper, Bohn and others.

The F. H. S. band, under the direction of Mr. Seils, Oberlin, did itself proud. The newly uniformed musicians, seated in the field in front of the grand stand gave a concert that was in keeping with the class of the big cinder convention.

Captain (Red) Harple, of the Sandusky team, was the proudest youngster on the lot, when presented with the handsome silver trophy emblematic of the L. B. S. title at the close of the fray. Red clasped the trophy as presented him by C. A. Hudson and he hiked toward the Sandusky dressing tent the center of a joyous throng of blue and white clad boys.

Although Taylor of Norwalk, won the century dash in the finals, Tompkins of Willard gets credit for a new record, 10.2, made in the qualifying rounds in the morning. Taylor's time was 10.4 a performance that also trimmed the old record that stood at 10.6 and was made by Sartor, Sandusky, back in '27.

Sammy Monette and Rube Bechtel, of Toledo, starters and referees, are a sweet pair to have at a track meeting or any other kind of an athletic doings. They left immediately after the meeting, having to broadcast over station WSPD Toledo, later in the day.

Nelson Jones, who finished third in the 880 seemed to delay just a bit at the start and allow Harple and Reitzke, of Sandusky to get too much of a lead on him. This space could not be overcome when Jones made his sprint, but he shoved the leaders into a new record, 2:03.3, remarkable performance for high school joggers.

Newton's running in the 440 was a thing of beauty and joy for ever. He timed his spring nicely and eased against the tape with a new record to his credit.

Bob Ross and Bishman, of Norwalk had a long, lingering duel in the pole vault and the Fremont captain won at 11 feet. Bob's brother, Bunk Ross, of Mansfield, was there to cheer him on and the presence of the former F. H. S. mentor helped a lot right there and then, he having coming all the way up from home to see the doings.

Bob Redding ran a nifty quarter in the mile relay and helped a lot in easing his team into second place in the finish.