

1985 Buckeye Conference...



MEMBERS OF the Ross High School girls track team competing in Saturday's Buckeye Conference Meet are, left to right, front row: Jenny Zienta, Helen Sepeda, Pam Pitts, Shelly Hines, Jennifer Rollins, Shelly Claypool, Kelly Wolfe, Melinda Moreno and Gail Minniefield; second row: Nicky Buehler, Shannon Carter, Missy Provard, Cathy Mallia, Connie Shaffer,

Tammy Schiets, Amy Fetterman, Heather Fought and Jenny Monak; third row: assistant Coach Tom Thomson, Kelly Shaffer, Ellen Balsizer, Jodi Beatty, Kim Miller, Kim Crawford, Shandrika Parker, Jodi Ritzman, Minerva Nevarez, Kelly Sabiers, Emmecco Atkins and Coach Harold Zienta.

Ross to host 30th BC meet

News-Messenger Reports

Fremont Ross will host the 30th Buckeye Conference Track Meet Saturday at the Ross High School all-weather track complex.

The field events begin at 10 a.m. with the track preliminaries at 10:30. The finals in the running events will begin at noon.

Sandusky is the early favorite to win its 18th Buckeye Conference title while Sandusky, Elyria and Ross are expected to fight it out for the girls title.

Elyria is the chief threat to Sandusky in the seven-team boys field. The Pioneers have dominated Buckeye Conference foes in dual meets this spring. Topping that Elyria contingent is

a 400 meter relay team that has recorded a scorching 43-seconds clocking this spring.

Mark Cannon is the chief rival for Ross's Dave Kovaleski in the high jump. The Elyria sophomore has cleared 6-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ this spring while the Ross junior has leaped 6-7.

In the girls portion of the meet, Elyria has been beaten by both the Ross and Sandusky girls by identical 67-61 scores.

"Elyria did not run their best sprinter against us," Ross Coach Harold Zienta pointed out. "It's going to be a close race among us."

Zienta admitted that his team will be hurt in the distance races.

Meanwhile, the Ross boys

tuned up for the conference meet with Whitmer.

"This was not bad for a 'fun' lineup," Ross Coach Norm Bray said after his team lost 65-63. Bray admitted that it was a makeshift lineup while he rested his team for Saturday.

Kovaleski tuned up by winning the high jump with a 6-6 effort.

Other wins went to Rick Egbert in the long jump, Rick Martin in the high hurdles, Todd Beatty in the shot put and Brian Doty in the 3200 meter run. The Ross 400 relay team of Trent Brown, Beatty, Kevin Hively and Steve Letzring won in 46.2 second and the Ross 1600 relay team of Brown, Mike Robinette, Dave McDonald and Hively took that event in 3:35.



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CHARLES SUTTON of Lorain leads a pack of runners around the fourth turn in the 1600 run. Behind Sutton are, left to right, Ned Ayish of

Elyria, Curt Rogers of Sandusky, Brian Doty and John Snodgrass of Ross. Sutton finished first, Rogers second in the race.



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KELLY WOLFE of Ross clears a hurdle on her way to a win the 100-meter race. At the left is

Regina Arnold of Elyria and to the right is Princette Burnette of Admiral King.

Both Ross teams finish 3rd in BC

By BOB MARKER
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Ross girls track Coach Harold Zienta was mildly disappointed while boys Coach Norm Bray was all smiles as each Ross team finished third in the 30th Buckeye Conference Track Meet at the Ross High School track Saturday.

Elyria, as expected, fought off the heat and the other six conference schools to win both the boys and girls meets. The Pioneers won five events to rack up 143½ points in the boys portion of the meet. Second went to Findlay at 102 while Ross had 74 for third.

Elyria had 127 points to win the girls meet. Second was Sandusky with 109 while Ross had 73 for third.

"I thought with a few breaks," Zienta said, "we would be second but that 1,600 (relay) win was a great finish for us."

The 1,600 team took one of the two firsts for the Lady Giants. The other was by Kelly Wolfe with a conference-record 14.7-second clocking in the 100-meter hurdles. That time also erased the Ross school and track records.

Jennifer Rollins, Missy Provard, Kelly Shaffer, and Shelly Hines comprised the Ross 1,600 relay. Shaffer was inserted into the lineup when regular Shannon Carter could not run.

Hines anchored the win with a 63.5, fighting off a strong head wind that bothered her in the final turns.

"She (Regina Arnold of Elyria) got ahead of me for a while," Wolfe said while talking about her hurdles win.

The 14.7 clocking was a half-second faster than Wolfe has ever run the race.

Ross sprinter Pam Pitts finished second to the conference's "athlete of the year" Vickie Jones of Sandusky in the 100 and 200 dashes. The Lady Giants also got a second from the 800 relay team of Jenny Monak, Shaffer, Rollins and Carter with a 1:49.42, the squad's best time of the season.

Wolfe took second in the high jump with a leap of 5-0.

Getting third for the Ross girls was Carter (1:01.05) in the 400. Wolfe had a fourth in the 300 hurdles in 51.31 and the 3,200 relay team of Cathy Mallia, Jodi

Ritzman, Nicky Buehler and Jenny Zienta was fourth in a season best 10:55.98.

Hines recorded a fifth in the 300 hurdles and Minerva Nevarez was surprising fifth, according to Zienta, in the discus. Mallia was fifth in the 3200 run.

Bray was more than pleased with his team's finish.

"Hey, I'm extremely proud of our young men," he beamed. "What makes me most happy is the fact that we only had three seniors score for us today."

Those three were Bill McCoy, second in the pole vault (12-0), Mike Robinette, fourth in the 800 in 2:04.13 and Todd Beatty, fifth in the shot put with 49-5¼.

Ross had two first places, both by sophomores. Steve Letzring won the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds, his quickest time of the season, and Brian Doty won the 3,200 run in 10:37.14.

"I hit a few hurdles with my trail leg," Letzring said. "There were two hurdles left and he (Dave Row of Marion Harding) was still ahead of me but he seemed to be dying."

"It was a tough day," Doty said while being supported by his teammates after his win. "The coaches are going to kill me for looking back but I was nervous and wanted to see there the second place runner was."

The Ross 3,200 relay team of Doty, Pat Hetrick, Robinette and Kevin Hively was second in a school record 8:10.04. Robinette, according to Ross distance Coach Bev Lynch, averages 2:04 in the 800 but on his leg of the 3,200, Robinette clicked off a 2:01.

Ross had one other second, Dave Kovaleski leaped 6-2 in high jump to take that place. The winner of the event, sophomore Mark Cannon of Elyria, set a conference and track record with a leap of 6-11. He narrowly missed 7-foot on three other jumps.

The Little Giants got a third in the 1,600 relay and had fourths from Doty in the 1,600 run and Hively in the 400. Fiftths went to Hetrick in the 800, Scott Provard in the 100, Jim Carroll in the pole vault and the 400 relay team.

Letzring had a sixth in the 300 low hurdles and Rick Martin finished in that slot in the high hurdles.

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GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

Elyria	127	Lorain Senior	32
Sandusky	129	M. Harding	41½
Ross	73	Admiral King	32½
Findlay	65		

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: 1-Danita Snow (MH) 117-3, 2-Lucy Slager (E) 109-0, 3-Sarah Eldredge (F) 108-2, 4-Terri Arnold (E) 101-11, 5-Miserva Nevarez (R) 98-10, 6-Wendy McCormick (F) 96-1.

Shot put: 1-Dianne Montgomery (S) 36-5, Arnold (E) 35-5½, 3-Cheryl Powell (F) 34-9, 4-Snow (MH) 34-2½, 5-LaShonda Berry (AK) 33-9½, 6-Mel Hopkins (MH) 33-2½.

Long jump: 1-Vickie Jones (S) 17-11½, 2-Helen Williams (LS) 16-2, 3-Monica Pearson (S) 16-1, 4-Marcian Junior (E) 16-0½, 5-Misty Hotelling (F) 15-11½, 6-Tawana Phillips (AK) 15-10½.

High jump: 1-Heather Greeno (F) 5-1, 2-Kelly Wolfe (R) 5-0, 3-(tie) Latina Koonce (S) and Moili Hopkins (E) 4-4, 5-(tie) Beth Perkare (AK) and Kristy Winger (MH) 4-4.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Findlay (Freel, Anning, Fleming, Creel) 10:20.73, 2-Sandusky 10:27.99, 3-Marion Harding 10:31.7, 4-Ross 10:35.98, 5-Lorain Senior 11:03.39, 6-Admiral King 11:22.53.

100 hurdles: 1-Wolfe (R) 14.7 (New conference, track and Ross school record. Old conference record of 14.84 set by Porter of Elyria in 1981), 2-Regina Arnold (E) 15.11, 3-Tara Jones (E) 15.41, 4-Catrina Lewis (LS) 15.64, 5-Jenny Wachter (F) 16.55, 6-Judy Walker (MH) 16.87.

100 dash: 1-Jones (S) 12.0 (New conference record. Old record of 12.2 set by Jones in 1983 and equaled by Horton of Elyria in 1984), 2-Pam Pitts (R) 12.02 (New Ross school record), 3-Vickie Horton (E) 12.04, 4-Lillian Saes (LS) 12.77, 5-Tawana Pickens (S) 12.87, 6-Leslie Klugere (LS) 13.18.

800 relay: 1-Elyria (S. Williams, L. Williams, Hill, Horton) 1:47.5, 2-Ross 1:49.42, 3-Admiral King 1:50.48, 4-Findlay 1:52.23, 5-Lorain Senior 1:54.61, 6-Marion Harding 1:59.48.

1600 run: 1-Anne Denmore (E) 5:11.55 (New conference record. Old record of 5:14.6 set by Pickens of Sandusky in 1984), 2-Krista Reynolds (S) 5:35.45, 3-Kim Jackson (S) 5:35.94, 4-Jodi Butler (MH) 5:40.08, 5-Missy Freel (F) 5:40.20, 6-Amy Smith (E) 5:40.5.

400 relay: 1-Elyria (Gilbert, Williams, Hill, Horton) 50.5, 2-Admiral King 52.43, 3-Lorain Senior 53.78, 4-Findlay 54.34, 5-Marion Harding 56.38.

400 dash: 1-Jones (S) 59.7, 2-Saes (LS) 1:00.14, 3-Shannon Carter (R) 1:01.05, 4-Hotelling (F) 1:01.78, 5-Shelly Hines (F) 1:02.12, 6-Ann Gilbert (E) 1:03.79.

300 hurdles: 1-Arnold (E) 50.25, 2-Wachter (F) 50.9, 3-Lisa Jones (S) 51.12, 4-Wolfe (R) 51.31, 5-Nikki Ivey (AK) 51.9, 6-Jenny Zienta (R) 52.06.

800 run: 1-Denmore (E) 2:24.09, 2-Heather Creel (F) 2:27.12, 3-Williams (LS) 2:30.46, 4-Mickie Steven (MH) 2:34.56, 5-Missy Freel (F) 2:35.08, 6-Tammy Seymore (AK) 2:41.41.

300 dash: 1-Jones (S) 55.9, 2-Pitts (R) 56.1, 3-Horton (E) 57.22, 4-Hill (E) 57.42, 5-Pickens (S) 57.56, 6-Kebe Smith (AK) 58.21.

1200 run: 1-Denmore (E) 11:53.27, 2-Jackson (S) 12:32.11, 3-Jodi Butler (MH) 12:58.81, 4-Reynolds (S) 1:13.27, 5-Cathy Mallis (R) 13:34.21, 6-Melissa Markutaa (AK) 14:08.85.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

Elyria	143½	Lorain Senior	52
Findlay	102	Admiral King	38
Ross	74	M. Harding	21½
Sandusky	64		

FIELD EVENTS

High jump: 1-Mark Cannon (E) 6-11 (New conference record. Old record of 6-7½ set by Bouse of Findlay in 1975), 2-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-2, 3-John Irish (R) 6-2, 4-Jeff Williams (F) 6-0, 5-Cleave Johnson (LS) 6-0, 6-Vince Maggi (MH) 6-0.

Shot put: 1-Dave Sprouse 57-½, 2-Chris Gubeno (E) 53-7, 3-Bill Moore (AK) 51-¾, 4-Doug Sprouse (F) 51-5½, 5-Todd Beatty (R) 49-½, 6-Joe Nolder (S) 48-11½.

Long jump: 1-Johnson (LS) 22-1, 2-Brian Rogers (E) 21-¾, 3-Cannon (E) 21-1, 4-Jay Viera (F) 19-11, 5-Eric DeVese (S) 19-9, 6-Brian Ninwander (F) 19-9.

Pole vault: 1-Ken McBeth (F) 13-0, 2-Bill McGoy (R) 12-4, 3-Greg Kleptig (MH) 11-4, 4-Rick Johnston (S) 11-4, 5-Jim Carroll (R) 11-0, 6-(tie) Chuck Copeland (MH) and Mike Brightwell (E) 10-0.

Discus: 1-Dave Sprouse (R) 154-5, 2-Doug Sprouse (F) 153-3, 3-Gubeno (E) 143-1, 4-Larry Findlay (LS) 141-1, 5-Moore (AK) 134-8, 6-Nolder (S) 131-3.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Elyria (Denmore, Clayton, Humphries, Ayish) 8:08.0 (New conference record. Old record of 8:10.1 set by Findlay in 1982), 2-Ross 8:19.04 (New Ross record), 3-Sandusky 8:19.58, 4-Findlay 8:39.0, 5-Admiral King 8:48.0, 6-Lorain Senior 9:50.13.

100 high hurdles: 1-Steve Letzring (R) 15.5, 2-Dave Row (MH) 15.7, 3-Jeff Marshall (F) 16.05, 4-Jeff Williams (F) 16.7, 5-Matt Wicko (AK) 16.8, 6-Rick Martin (R) 16.86.

100 dash: 1-Mike Sanders (S) 11.1, 2-Brian Rogers (E) 11.2, 3-Lamar Jackson (E) 11.25, 4-Johnson (LS) 11.28, 5-Scott Provrad (R) 11.5, 6-Tony Musone (F) 11.7.

1600 run: 1-Charles Sutton (LS) 4:27.6, 2-Curt Rogers (S) 4:30.9, 3-Ned Ayish (E) 4:37.8, 4-Brian Doty (R) 4:41.4, 5-Todd Ward (F) 4:46.0, 6-Tod Zack (E) 4:49.8.

400 relay: 1-Elyria (Jackson, Williams, Bugg, Rogers) 43.66, 2-Sandusky 44.98, 3-Admiral King 44.79, 4-Findlay 44.99, 5-Ross 45.0, 6-Marion Harding 45.98.

400 dash: 1-Ned Moore (E) 50.35, 2-Steve Bugg (E) 52:03, 3-Andre Campbell (AK) 52.26, 4-Kevin Hively (R) 52.4, 5-Charlie McGowan (S) 53.38, 6-Sanders (S) 53.5.

300 low hurdles: 1-Eric Czatt (LS) 40.0, 2-Marshall (F) 40.34, 3-Face Johnson (AK) 40.45, 4-Dave Row (MH) 41.35, 5-Viera (F) 41.9, 6-Letzring (R) 42.03.

800 run: 1-Sutton (LS) 2:01.5, 2-Eric Denmore (E) 2:02.79, 3-Rod Humphries (E) 2:04.12, 4-Mike Robinson (R) 2:04.13, 5-Pat Hetrick (R) 2:06.37, 6-Bret Farris (S) 2:09.23.

200 dash: 1-Sanders (S) 22.78, 2-Corey Williams (E) 22.88, 3-Brian Rogers (E) 23.12, 4-John Johnson (F) 23.65, 5-Robbie Jordan (S) 23.99.

3200 run: 1-Doty (R) 10:37.14, 2-Todd Ward (F) 10:51.16, 3-Norm Marks (E) 10:58.04, 4-Mike Moore (S) 10:58.16, 5-Terry Komion (E) 11:1.79, 6-Tony DeBracciano (LS) 11:05.33.

1600 relay: 1-Elyria (Clayton, Bush, Jackson, Humphries) 8:38.98, 2-Admiral King 3:22.51, 3-Ross 2:34.79, 4-Sandusky, 5-Findlay 3:39.78, 6-Marion Harding 3:40.01.