

Conrad Small But Mighty

By Bill Bern

LOUDONVILLE — What Loudonville High School pitcher Bob Conrad has accomplished comes as little surprise to those who know him.

"When I first saw him I started laughing," Pat Pearl said of the 5-foot-7, 150-pound Conrad. "He was so small and it just seemed funny seeing him out there striking out people a lot bigger and stronger."

"But he's always been a winner," added the Redbirds' first-year coach. "You expect good games from him."

Despite his diminutive stature, Conrad has compiled a creditable 4-1 record. And among his achievements this season is a 3-1, no-hit victory over Lexington.

"It's something every pitcher thinks about," Conrad said of his no-hit effort. "I was pumped up pretty high."

"I was a little nervous," he went on. "I came close a couple of times before, but I never had one."

"I was told in the sixth I had a no-hitter. When I went out in the seventh, I walked the first man."

Conrad regained his composure and struck out the next three batters to lock up the victory.

"Like most people, I didn't realize he had a no-hitter until late in the game," Pearl remembered. "After the last out we all just went crazy for a few minutes — jumping around and

everything. It was just a good feeling."

"My catcher (Brian Laser) came out and congratulated me," the unassuming Conrad recalled. "Then all the players came out and shook my hand. I was pretty excited."

Conrad struck out 15 batters and walked only four. Lexington's only run came in the fourth inning on a pair of walks, a stolen base and a wild pitch.

"That day my drop ball was working and the wind was with me," the senior righthander pointed out. "My curve wasn't the best, so I stuck with my fastball and drop. I only used the curve when they crowded the plate."

Also a shortstop, Conrad has struck out 78 in 37 innings pitched this season. He has walked only 19 and allowed just 12 base hits. His earned run average is a glittering 1.24.

As a junior, Conrad worked 692/3 innings, striking out 106 and surrendering just 27 walks. He allowed just nine earned runs and 39 base hits en route to a 6-2 worksheet and a position on the All-Johnny Appleseed Conference first team.

"He's got a lot of pitches," Pearl noted, "and it's been a lot of practice and a lot of hard work on his part. His dad works with him and he is determined to do the best he can."

"He's got a good curve and drop and changes speeds well," Pearl



BOB CONRAD
...hurler's dream

went on. "And he mixes 'em up, uses his head."

"He has a strong arm, but his fastball is not the fastest. If he throws you a couple of curves and then a fastball, it looks a lot faster."

Said Conrad, who is hitting .423 this season with two triples and four runs batted in, "I think I could use some more work on my control. It just hasn't come to me yet because I'm trying to throw harder. I'm not used to it yet, but it's (fastball) a more effective pitch."

Pearl, who doesn't balk at going to Conrad in a relief in a pressure situation, believes the Loudonville "stopper" has a bright future in baseball.

"If a good college gets ahold of him and works with him, it could be unlimited how far he can go," he said. "He loves pitching and really works at it."

Area Track Roundup

Tygers Go for Buckeye

By Mike Van Sickle

Mansfield Senior High track coach Wilbur (Lucky) Lanier has big, gleaming trophies in his eyes these days. The glow is coming from the Tyger trophy case.

Mansfield has chalked up a 6-0 record along with firsts in the Five Way Meet and Ontario Relays. Now it's on to Marion Saturday for the Buckeye Conference meet and Lanier sees another glimmer.

"We have a good luck streak going," he says. "Like at Ontario, we got the right places at the right times to win it for us. The morale on the team is great, we're healthy, and I'm a firm believer that these kids can do whatever they want to do."

The Tyger sights are set on the Buckeye crown, but they expect strong competition from Sandusky, Elyria and Lorain Admiral King. The other teams in the meet are Lorain Senior, Marion, Fremont Ross and Findlay.

The Buckeye Conference is one of nine weekend high school meets involving Mansfield area schools. The North Central Conference meet is set for Friday at Wynford, with the Loudonville Invitational, Shelby Relays, Mt. Gilead Relays, Wayne County League meet, Gahanna Relays, John B. Firestone meet and Cuyahoga Heights Relays on Saturday.

"I'd like to win it," said Lanier, "but to do it we'll have to dominate where we're strong," the sprints and hurdles.

"The way things are going for us right now, we could do it," he added. "And when the season's over and if every-

thing's still going like this for me, give me a shot at Vegas."

The finals in field competition get underway at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with running finals slated for 4 at Marion.

One of the most balanced league meets in recent years is expected for the North Central Conference at 4 p.m. Friday on the Wynford oval.

Colonel Crawford defends its 1976 title with strong challenges from Wynford, Buckeye Central, Marion Pleasant, Riverdale, River Valley, Elgin, Carey, Mohawk and Ridgedale.

Finals at Wynford begin at 6:30.

Shelby's powerful track forces will be favored to win their own Shelby Relays, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Madison, Lexington, Ontario, Willard, Bucyrus and Tiffin join the Whippets for the meet. Running finals are set for 1:30.

At Black River, the annual John B. Firestone meet will attract local teams New London, Northmor and Lucas. Northmor, with its strength in the sprints events, will be the favorite.

Other meets involving local track outfits include the Mt. Gilead Relays with Cardington, Hillsdale in the Wayne County League, Ashland at Gahanna Relays and Mapleton at the Cuyahoga Heights Relays.

At Loudonville, the Redbirds begin action at 10 a.m. and will have Clear Fork and Highland joining their annual event along with Tri Way, West Holmes and Danville.

19TH ANNUAL BUCKEYE CONFERENCE MEET TRACK RECORDS
120-yard high hurdles — 14.2 — Jim Fantozzi, Sandusky, 1972.
100-yard dash — 9.7 — Mac Thomas, Elyria, 1970.
100-yard relay — 4:26.9 — John Williams, Marion Harding, 1974.
800-yard relay — 1:28.6 — Mansfield Senior (Ralph Rawls, Cornell Davis, Steve Walker, Duane Hill), 1965.
400-yard dash — 49.8 — Steve Parker, Fremont Ross, 1969.
100-yard low hurdles — 19.0 — Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965.
800-yard run — 1:57.5 — Earl Smith, Fremont Ross, 1971.
200-yard dash — 21.4 — Bob Lindsey, Sandusky, 1965.
Two-mile run — 9:30.6 — Tim Wasco, Lorain Senior, 1971.
100-yard relay — 3:25.2 — Sandusky (Bob Sherman, Chuck Miller, Bob Jackson, Leo Ferguson), 1972.

FIELD EVENTS
Shot put — 59 feet, 8 1/2 inches — Ed Williams, Sandusky, 1968.
Discus — 178 feet — Ken Krueger, Sandusky, 1968.
Pole vault — 14 feet, 2 inches — Jeff Opelt, Fremont Ross, 1974.
High jump — 6 feet, 7 1/2 inches — Brad Bosse, Findlay, 1976.
Two-mile run — 23 feet, 8 inches — Dave Rafter, Sandusky, 1969.

PAST CHAMPIONS
1976 — Sandusky 58
1975 — Findlay 130
1974 — Sandusky 56
1973 — Sandusky 56
1972 — Sandusky 71 1/2
1971 — Sandusky 69 1/2
1970 — Sandusky 58
1969 — Sandusky 69
1968 — Sandusky 60
1967 — Elyria 64
1966 — Sandusky 79 1/2
1965 — Sandusky 63
1964 — Sandusky 58
1963 — Marion Harding 51
1962 — Marion Harding 50
1961 — Sandusky 83 1/2
1960 — Marion Harding 79 1/2
1959 — Marion Harding 71

16TH ANNUAL LONDONVILLE RELAYS TRACK RECORDS
120-yard high hurdles — 12.4 — Larry Rogers, Loudonville, 1962 (John Webster, Lexington, 1973).
100-yard dash — 10.2 — Greg Ward, Fredericktown, 1970.
100-yard relay — 4:27.1 — Bob Daniels, Sunbury Big Walnut, 1967.
Two-mile run — 8:34.5 — Fredericktown (Park Blair, Joe Miller, Jim Deane, Mike Koelb), 1974.
800-yard relay — 1:35.5 — Lexington (Tom Cockley, Bob Andrews, Tom Cockley, Dick Snavely), 1969.
500-yard dash — 51.8 — Jeff Cashehl, Lexington, 1972.
800-yard run — 2:01.0 — Bob Daniels, Sunbury Big Walnut, 1967.
100-yard low hurdles — 20.5 — Dan Brown, Fredericktown and John Webster, Lexington, 1973.
400-yard relay — 46.6 — Lexington (Tom Cockley, Park Blair, Dick Snavely, Rod Pore), 1969.
200-yard dash — 22.6 — Rod Pore, Lexington, 1968.
Two-mile run — 10:21.1 — Randy Thomas, Millersburg West Holmes, 1971.
400-yard shuttle hurdles relay — 1:00.8 — Loudonville (Dean Miller, Dave Brightbill, Dave Mayer, Randy Hinkle), 1965.
100-yard relay — 3:26.7 — Fredericktown (Gary Bunnell, Jay Overholt, Ed Johnson, John Hampton), 1974.
Weightmen's relay — 1:43.4 — Fredericktown, 1976.

FIELD RECORDS
Shot put — 55 feet, 3 inches — Pat Shannon, Sunbury Big Walnut, 1969.
Discus — 171 feet, 2 1/2 inches — John Casler, Ashland Crestview, 1967.
High jump — 6 feet, 2 inches — Gary Bunnell, Fredericktown, 1974; Carl Walls, Fredericktown, 1975.
Long jump — 21 feet, 6 inches — Greg Ward, Fredericktown, 1970.
Pole vault — 12 feet, 6 inches — Herb Mackey, Millersburg West Holmes, 1974.
PAST CHAMPIONS
1976 — Lexington 104
1975 — Fredericktown 86
1974 — Millersburg West Holmes 79
1973 — Lexington 80
1972 — Fredericktown 59 1/2
1971 — Millersburg West Holmes 88
1970 — Lexington 52
1969 — Sunbury Big Walnut 58 1/2
1968 — Lexington 73
1967 — Loudonville 41 1/2
1966 — Loudonville 54
1965 — Orrville 69
1964 — Orrville 84
1963 — Orrville 81
1962 — Loudonville 110

SEVENTH ANNUAL J.B. FIRESTONE INVITATIONAL TRACK RECORDS
Distance medley relay (800-220-440-mile) — 8:21.2 — Black River (Dave Hamby, Marc Hufner, Chris Schack, Steve Rook), 1975.
120-yard high hurdles — 15.8 — Brian Granneman, New London, 1975.
100-yard dash — 10.4 — Bob Williams, New London, 1974.
100-yard relay — 4:39.0 — Herb Gregory, New London, 1975.
800-yard relay — 1:35.3 — New London, 1971.
400-yard dash — 52.3 — Roger Ousley, South Central, 1971.
100-yard low hurdles — 21.3 — Ron Strimling, Collins Western Reserve, 1973.
220-yard dash — 23.4 — R. Price, Buckeye Central, 1972.
800-yard run — 2:03.8 — Chandler, New London, 1971.
Two-mile run — 10:04.0 — Steve Ballou, Northmor, 1974.
100-yard relay — 3:37.6 — Northmor (Dave Reep, Scott Perry, Bob Roelle, Don Carter), 1976.
FIELD EVENTS
Long jump — 21 feet, 1/4 inch — Jim Adams, Plymouth, 1971.
High jump — 6 feet, 2 inches — Dave Finley, Collins Western Reserve, 1974.
Pole vault — 13 feet, 3 inches — Dave Finley, Collins Western Reserve, 1974.
Shot put — 51 feet, 7 1/2 inches — Bostater, Milan Edison, 1975.
Discus — 157 feet, 6 inches — Bill VanWagner, Plymouth, 1971.

PAST LEADERS
1976 — Northmor 154, New London 118.
1975 — Northmor 116, Milan Edison 107.
1974 — New London 115, Plymouth 100.
1973 — Mapleton 77 1/2, Collins Western Reserve 45.
1972 — Plymouth 52, New London, 51.
1971 — Medina Buckeye 39, Plymouth 33.

Wooster Top Team

ASHLAND — Wooster is the team the field will be shooting for Saturday at the Cardinal Conference tennis championships, hosted by Ashland at Brookside Park courts.

The Generals, strong in singles and above average in doubles, were placed in the favorite's role by Ashland coach Carl Leedy.

"I would think Wooster is the favorite," Leedy explained. "although there are a lot of teams pretty close to them (Generals), Coshocton, New Philly and, of course, Malabar."

Malabar won the title last year but lost most of its strength to graduation. The Falcons, like the Generals, are strong in singles.

The expected confrontation in the meet should be between Wooster's Dave Holzworth and Malabar's Bud Vetter at No. 1 singles.

Holzworth won in the duel match earlier in the season but Vetter avenged the loss just last weekend in the Ashland Chevy Invitational, winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, in the most competitive match of the tournament.

"I expected Holzworth and Vetter to be the first and second seeds. I am not sure who'll be No. 1. We won't seed until Friday night," Leedy added.

"I think all the singles seeds could go to either Malabar or Wooster."

Jep Bloor is the second singles player for the Falcons and he will most likely face Bill Nelson of Wooster. At third singles, Matt Jones of Malabar could face Wooster's Eric Farhurst.

"In doubles, it is wide open," Leedy said. "There are a lot of teams with good doubles teams. I like to think we (Arrows) have two of the best teams in the tournament."

Ashland was the top area finisher, third, in the 16-team Chevy tournament. The Arrows' doubles team of Dodge Slagle and Mark Eisel reached the finals of second doubles.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Brookside.

New York Star Attends CSU

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Frank Edwards, who averaged 34.6 points last season to lead all high school basketball scorers in New York City, has signed a letter of intent to attend Cleveland State University, the university announced.

Edwards, a 6-foot-1 guard, set 18 single game, season and career records. He was named to the Class "B" All-City first team and received honorable mention All-American.

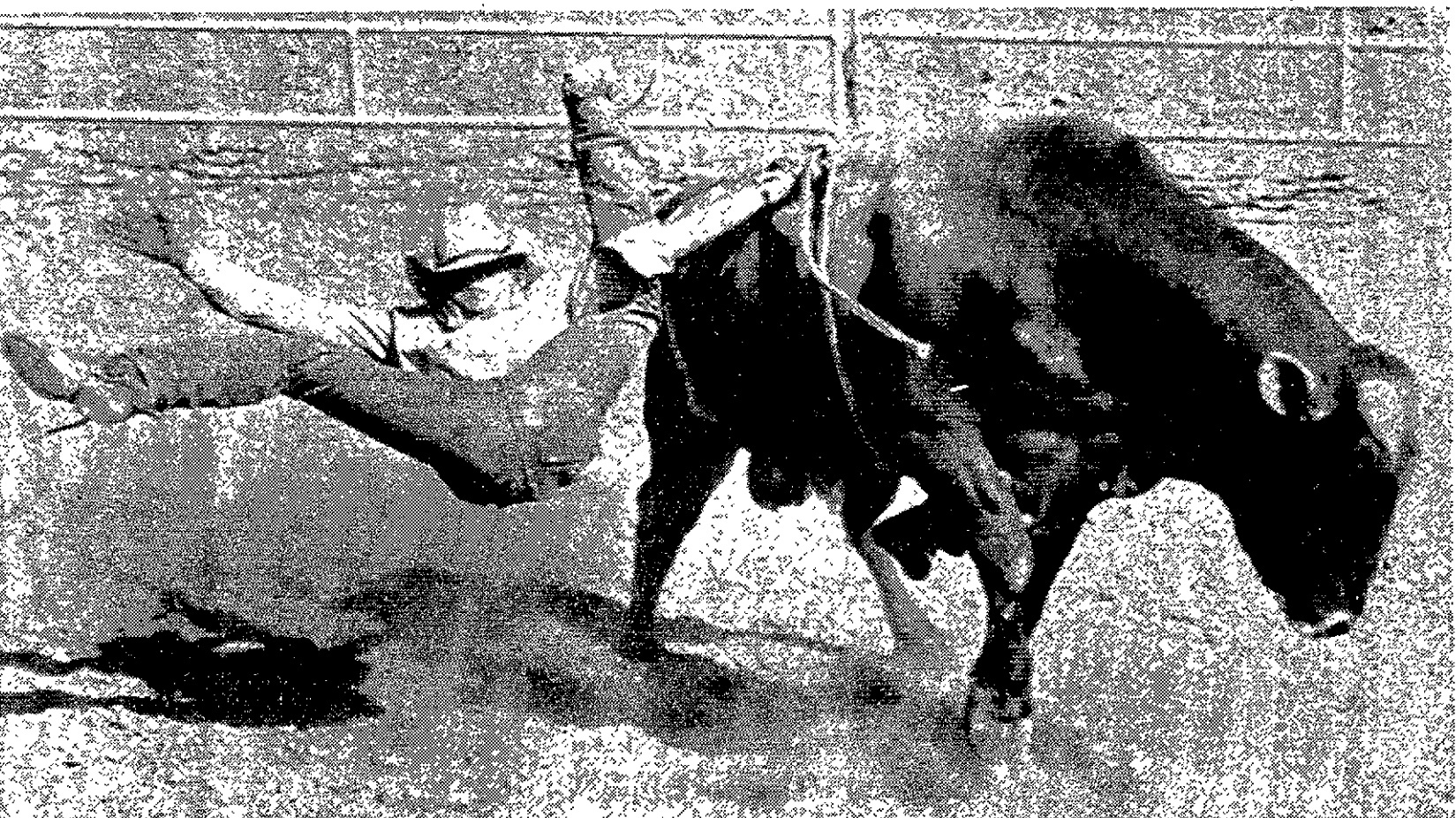
CSU basketball coach Ray Dieringer described Edwards "a real blue-chipper" as should be obvious from the list of schools seriously interested in signing him.

CSU said Edwards turned down scholarship offers from Florida State, Syracuse, Connecticut and Cincinnati and was being actively recruited by South Carolina when he signed with Cleveland State.

"We are extremely fortunate to have recruited this young man," Dieringer said. "I think he's going to make a lot of friends for Cleveland State basketball."

Edwards had a single game high of 66 points last winter. He also went 17-for-17 at the foul line on one occasion and dealt 13 assists on another occasion.

"He gives us great flexibility at guard," the CSU coach said. "He is an unselfish 34-point per game scorer who also averaged nine assists per game and was strong enough to average 12.3 rebounds as well."



EMERGENCY EXIT — How this youngster got his leg tucked behind his left arm is not readily apparent but it is certain that he didn't fare well in the All-Arizona

High School Rodeo Championships in Chandler, Ariz. The teenager's name is Craig Addy of Coolidge, Ariz., and he was trying to ride a bull called "Emergency." (AP Photo)



MANSFIELD AREA TRACK AND FIELD HONOR ROLL '77 (As of May 3) (Name, School, Effort, Place, Date)

100-YARD DASH
Ivan Peoples, Mansfield Senior, 10.0, Mehoek Field, 4-21.

220-YARD DASH
Ivan Peoples, Mansfield Senior, 22.2, Mehoek Field, 4-19.
Jerry Powell, Mansfield Senior, 22.4, Mehoek Field, 3-31.

400-YARD DASH
Mike Davis, Mansfield Senior, 50.5, Marion, 4-26.
William Bonner, Mansfield Senior, 50.6, Marion, 4-26.
STATE'S BEST: 46.4 by Jeff Walker, Akron North, and Dave Fish, Akron Firestone.

800-YARD RUN
Craig Jones, Ontario, 2:02.3, Ontario Relays, 4-30.
STATE'S BEST: 1:52.4 by Jackson, Lima Shawnee.

MILE RUN
Dan Shoemaker, Ashland, 4:32.6, Ontario Relays, 4-30.
Tim Tarvin, Shelby, 4:36.6, date unavailable.
STATE'S BEST: 4:13.2 by Tom Rapp, Trolwood Madison.

TWO MILE RUN
Tim Tarvin, Shelby, 9:57.7, Shelby, 4-19.
Mike Saylor, Callon, 9:59.5, Five Way Meet at Mehoek Field, 4-9.
STATE'S BEST: 8:55.0 by Alan Schars, Austintown Fitch.

HIGH HURDLES
Del-Ray Feagin, Mansfield Senior, 14.5 (twice), Mehoek Field, 4-21 and Marion, 4-26.
Simmons, Malabar, 14.9, Findlay, 4-12.
STATE'S BEST: 14.0 by Marshall Parks, Dayton Roth.

LOW HURDLES
Del-Ray Feagin, Mansfield Senior, 19.8 (twice), Five Way Meet at Mehoek Field, 4-9 and Mehoek Field, 3-31.
STATE'S BEST: 19.4 by Mike Austin, Columbus West.

800-YARD RELAY
Mansfield Senior (Cliff Belmer, Jerry Powell, Ivan Peoples, Henry Washington), 1:30.4, Ontario Relays, 4-30.
Malabar (Clint Williams, Mike Seabrook, Randy Frye, Derrick Morant), 1:31.2, Marion, 4-27.
STATE'S BEST: 1:30.4 by Mansfield Senior.

MILE RELAY
Malabar (Gregg Simmons, Daryl Board, Lash Park, Oliver Harrison), 3:26.4, Marion, 4-27.
STATE'S BEST: 3:19.7 by Cleveland Glenview.

SHOT PUT
Dwight Downs, Shelby, 54-10 1/2, Shelby, 4-12.
BEST: 64-11 3/4 by Ken Lanier, Columbus Marion-Franklin.

DISCUS
Jim Titlow, Clear Fork, 167-0, Lexington Invitational, 4-23.
STATE'S BEST: 173-4 1/4 by Don Frazee, Fairborn Baker.

POLE VAULT
Kirk Ellison, Ontario, 13-0, Ontario Relays, 4-30.
STATE'S BEST: 14-6 by Brian Binau, Upper Sandusky.

LONG JUMP
Ivan Peoples, Mansfield Senior, 22-4 1/4, Mehoek Field, 4-21.
STATE'S BEST: 23-7 1/4 by Mike Worlds, Toledo Macomber.

HIGH JUMP
Marty Myers, Hillsdale, 6-5 3/4, Mansfield-Mehoek Relays, 4-16.
STATE'S BEST: 6-10, Pringle, Cooley.

Track Honor Roll

By Mike Van Sickle

Mansfield Senior continues its domination of the Mansfield Area Track and Field Honor Roll '77.

The Tyger tracksters hold down the top spot in seven of the 15 events on this week's listings.

Mansfield's latest addition to the Honor Roll is in the 880 relay, where the foursome of Ivan Peoples, Cliff Belmer, Jerry Powell and Henry Washington ran a 1:30.2 at Saturday's Ontario Relays — the best time in Ohio to date this year!

Peoples has the best 100-yard dash time (10.0) and is tops in the 220 (22.2) to

go along with his area-best 22-4 effort in the long jump.

Peoples' teammate Del-Ray Feagin tops local hurdles with a 19.8 in the lows and 14.5 in the highs.

Mike Davis, another Mansfield Senior star, leads in the 440-yard dash with a 50.5 clocking, followed by another Tyger, William Bonner, with a 50.6.

Craig Jones of Ontario improved his top 880 run time at the recent Ontario Relays with a 2:02.3 and Ashland's Dan S. humaker ran a 4:32.6 to take over the top spot among milers.

Woman Gets Grant

OXFORD (AP) — Miami of Ohio, the famous men's Cradle of Coaches, has never had a woman awarded a scholarship to play sports.

That barrier has been broken.

Mary Ellen Seidel, 5-foot-6 and 120 pounds, has accepted a full athletic grant-in-aid to attend the 168-year-old school, a member of the Mid-American Conference.

"I think it's neat. I do feel privileged," said the 17-year-old from Columbus.

Pam Wettig, the coach of the Miami women's basketball team, knows all about Seidel. The Redskins have scouted her for two seasons.

"For our purposes," said the Miami mentor, "we think Mary Ellen is the best guard in the state. Maybe others are better in one phase. A leader she is. She has a nice jump shot. She is deceptively quick."

"And, more importantly, she has court sense. She knows at a glance what everybody is doing."

Seidel isn't overwhelmed by all this fuss. It's understandable when you consider she has:

—Broken tackles running for the neighborhood team.

—Cavorted in center field for the high school softball squad.

—Demoralized opposition running the relays on the track team.

—Filled in capably in singles or doubles on the tennis team.

—Menaced rivals in the center of action on the field hockey squad.

—Averaged 17 points on the championship basketball varsity.

Redskins Honored

COLUMBUS (AP) — A golfer and a baseball player from Miami University highlight the spring sports standouts this week as Mid-American Conference spring Athletes of the Week.

Miami junior Tom Rogan took the week's golf honors, following his medalist honors in the MAC Invitational. Redskin shortstop Mark Naehring is the baseball winner after posting two game-winning hits for his team and eight hits in 15 trips to the plate.

Also named to the weekly honors were Bob Learman, a junior at Western Michigan, the tennis pick after a week of six singles and four doubles victories; and shot putter Bruno Pauletto, a Central Michigan junior, the track and field selection for his victory in the Drake Relays with a 62-6 1/4-foot heave.

Two More Sign

CINCINNATI (UPI) — University of Cincinnati football coach Ralph Staub announced that high school stars Dwight Williams of Cleveland and Ken Robinson of Houston, Tex., have signed letters of intent to enroll at UC this fall.

Williams, a six-foot, 178-pound defensive back and punt returner, played at Cleveland St. Joseph's High School.

Robinson, a 6-2, 198-pound linebacker and tight end, graduated in 1974 from Carver High School in Houston, but only now decided to attend college.

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