

Plymouth's 'Big Red' Reviews 1974-A Championship Season

By DAVID HOLT
Three weeks ago, on November 2, the Plymouth Big Red Varsity Cross Country team captured the Class A state championship title.

Plymouth has had a traditional history of successful cross country. Organized in 1970 under the then new direction of Coach Robert James, the original team could not venture outside the sectional meet, and finalized with a win-loss record of four and seven and a best total time of 54:36.

Victory was around the corner, for the Big Red squad captured the state of Ohio in 1971. After its eleven and three record and new spread of 51:35, Plymouth began its reign of Ohio dominance, paced by Tim Nesbitt, 9:59; Jim Sutter, 10:01; and Ken Lucas, 10:05.

The year 1972 was uneventful for PHS in cross country. With a superior dual meet record of fourteen and one, Plymouth overran the sectional, finishing first, for the second year in a row. It placed second in the district and fifth in state competition. Dominating the scene for this season was Ken Lucas, with 9:56; Mike Adams, 10:03; and Ralph Noble at 10:18.

The '73 season was much more revealing, as far as talent for the squad goes. Recording a 14 and 1 dual meet roster, the squad was second in state competition, and advanced ahead, hungry for the '74 crown.

Nineteen seventy four came, and so did the championship. Clocking an eleven and one record, the Big Red team lowered its spread to a 50:25 and raised its

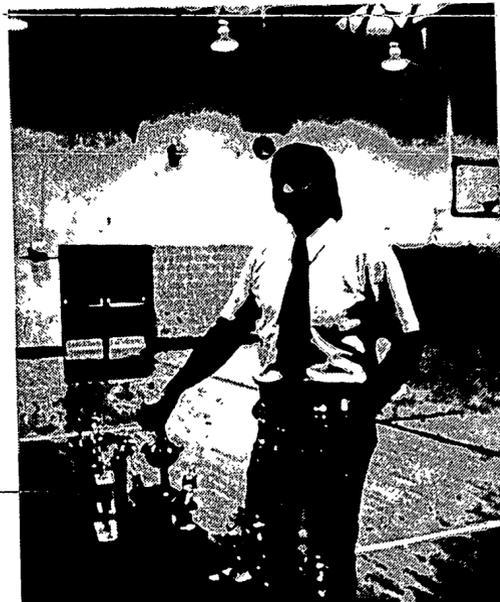
overall dual record to 54-13.

The '74 squad won the Perrysburg Invitational, the Findlay Invitational, and the Ontario Invitational. They captured the Sectional title for the fourth consecutive year, and dominated the District competition. Keyed and hungry for the state title, Plymouth Big Red did the job. Steve Lewis led the field with a fifth place time of 10:09. Ken Lucas followed in eighth with 10:18, and Mike Courtright, 17th, Barry Hamilton, 23rd, and Steve Adams, 34th, placed with 10:29, 10:33, and 10:45 respectively.

Coach James contributes the success of the team to various reasons. "Desire was the main key," he stated last night at the Fall Sports Banquet. "The boys had the want to win, and they did it for that sole purpose." He described the team as being the most coachable team he had ever worked with.

After being asked about the record, which was, including all dual, invitational, sectional, district and state competitions, at 248-23, James replied that the J.A.C. loss for this season. "Every coach has his personal philosophy," he stated, "and I don't believe in getting the kids up for more than one meet a week. The sectional was the following Saturday, and we decided that the state title was more important than the conference crown."

The 1975 squad should have an impressive turn out. Losing their top four by graduation, Plymouth will have seven returning lettermen; enough to be wicked and tough once more for more titles.



COACH ROBERT JAMES took over the cross country portion of the Plymouth High School athletic department five years ago when he came to the high school.



STATE CC CHAMPS — The Plymouth cross country team brought back the state Class A title and trophies this month. Members of the team are (front from left) Brett Kraft, Steve Adams, Mike Courtright, Steve Lewis, Ken Lucas, Barry Hamilton, Tim Lewis and coach Robert James. In back are statistician Cindy Earhart, Jim Kieffer, Randy Cole, Clarence Vermillion, Bill Suttler and statistician Sue Shuty. Absent from the picture was David Holt.

Banquet Honors All Sports

By DAVID HOLT
The annual Fall Sports Banquet was held at Plymouth High School last night, to honor the golf, football and cross-country teams. A buffet-style dinner was appropriated for an hour, beginning at 6:30, then the presentation of awards took place.

Golf coach Larry Root began the ceremony after awarding two year pins to junior Carl Fenner and sophomore Steve Shuty. First year letters were to sophomores Bob Davis, Mike Dick and Steve Fenner and a freshman numeral went to Jim Shuty. Most valuable player award went to Steve Shuty. Head football coach Mike McFarren presented his team members with awards.

ed best defensive and most valuable player and was also presented a trophy as a four-year award winner. Senior Jim Miller and junior Jim Conley were presented three-year plaques. Two-year pins went to senior Sam Burrer and juniors Ed Gomez, Randy Strohm, Brad Turson and Don Woodmansee. Foreman, Miller and Burrer were the tri-captains this year. First-year letters went to senior Jim Holloman, juniors Ken Bisle, Doug Hursi, Jeff Holt, David Stephens and Todd Root, sophomores Jim Cunningham, Mick Dent, Bob Handline, Tom Hamman, Rex Kilgore, Charlie Mack, Bob Schirmer, and freshmen Jay Adams and Ray Gullett. Reserve letter winners were

sophomores Chuck Amos, Mark Fidler, Jim Parsons, Doug Tallman and Randy Waddles and freshman Steve Endicott. Numeral awards went to freshmen Dan Baker, Tim Fields, Tom Miller, Ed Mulvano and Gregg Muma. Manager awards went to sophomores Lee Brooks, Larry Lynch, and Ron Woodmansee and freshman Bob Combs. State champion cross country coach Robert James presented special awards and varsity letters to his 12 team members. Senior Steve Lewis took a clean sweep of the most valuable, most improved and school record breaker award winner. Four-year trophy awards went to seniors Steve Adams and Ken Lucas. A three-year plaque went to senior Mike Courtright. Two-year pins were given to senior Steve Lewis, juniors Randy Cole and Barry Hamilton, and sophomores Tim Lewis, Bill Suttler and Brett Kraft. First-year letters went to senior David Holt and junior Jim Kieffer. The banquet proved to be a success with a crowd approaching 150 people. Individual recognition was well organized, and all went well.

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20 Gauge Shotgun Voted Best For Upland O. Game

By DAVE BOWRING
Written for UPI
Cast my vote for the 20 gauge as the best all-around shotgun for upland game in Ohio. I realize such a declaration is bound to open up a real can of worms, but I've shot all gauges — 12, 16 and 20 — and have what I think is conclusive evidence to support the little 20 as the top gun hearabouts.

In the first place, 20 gauge shotguns are usually the lightest to carry all day of the three available. This holds true, by and large, whether you prefer single shot, double, over-and-under, pump or automatic styles. Take one of the heavier gauges all day behind a pair of rangy bird dogs, and by 5 p.m. that shotgun will have gained several pounds. What about velocity? Don't 12

gauge shotguns pack more wallop? Yes, unqualifiedly. Get Good Results But my argument is that if the gunner gets on his bird quickly and uses the right lead, he'll get good results with the 20, including solid hits and one-shot kills. Twenties, of course, offer the same variety of barrel chokes as the larger gauges, and handle the span of shot sizes equally well. I might choose 6s or 7s for pheasant, switch to 7 1/2 or 8s for quail, and go to 9s for woodcock. An acquaintance of mine who lives in Athens County disdains the use of anything save his pet 12 gauge for grouse, insisting only the heavier wallop could handle that country's ruffed grouse in heavy cover. Yet, on a recent grouse hunt, the cannon ruined no fewer than

three grouse due to insufficient shot penetration. All three birds were lost to die, wasted, in the woods, the point being that the mere use of heavy artillery is no guarantee of clean kills on any bird, including grouse. As you might expect, I have a 20 gauge of which I am very fond. So far this year it has accounted nicely for pheasants, quail, woodcock and chukar partridge. Honest Six Pounds It weighs an honest six pounds and gives only 14.5 foot pounds of recoil when used with 2 3/4-inch shells. Even when 3-inch magnum shells are used, hit would recoil only 23.7 foot-pounds of energy. The shotgun, a Beretta BL-3, is an over-and-under and has both barrels bored skeet, or wide open. I chose this setup because I hunt birds over pointing dogs, so most of my shots are close, usually inside of 30 yards. This is true when hunting field birds, such as quail and pheasant, or when in the woods for woodcock or grouse. The receiver of the BL-3 is heavily engraved, and with its European walnut stocking and deep checkering and gold trigger, it is indeed a handsome little piece. The BL-3 comes either with or without shell ejectors. I choose to do without because I am often too lazy to bend at the waist for dropped shell casings. My Beretta lets me withdraw them by hand directly from each expended barrel. There's little sense in leaving empty shells around to give away my favorite hunting location, right? Looks better, too. If there's a nip in the heir, some barkeep is selling to minors.

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Team 1 (4) beat team 12 (0); team 10 (2) tied team 8 (2); team 5 (3) beat team 3 (1); team 4 (3) beat team 2 (1); team 9 (3) beat team 14 (1); team 13 (3) beat team 16 (1); team 11 (2) tied team 6 (2); team 15 (4) beat team 7 (0).

THREE LEADING TEAMS
Team 2, 27-17; team 10, 26-18; team 4, 25-19.

WOMEN HIGH SERIES
Madeline Gwartz, 558; Sandy Duncan, 511; Barb Burky, 497.

WOMEN HIGH GAME
Madeline Gwartz, 202; Dolores Allwine, 199; Barb Furr, 182.

MEN'S "B" LEAGUE
American Tower (3) beat Rhythm Bowl (1); Will's Texaco (3) beat Citizens Bank (1); First National Bank (3) beat Shelby Foodland (1); Shelby Building and Loan (3) beat D & N Packing (1).

MEN HIGH SERIES
Tom Roberts, 620; Keith Hebble, 594; Frank Perry, 592.

MEN HIGH GAME
Jim Thomas, 239; Joe DeVito, 237; Tom Roberts, 232.

THREE LEADING TEAMS
First National Bank, 32; Shelby Foodland, 28 1/2; Shelby Building and Loan, 26 1/2.

POWDER PUFF
THREE LEADING TEAMS
Team 1, 21-7; team 4, 20-8; team 6, 19-9.

WOMEN HIGH SERIES
Tink Johnson, 549; Gail Dennis, 506; Susie Myers, 500.

WOMEN HIGH GAME
Tink Johnson, 189, 187; Barbara Patton, 183; Susie Myers, 180.

SHELBY "A" LEAGUE
TOP SERIES
C. Wolford, 234, 658; A. Ensmann, 235, 621; G. Stine, 214, 614; G. Perman, 217, 608; R. Lauble, 244, 601; H. Metzger, 232, 599; J. Whisler, 226, 596; Red Jones, 202, 590; G. Martin, 202, 588; J. Mosley, 224, 587; L. Kimmel, 210, 582; L. Clabaugh, 223, 582; J. Stine, 223, 582; J. Jennings, 211, 571.

TOP TEAMS
True Value, 62 - 34; Hopkins Vending, 59 - 37; Citizens Bank, 58 - 38; Shelby Mutual Agency, 52 - 44.

MORE HILTONS
NEW YORK (UPI) — Nine new hotels are scheduled to be opened by Hilton International in eight countries on four continents before the end of 1975. They include two in Australia, and one each in Israel, Lebanon, Bahrain, Indonesia, Austria, Switzerland and Spain.

PHS Football Player Honored

Jim Conley, a member of the Plymouth High School Big Red football team, has received an honorable mention in the Johnny Appleseed Conference football team selection. Conley was named as one of the honorable mention offensive team guards. Conley was the only Plymouth player to make any of the teams.

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