

1960 Buckeye Conference...



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ROSS TRACK SQUAD—Fremont Ross track team will participate in the Buckeye Conference Spring Sports Day Friday at Lorain. Spring Sports on Friday involves track, baseball and golf. Ross tennis team will be in the conference event Wednesday at Lorain. Ross track members are, sitting from left, Bill Knoke, Tom Dorr, John Zirkle, Clarence Nieset, Ken Koebel, Ray Markwith, Dave Elliott, Dick Newman, Charles Jenkins, Fred White. Kneeling from left, Curtis DeVoss, manager; Steve Frontz, Guy Nuhfer, Jerry Smith, Tom Koebel, Lary Wilkins, Tom Auxter, Gary Wilkins,

Tom Pratt, Jay Mackey, Sam Schepflin, manager; Doug Harkness, manager. Standing from left, Assistant Coach Dick Norman, Dick Hopkins, Eddie Lee, James Ohms, Bob Atkins, Ray Ronski, Gene Nitschke, Dave Pankratz, Dale Hasselbach, Wayne Wensinger, Dave Zimmerman, Tom Trout, Head Coach John Ihnat. Absent from photo, Assistant Coach Jim Janosek and team members Dave Heppner, Tony Nicoluzakis, Tom Geer and Dennis Hasselbach.



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Bob Atkins—Ross Track Speedster

Buckeye Conference Spring Sports Program Slated Friday At Lorain

Annual Buckeye Conference Spring Sports program is scheduled to get under way today at Lorain with the tennis teams of the six schools contesting.

Bulk of the Conference Sports Day will be held Friday at Lorain. Track, baseball and golf will be on the menu Friday.

Tennis part of the show is going on today due to a conflict with the sectional tennis tournament scheduled Friday at Sandusky.

Fremont Ross' tennis team will compete in today's conference activity and also in the sectional at Sandusky.

Track Prelims

Track preliminaries involving the six conference schools, host

Lorain, Elyria, Marion Harding, Fremont Ross, Sandusky and Findlay, will start at 2 p.m. Fremont time Friday on the Lorain Stadium track. Prelims will be in the 100 and 220-dashes and the 180-low and 120-high hurdles.

Finals in the field events will begin at 4:30 Fremont time and the running events at 6 p.m. Fremont time.

Golf teams of the conference will begin 18-holes of competition at Oak Hills golf course, Lorain, at 9 a.m. Fremont time Friday.

Baseball finals for the conference crown will begin at 3 p.m. Fremont time Friday.

Ross high's best bet in the track meet is Bob Atkins, senior speedster, who has run the 100 this season in 10.1 seconds, the 220 in 22.7 seconds and the 440 in 53 seconds.

Ross golf team, led by Orville Sentman, should figure highly in conference competition. Ross golfers own a 5-2 record in dual meets this year. Sentman was medalist in the golf part of the Conference Sports Day at Fremont last spring.

The Little Giants probably won't be involved in the baseball phase of conference play due to participation in district baseball.

There will be no re-scheduling of conference events if there is any postponement due to weather Friday.

Saperstein Has Ideas For New Type Cage Play

CHICAGO (AP) — If Abe Saperstein's new American Basketball League starts operating in 1961-62 as scheduled, the little guy and the long shot specialist may have their day.

Saperstein is chock full of ideas for a new type of cage warfare, and the term is literal, for an eight-team pro circuit intended as

INCLUDING ATKINS OF ROSS...

Five Individual Champs Defend Buckeye Track Titles Friday

Five individual champions including Bob Atkins of Fremont Ross will defend titles in the track part of the annual Buckeye Conference Sports Day Friday at Lorain's George Daniel stadium.

Last year at Fremont's Harmon Field, Atkins won the 220-yard dash in 23.2 seconds and also finished third in the 100-dash.

Atkins has run the 220 in 22.7 seconds twice this season to tie the Harmon Field record. He also has run the 100-dash in 10.1 and the 440 in 52.9.

Ace Distance Runner

A two-event winner last year, Bill Huckaba of Marion Harding, will try to repeat his double win in the 880 and mile runs this week. Huckaba set a new Buckeye Conference and Harmon Field record in the 880 last year in 2:03.1. He has run the distance in 1:59.4 this year. Huckaba's winning time in the mile last year was 4:41.7. He did 4:27 recently.

Mel Taylor of Elyria will be back to defend his broad jump at Fremont in 1959. He went 20 feet to place first.

Judge Scruggs of Sandusky tied for first in the pole vault last year to set a new Buckeye Conference vault mark of 11 feet, 8¾ inches with Nash of Findlay. Scruggs has soared 11 feet, 10 inches this year.

Atkins will receive tough competition in the 440 at Lorain from freshman Paul Garrett of Sandusky who has gone 51.6 this year and Dave Bush of Elyria, best time 53.1.

Ben Espy of Sandusky has high jumped 6 feet, 2¾ inches and teammate Scruggs 5 feet, 11 inches.

Vault of Plus 12

Jack Woddell of Marion will give Scruggs a "run for the money" in the pole vault. Woddell vaulted 12 feet, 1 inch in the recent Marion relays to 11 feet, 10 inches for second place Scruggs.

Elijah Tatum of Sandusky, another freshman, has a time of 15.8 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles, Al Wilson of Lorain 15.5 and Sam Davis of Elyria 16.1.

Marion has tough competitors in Pete Wolfinger in the discus, Ron Scott in the shot put, Pete Porietis in both the high and low hurdles, Tom Cook in the broad jump, Woddell and Dennis Shelton in the pole vault and Ned Porter in the discus. Marion is also strong in the mile and 880-relays.

Findlay's best bets are Paul Oren in the broad jump, Chuck Collins in the discus and Jack

Adams in the 880.

Besides Taylor, Elyria has threats in Harrison Hildreth in the 100, Al Sabo in the 220 and both relay teams are strong.

Lorain has Wilson in the hurdles, Bob Woods in the broad jump, Frank Filisko in the discus and strong relay foursomes.

Ross has a chance for points in the 880-relay with Jim Ohms, Ray Ronski, Lary Wilkins and possibly Tom Geer. Sophomore Tom Koebel might place in the 880 or mile and Dale Hasselbach in the hurdles. Gene Nitschke has a chance in the discus and Dick Hopkins in the pole vault. Atkins also could score in the broad jump.

Buckeye Records

Along with the pole vault and 880-records set last year at Fremont, other new Buckeye Conference marks set here include a new shot put record of 53 feet, 17½ inches by Bob Middleton of Marion.

Middleton also set a new conference and Harmon Field record in the discus with a toss of 170 feet, 4 inches.

Ernie Delaney of Sandusky tied the 120-high hurdles conference mark of 15.3 seconds. It is also held by Deshuk of Lorain.

Marion's mile-relay team of Porietis, Cook, Fitch and Chamberlain set a new conference record in 3:33.

Records that remained intact in conference competition at Fremont last year, that will be on the line at Lorain Friday include:

180-low hurdles — Deshuk, Lorain, 20.1.

100-dash—Tiller, Fremont, 10.1.

Mile run — Hazen, Marion, 4:35.2.

880-relay—Marion, 1:34.

440-run — Firstenberg, Marion, 52.4.

220-dash—Tiller, Fremont, 22.2.

High jump—Brauchla, Fremont and Doan, Elyria, 6 feet.

Broad jump — Nimmons, Sandusky, 22 feet.

Defending Teams

Marion will defend its track championship in the conference, Sandusky its golf laurels, Elyria in singles and Lorain in doubles in tennis and Lorain in baseball.

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Marion Track Team Champ; Ross Ace Wins Twice; 5 Records Set

By HAL SHANAHAN

Bob Atkins, speedy Ross high track star, smashed ex-Ross high Jim Tiller's 229-yard dash mark, won two dashes and finished in a tie for second in another in the sixth annual Buckeye Conference Spring Sports Day track division at Lorain's George Daniel Stadium Friday.

Marion Harding, as expected, won the meet handily. The balanced Prexies, shut out in only two of the 14 events, rolled up 79½ points to finish far ahead of runnerup Sandusky with 40 points.

Elyria was a close third with 39½, Lorain fourth 26½, Fremont Ross fifth 19½ and Findlay sixth 17.

Since the Spring Sports Day was originated in the conference in 1955, Marion has been team track champion all six years and Sandusky has nailed down the second place spot all six years.

Atkins, a senior, was the individual star of yesterday's meet. He scored 18½ points or all but four of Ross high's total.

The agile speedster had a time of 22.1 seconds in the 220-yard dash in the afternoon preliminaries which topped Tiller's Buckeye Conference mark of 22.3 seconds set in 1952. Atkins then came back at night to win the 220 in 22.7 seconds.

The Ross ace also won the 100-yard dash with a time of 15.15 seconds or just one-half of one-tenth seconds shy of tying the conference mark. He beat Ben Essey of Sandusky in the finals of the 100. Essey, in the afternoon prelims, had tied Tiller's 1953 mark of 18.1 in the 100.

Atkins just missed being a three-event winner. Paul Garrett, Sandusky senior, nipped Atkins in the second heat with a time of 51.9 in the 440-run. Atkins, starting in the extreme outer lane, wasn't able to cut in at the first turn. He started his final spur a little too late and finished one-tenth of a second behind Garrett.

Atkins was timed in 53 seconds flat as was Mickey Bolden of Marion in the first heat.

Garrett's 51.9 broke the old 440-record of 52.4 set by Ted Firsienberg of Marion in 1955. Atkins and Bolden also had better times than that of Firsienberg.

Five new records were established and one tied in the meet.

Breaks Two Records
Bill Huckaba, smooth striding long distance star of Marion, set new records in the mile and 800-yard runs. Huckaba was far ahead of the field in the mile with a record time of 4:58.9 to break the old mark of 4:52.2 set by Tom Hazen of Marion in 1952.

Jack Adams of Findlay pushed Huckaba most of the way in the 800. Huckaba's stretch kick brought him in with a new record time of 2:01 which breaks his old mark of 2:03.1 set at Fremont last year. Adams finished in the time of 2:03.2 which is a new Findlay high standard for the 800.

New School Marks
The 32 seconds flat in the 440 run by Atkins ties the old Ross high record set by Tower Smith in the early 1920s and Atkins' 22.1 in the 220 establishes a new all-time school mark in that event.

Old record was Tiller's 22.2. Atkins earlier this season ran the 220 in 22.7 at Harmon Field to tie Eddie Erchenbrecher's Harmon Field record set in the last 1950s.

Another two-event winner last night was Judge Scruggs of Sandusky who set a new mark of 11 feet, 10 inches in the pole vault. Old record of 11 feet, 7.4 inches, was set at Fremont in 1959 by Scruggs and Kent Nash of Findlay.

Scruggs also won the high jump with a leap of five feet, 10.4 inches.

Other first place winners Friday were Al Wilcox, Lorain, 13.5 in the 110-yard high hurdles; Neil Porter, Marion, 50 feet, 2 inches in the shot put; Pete Wolfinger, Marion, 147 feet in the discus toss; Mel Taylor, Elyria, 20 feet, 2½ inches in the broad jump; Gary Warner, Marion, 20.4 in the 180-low hurdles.

Sandusky won the 880-relay in 1:34.55. Marion almost cracked the mile relay mark with a time of 3:22.1. Last year at Fremont, Marion set a new mile relay standard of 3:23.0.

Huckaba repeated his mile and 800 triumphs of last year. Atkins repeated his 1959 victory in the 220. Scruggs repeated in the pole vault and Taylor in the broad jump.

Two records previously listed are not believed to be accurate. Bob Middleton of Marion heaved the shot put 53 feet, 17.4 inches at Fremont last year for what seemed to be a new record. But Sandusky claims the actual record is 53 feet, 8½ inches which Elliott Kelly of Sandusky managed in the 1955 event.

Also, Sandusky's Nimmmons was listed as the broad jump record holder with a leap of 22 feet. However, he performed long before the Buckeye Conference was ever established. So that means Fremont's Jim Tiller holds the conference broad jump record of 21 feet, 9½ inches set in 1958.

Records Remains

Other records that survived the assault lay night—the 15.3 of Ken Deshuk (1958) of Lorain and of Ernie Dehany (1959) of Sandusky in the high hurdles; Marion's



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3200-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 11:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

6400-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 22:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

12800-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 44:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

25600-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 88:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

51200-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 176:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

102400-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 352:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

204800-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 704:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

409600-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lorain, 1408:00. Factors: 1. Deshuk, 20.1. 2. Elyria, 20.1. 3. Marion, 2.12. 4. Ross, 2.12. 5. Findlay, 2.12. 6. Marion, 2.12. 7. Marion, 2.12. 8. Marion, 2.12. 9. Marion, 2.12. 10. Marion, 2.12.

819200-yard high hurdles — Won by Al Wilcox, Lor