

DEFFAINCE TRACK HAS A LONG TRADITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES . THROUGH 1933 TO THE 1970'S THE EMPHASIS WAS ON DUAL MEETS, LEAGUE, DISTRICT, AND STATE. IN THE 1940'S TRACKMEN SET MANY RECORDS ,WON NWOAL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1947,AND REPEATED IN 1948. THEY PUT 3 PEAT NWOAL TITLES IN 1953,54, 55. GARY WAGNER BECAME DHS FIRST ALL-STATATER IN TRACK IN 1952 IN THE 440.

DEFIANCE LEFT THE LEAGUE IN 1955 . IN THE LATE 60'S DEFIANCE , BG, AND LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC FORMED THE LAKE PLAINS CONFERENCE. THEY HAD ONE LEAGUE MEET WHICH BG WON. IN THE 50'S AND 60'S DHS RAN A VERY STRONG DUAL MEET SCHEDULE: FORT WAYNE SOUTHSIDE,FINDLAY, LIMA SENIOR, NAPOLEN HAD VERY STRONG TEAMS AND THE BULLDOGS RAN THEM EVERY SEASON. IN THIS ERA, DEFIANCE RAN OHIO WESLYN , BRYAN, AND DEFIANCE ALUMNI INVATIONALS. IN THE 1970'S OTTAWA GOLD MEDALS WERE ADDED. IN 1973 THE SCHEDULE ADDED SOME VERY STRONG INVATIONALS AND CONTINUED A TOUGH DUAL MEET SCHEDULE . THE DOGS RAN FINDLAY, NAPOLEON ,OG (STATE CHAMPS 1972), TOLEDO START, TOLEDO MACOMBER , FINDLAY ,AND LIMA SENIOR . THE INVATIONALS WERE VERY TOUGH: GREENVILLE,LIMA SENIOR,MANSFIELD,TROY, PIQUA,DAYTON WAYNE,TOLEDO WAYNE,PRINCETON,TOLEDO START,LIMA SHAWNEE, AND TROTWOOD MADISON. IN 1973 COACH MOUSER STARTED THE PALMER RELAYS IN MEMORY OF HAROLD AND ANN PALMER, WHO WERE LONG TIME DEFIANCE EDUCATORS . THE FIRST FEW YEARS NO SCORE WAS KEPT , BUT AFTER SEVERAL YEARS SCORING WAS ADDED. THE PALMERS ATTRACTED SOME OF THE TOUGHEST TEAMS IN NORTHWEST OHIO:LIMA SENIOR, FINDLAY, TOLEDO MACOMBER,TOLEDO LIBBEY, TOLEDO DEVILBISS,SHAWNEE,NAPOLEON, TOLEDO CENTRAL, MANY STADIUM AND RELAY RECORDS FROM THE DURING THE EARLY ERA STILL STAND .

IN THE 90'S AND 2000'S THE DUALS AND INVATIONALS WERE MORE NORTHWEST OHIO AND WBL SCHOOLS BUT DEFIANCE HAD TWO OF ITS GREATEST WINS (MIAMI AND BELLAIRE) AT BELLAIRE DHS DEFEATED STATE POWER DAYTON DUNBAR. ALSO DEFIANCE PULLED OFF A GREAT FEAT BY WINNING THE WBL IN 2006,2007,2008,2009,2010. DEFIANCE ENTERED WBL IN 1973 AND DHS FIRST WBL TITLE . SINCE THEN DEFIANCE HAS WON 17 WBL TITLES THE MOST OF ANY WBL SCHOOLS. THE DOGS IN THIS ERA ALSO ESTABLISHED AN AMAZING 92 -3 DUAL MEET RECORD.

MOST OF DEFIANCE'S HISTORY THE TRACK TEAM HAS BEEN DIVISION 1. THE BULLDOGS DID NOT WIN A DISTRICT OR REGIONAL TITLE IN THAT TIME . IN 2006 DHS BECAME DIVISION 2 AND WON DISTRICT TITLES IN 2009,2010. DEFIANCE HAS SENT MANY TRACK MEN TO STATE AND MANY HAVE WON ALL STATE HONERS.

DUAL MEET RECORDS

TREECE-(1934-36)-3-4
SMITH-(1939-1940)0-7
SHIPE(1941-1943) 2-8 (1945-1949)-13-9 TOTAL=15-17
HOEFFEL(1944-45) -7-5(1950-1951) 3-7 TOTAL +10-12
COWAN (1952)-3-3
ZIMMERMAN1(953-54-)7-3-1
WAHL 1955-(1961)-15-22
REX(1962-1967)-26-17-1
CROWELL(1967-1971) 9-7
MOUSER-(1972-1981)70-9 (1986-90) 15-5 TOTAL=85-14
BUTI (1991-2007)92-3
KIEFFER (1982-85)16-3
RITTENOUR 2008-

LEAGUE, DISTRICT.REGIONAL

NWOAL

HOEFFEL 1947,1948

ZIMMERMAN 1953,1954,

WAHL 1955

WBL

MOUSER 1973,1974,1978,1982,1986

BUTI 1991,94,99,2000,2001,02,06,07

RITTENOUR 2008,09,2010

KIEFFER 1983

DISTRICT

RITTENOUR-2009-2010

MAJOR RELAY TITLES

MAUMEE-WAHL 1961

BRYAN-REX-1963,BUTI-2004,RITTENOUR 2009,2010,

NAPOLEON-MOUSER-1973,1975,BUTI-1990,1999,,2000,2001,02,03,07.RITTENOUR2009

CELINA-1998,2000,01,02,03,04,05,06,07,RITTENOUR-08,09,2010

ANTHONY WAYNE-KIEFFER-1984,85,MOUSER 1986

MIAMI-BUTI-1994

ELIDA-BUTI-1994

PALMER MOUSER1978,1986BUTI 1991,95,99,2002,05,07,RITTENOUR 2008

BELLAIRE-BUTI 2002

WAPK BUTI 2006,07,RITTENOUR 08,09

BG-BUTI 1997,99,2002,03,06,RITTENOUR 08,09

DC-REX 1966

TOTAL

WAHL -1

REX-2

KIEFFER-2

MOUSER-5

BUTI-32

RITTENOUR-9

TOTAL-51