

At Harmon Stadium Friday

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Little Giants Bid For Fifth Straight Title In Annual Fremont Night Relays

Can Fremont Ross make it five in a row?

That will be the goal of the Little Giant track and field team Friday night when it bids for its fifth straight team championship in the 11th Fremont Night Invitational Relays at Harmon Stadium.

Ross has won or shared the championship since 1967. The Little Giants won the crown outright in 1967, 1968 and 1970. They shared the title with Port Clinton in 1969.

Little Giant coach Ron Brant enters the meet optimistically.

"I don't know a thing about Parma Padua, but based on times so far this season I think we can handle the other teams," Brant said. "If we put it all together we can win it."

Besides Ross and Padua the other teams in the field are Port Clinton, Bowling Green, Fostoria and Findlay. Ross routed Findlay, 74-53, in a dual meet at Harmon Stadium Tuesday.

Brant feels the Little Giants have a good chance for victory in seven events—shot put, discus, pole vault, 440-yard relay, sprint medley, 880-yard relay and mile relay.

"Those are the events where we have to score well if

we expect to win," Brant said. "We have been doing fairly well in those events during our dual meets."

The Little Giants took first places in seven events last year and had 55 points overall. Ross won the shotput, discus, long jump, pole vault, 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay and mile relay in 1970.

The Little Giants will go with the following lineup:

Shot Put—Tom Liggins, Chuck Miller and Bob Kobel.

Discus—Tom Nighswander, Bob Kusmer and Andy Sale.

High Jump—Chuck Celek, Kim Michael and Tom Pitts.

Long Jump—Tom Wilson, Chris Widman and John Lewis.

Pole Vault—Mike Tooman, John Werling and Bruce Schneider.

440-Yard Relay—John Heidelberg, Tom Liggins, Earl Smith and Rob Lytle.

Two-Mile Relay—Joe Widman, Al Widman, Chris Widman and either Kirk Stout or Rob Stierwalt.

Shuttle Hurdles—Mike Ruland, Ken Price, Tom Pitts and either Mark Shimer, Julius Simms, Al Sewell or Mike Tooman.

Sprint Medley—Rob Lytle (110), Tom Liggins (110), John Heidelberg (220) and Claude Price (440).

Distance Medley—Joe Widman (800), Al Sewell (220), Bill Burkett (440) and Al Widman (mile).

880-Yard Relay—John Heidelberg, Tom Liggins, Earl Smith and Rob Lytle.

Mile Relay—Bill Burkett, Tom Pitts, Claude Price and Earl Smith.

In addition to the regular events, there will also be a two-mile exhibition. Dave Damschroder, Steve Young and Lew Gessner will represent Ross in this event.

The meet will begin at 5 p.m. with competition in the field events. Track events start at 7 p.m. In the field events, the totals of all three competitors from each school will be used to determine the winner.

The overall meet is sponsored by the American Legion of Fremont. Local businesses sponsor each event. The event sponsors include Crown Rubber (shot put and high jump), Mosser Construction (discus, shuttle hurdles and 440), Union Carbide (long jump and distance medley), Pfisterer's Clothing (pole vault), Fremont Gun and Athletic Supply (two mile and 880), Burger Chef (sprint medley) and Serwin's Restaurant (mile relay).

The trophy which will be awarded to the winning team is sponsored by the American Legion. The Ross High Booster Association will furnish the trophy for the runner-up school.

Tickets for the event are on sale at Tremper's. The meet records:

FIELD EVENTS

SHOT PUT—Findlay, 148-2, 1964.

DISCUS—Port Clinton, 415-1½, 1967.

HIGH JUMP—Port Clinton, 16-10, 1967.

LONG JUMP—Fostoria, 60-3½, 1966.

POLE VAULT—Fremont, 34-3, 1970.

TRACK EVENTS

440-YARD RELAY—Fremont, 45.2, 1963.

TWO-MILE RELAY—Bowling Green, 8:23.7, 1962.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY—Oregon Clay, 55.2, 1962.

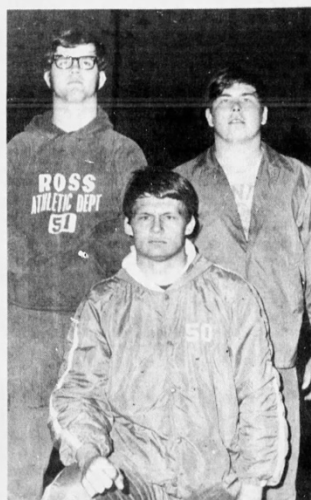
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY—Fremont, 1:35.8, 1968.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—Oregon Clay, 8:07.3, 1962.

880-YARD RELAY—Fremont, 1:33.7, 1963.

MILE RELAY—Fremont, 3:32.4, 1968.

Shatter Three Meet Records Little Giants Win Invitational



BUSY NIGHT FOR ROSS — Fremont Ross won the annual Fremont Night Invitational Relays for the fifth straight year at Harmon Stadium last night. In the photo at left, Norm Stiger, commander of Thurston Zwiir American Legion post of Fremont presents championship trophy to Little Giant head coach Ron Brant. Also in the front row are Ross athletic director Dick Sherman and assistant coach Norm Bray. Middle photo is the winning mile relay team

composed of Claude Price, Earl Smith, Tom Pitts and Bill Burkett (left to right). They set a meet and school record with a 3:31.4 clocking. At right are Little Giant shot put contestants — Andy Sale, Tom Nighswander and Bob Kusmer (left to right), who won their event. Nighswander set a school record with a toss of 158-7 1/2. (News-Messenger Photo)

By MARK CARLSON
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Record-breaking performances in the pole vault, distance medley and mile relay propelled Fremont Ross to its fifth consecutive team championship in the 11th Fremont Night Invitational Relays at Harmon Stadium last night.

The Little Giants racked up 57 points to easily outdistance the other five teams in the field.

Findlay's 39 points was good for second place. Parma Padua (32), Port Clinton (31), Bowling Green (27) and Fostoria (six) completed the field.

Ross had seven first places — shot put, discus, pole vault, 400-yard relay, sprint medley, 800-yard relay and mile relay.

The only other school to score more than one first was Findlay. The Trojans won the first place medals in the two-mile relay, distance medley and shuttle hurdles.

Ross, which scored 55 points in winning the 1970 event, added to its first place points with two second place finishes, two thirds and one fifth. In 1970, the Purple and White had two seconds, one third and two fifths.

John Werling, Bruce Schneider and Mike Tooman gave Ross a new meet record in the pole vault. They combined for a height of 34-6 to eclipse the old mark of 34-3 set by the Little Giants last year.

Rob Lytle, Tom Liggins, John Heidelberg and Earl Smith were responsible for establishing the new standard in the 440. They won the event with a 45.0 clocking, two-tenths of a second better than the winning time turned in by the Ross quartet of 1963.

Lytle, Liggins, Heidelberg and Smith were involved in one other first place. They won the 880-yard relay with a 1:35.5 time.

The mile relay record-setters were Bill Burkett, Tom Pitts, Claude Price and Smith. They ran a 3:31.4 compared to the old milestone of 3:32.4 set by Ross in the 1968 Invitational.

In winning the mile relay, Ross not only cracked the meet standard but also established a new school record. The old mark of 3:32 was set in the 1970 season by Tooman, Burkett, Len Ferguson and Smith.

Discus thrower Tom Nighswander was responsible for shattering the school record in his specialty for the second time in a week. Nighswander, a senior, threw the disc 158-7 1/2 to better his performance in Tuesday's dual meet with Findlay.

Netters Nipped, 4-3

Fremont Ross won the first three matches then lost the next four and was beaten, 4-3, in a scholastic tennis match at the Rodger Young Park courts yesterday.

Larry Shilling, Doug Spriggs and Steve Shively put the Little Giants in front 3-0 with victories in the singles competition.

Shilling bested Fostoria's Chris LeForge, 6-1 and 6-3. Spriggs took care of Stan Schmidt, 7-5 and 6-1. Shively won three sets before beating Tom Holden, 3-6, 7-5 and 6-4.

In the number four match, Fostoria's Kerry Mitchell won in two sets against John Mittermaier. Mitchell won the first set 7-5 and the second 6-2.

Both of the doubles matches went the maximum distance, three sets. LeForge and Schmidt teamed to beat Spriggs and

The Tuesday throw was 151-7 which cracked the previous mark of 150-9 1/2 set in 1952 by Archie Biggs, who's presently a member of the Little Giant varsity football staff.

Nighswander was joined in the competition by Bob Kusmer and Andy Sale. Their combined distance was 413-5 1/2. Port Clinton was second in the event with a 391 total.

Liggins, Chuck Miller and Bob Kobel combined for a 145-9 1/2 distance in the shot put. Second place went to Bowling Green with a 130-2 distance.

In the other field events, Ross took a second and fifth place. Pitts, Kim Michael and Chuck Celek placed behind the Bowling Green threesome in the high jump.

Dave Kridler, Chris Widman and Tom Wilson earned the fifth spot in the long jump. Their distance was 52-10. Padua's entry won the event.

Lytle, Liggins, Heidelberg and Price teamed up for the sprint medley win. Their 1:37.8 time was five-tenths of a second better the Padua's second place time. Lytle and Liggins each ran 110 yards, Heidelberg (220) and Price (440).

Mike Ruland, Tooman, Price and Pitts combined for a second in the shuttle hurdles. The foursome had a 56.8 time compared to Findlay's winning mark of 55.4.

News-Messenger SPORTS

Cantu's Home Runs Spark Old Fort

CLYDE—Ed Cantu clobbered two homers in leading Old Fort to a 7-4 non-conference baseball victory over Clyde yesterday.

Cantu hit his homers in the third and fifth innings. Two runners were on base in the third and one in the fifth.

Clyde had taken a 1-0 lead before Cantu took over. The host Fliers went ahead in the first. Tico Mendoza walked, stole second and went to third on a throwing error. He scored on Mick Gase's single.

Larry Willis reached base on an error to open the Old Fort third. After an out, Kent Whitman walked. Cantu followed with his homer. The Stockaders scored one more time in the frame to take a 4-1 lead.

Whitman opened the fifth with a homer and Cantu followed with his second inside-the-park

against three Clyde hurlers. Both were three-for-three at the plate.

Steve Hoke was the winning pitcher. He had relief help from Dave Burks in the sixth. Jim Patton was charged with the loss.

Clyde (2-2) entertains Fremont Ross Monday. The Fliers travel to Castalia Tuesday for a Sandusky Bay Conference clash with Margaretta. Old Fort (6-5) was slated to host Oakwood in a doubleheader Saturday.

The line score:
Old Fort 004 020 1-7 10 2
Clyde 100 002 1-4 4 3
RHI—Cantu 5, Whitman, Burks (OF), Gase, Abdo, Gent (C), 2B—Gase, HBI—Cantu 2, Sac. Fly, Gent, LOB—Clyde 5, Old Fort 4

	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Patton (L)	5	6	2	2	2
Meyer	1	2	1	0	2
Kline	1	2	0	1	0
Hoke (W)	5	2	3	3	13
Burks	1	1	1	0	4

Joe Widman, Al Sewell, Burkett and Al Widman were third in the distance medley. Findlay won the event with a new meet mark of 7:58, eclipsing the old mark of 8:07.2 set by Oregon Clay in 1962. Bowling Green was second at 8:01.1.

In the two-mile, Ross placed behind Findlay and Padua. The Little Giants were represented by Al Widman, Kirk Stout, Rob Stierwalt and Joe Widman.

Port Clinton, which was blanked in the victory department, did manage three second places. The Redskins were runners-up in the discus, long jump and mile relay.

The Redskins, who were second in the 1970 competition, also totaled three thirds — shuttle hurdles, sprint medley and 880-yard relay.

Invitational Summary

Field Events
SHOT PUT—1. Ross (Liggins, Miller and Kobel), 145-9 1/2; 2. Bowling Green (Murray, Joseph and Harrington), 130-2; 3. Parma (Puting, Krotine and Skipka), 127-1 1/2; 4. Port Clinton (Boister, Bahnsen and Ontko), 125-1 1/2; 5. Fostoria (Barton, Small and Wade), 119-2 1/2.
DISCUS—1. Ross (Sale, Kusmer and Nighswander), 413-5 1/2; 2. Port Clinton (Quinn, Bahnsen and Ontko), 391-0; 3. Parma (Tren, Ellis and Zdziszek), 375-6; 4. Findlay (Cook, Vrselschitz and Hosler), 366-3; 5. Bowling Green (Murray, Otley and Hall), 354-3.
POLE VAULT—1. Ross (Werling, Schneider and Tooman), 34-6 (new meet record, breaks old mark of 34-3 set by Ross, 1970); 2. Findlay (Hooney, Edes and Tooman), 34-0; 3. Port Clinton (Basinger, Sodenberg and Wright), 33-0; 4. Fostoria (Sherman, Lowmaster and King), 30-0; 5. Parma (Pratt, Liscynsky and Milligan), 23-6.
HIGH JUMP—1. Bowling Green (Baker, Oren and Roper), 16-4; 2. Ross (Pitts, Michael and Celek), 16-5; 3. Findlay (Smith, Paul and Kinney), 16-5; 4. Port Clinton (Quinn, B. Tucker and Rusinkovich), 15-9; 5. Parma (Liscynsky, Gunn and Wilcox), 15-4.
LONG JUMP—1. Parma (Babcock, Supan and Gunn), 56-9 1/2; 2. Port Clinton (Fritz, Tucker and Kinney), 56-1; 3. Findlay (Zahler, Kenny and Paul), 55-2; 4. Fostoria (King, Fairley and Wade), 54-7 1/2; 5. Ross (Kridler, Widman and Wilson), 52-10.

Track Events
440-YARD RELAY—1. Ross (Lytle, Liggins, Heidelberg and Smith), 45.0 (new meet record, breaks old mark of 45-2 set by Ross, 1962); 2. Parma (Petro, Harden and Babcock), 46.7; 3. Bowling Green (Palmer, Bell, Chaney and Mahaffey), 47.1; 4. Findlay (Franks, Wittenmyer, Wonderly and Tille), 47.2; 5. Fostoria (Fairley, Crosby, Babb and Wade), 47-3.
TWO-MILE RELAY—1. Findlay (Hochstetler, Lucson, Bauer and Barnes), 8:29.4; 2. Parma (Kupchella, Bayvaz, Miller and Heitsch), 8:33.8; 3. Ross (A. Widman, Stott, Stierwalt and J. Widman); 4. Port Clinton (Keller, Walker, Ihnat and Lansford), 8:54.4; 5. Bowling Green (Call, Daniels, Herringshaw and Ekum), 9:04.7.

SHUTTLE HURDLES—1. Findlay (Paul, Kinney, Smith and Schall), 55.4; 2. Ross (Haland, Tooman, Price and Pitts), 56.8; 3. Port Clinton (Fritz, Basinger, Tucker and Petersen), 58.0; 4. Bowling Green (Gillespie, Carr, Perez and Beattie), 59.3; 5. Parma (Petro, Milewski, Liscynsky and Baytosh), 1:01.5.

SPRINT MEDLEY—1. Ross (Lytle, Liggins, Heidelberg and Price), 1:37.8; 2. Parma (Harden, Davoll, Fialle and Babcock), 1:38.3; 3. Port Clinton (Tucker, Jackson, Fisher and A. Tucker), 1:38.6; 4. Findlay (Franks, Wonderly, Tille and McDaniel), 1:40.5; 5. Bowling Green (Mahaffey, Chaney, Bell and Beattie), 1:42.7.

DISTANCE MEDLEY—1. Findlay (Hochstetler, Zanler, Barton, and Barnes), 7:58.0 (new record, breaks old mark of 8:07.3 set by Oregon Clay, 1962); 2. Bowling Green (Herringshaw, Chaney, Hines and Ekum), 8:01.1; 3. Ross (J. Widman, Sewell, Burkett and A. Widman); 4. Parma (Koschalanaki, Crandall, Milewski and Heitsch), 8:07.4; 5. Port Clinton (Zach, Jethewick, Rusakovich and Money), 8:56.

880-YARD RELAY—1. Ross (Heidelberg, Liggins, Smith and Lytle); 2. Bowling Green (Mahaffey, Bell, Carr and Beattie), 1:36.1; 3. Port Clinton (Basinger, Jackson, B. Tucker and A. Tucker), 1:37.1; 4. Findlay (Franks, Chastain, Wonderly and Tille), 1:37.9; 5. Parma (Vought, Crandall, Harden and Fialle), 1:39.8.

MILE RELAY—1. Ross (Burkett, Pitts, Price and Smith), 3:31.4 (new record, breaks old mark of 3:32.4 set by Ross, 1962); 2. Port Clinton (Fisher, Hettlinger, Whittington and A. Tucker), 3:34.3; 3. Findlay (Barton, Smith, McDaniel and Schall), 4. Parma (Darabik, Bazzo, Milewski and Babcock), 3:41.7; 5. Bowling Green (Hines, Gillespie, Perez and Carr), 4:47.0.

Team Score
Ross 57, Findlay 39, Parma Padua 32, Port Clinton 31, Bowling Green 27 and Fostoria 6.