

Ross girls, boys track teams debut

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Norm Bray was pleased but Harold Zienta disappointed as Ross's boys and girls track teams prepared to open the season today at the Ross High School track complex.

"I'm very pleased to have 43 people report for the team," Bray, the boys coach said.

"It was a disappointing turnout," Zienta, the girls leader said after only 21 showed up for the squad practices.

The teams will host Tiffin Columbian and Galion, a pair of Northern Ohio League squads, in the 4 p.m. debut.

Bray's teams have traditionally fielded strong sprinters but that is not the case this season.

"It looks like our distance runners are going to have to carry us," he said. "That is the first time since 1965 that has been the case. We have 28 distance people and five sprinters — can you believe that? — it's hard for me to believe."

Bray's squad has 12 athletes who have either lettered in track or cross country. None, however, stood out for the Little

Giants in 1982 but several had solid performances.

"In the field events," Bray said, "we are average but the pole vault should be the strongest."

In that event, veteran seniors Doug Zink and Steve Slatter are back for their third years.

The Ross coach said that in the shot and discus, he expects strong performances from sophomores Todd Beatty and Mike Bobay as they team up with letterman Tom Shaffer.

Lettermen Mark Schmidt and Brian Wensinger, both seniors, head the distance runners. Sophomores Mike Mezinger and John Snodgrass along with David Slater lettered in cross country.

The sprinters are senior Rick Heidelberg, juniors Mike Palomo and Huy Tran, all lettermen. Letterman Brad Pitts is the primary hurdler.

Junior non-letterman Gene Simmons is also a sprinter.

Despite the lack of sprinters, Bray still feels that those events and the relays should be strong.

"Even with five," he explained, "they should be decent when they get into shape. Simmons, with harder work,

could be a very good sprinter."

Zienta has seven letter winners from last season and another senior who lettered as a sophomore but did not come out last season.

"We have a few more experienced people than last year," Zienta said, "because a lot of them had a chance to learn."

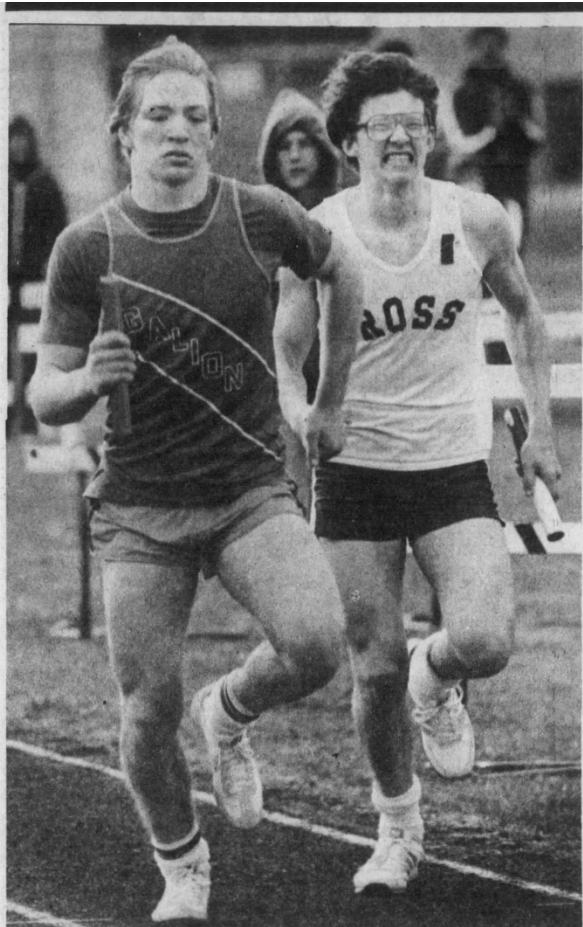
"It's too darn early, though, to tell where our strength will be."

The distance events could be if junior Doris Clark is healthy. She was hospitalized Monday and her status is doubtful.

In field events, Gwin Minnich and Melissa Mamula lettered in the shot and discus events.

Lisa Arndt, a senior who lettered as a sophomore, will be competing in the distance events. Clark, a second place finisher in the 1600 meters in the Buckeye Conference, is the top runner for Zienta at that distance.

Junior Katie Marritt is a strong middle distance runner who can run the longer distances. Sharon Lamalie is also a returning letter winner in the middle distance events. Junior letter winner Lisa Luman is a sprinter.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

JACK KONRAD of Ross strains to catch a Galion runner during the final leg of 3200-meter relay during the triangular meet at the Ross High

School track Tuesday. Konrad ran the leg in 2:19 but the Little Giants team failed to place in the event.

Gibsonburg only track winner

Both the Ross boys and girls track teams were on the bottom end of season-opening triangular meets with Tiffin Columbian and Galion Tuesday.

In the boys meet, it was Columbian 74½, Galion 58 and Ross 42½, and in the girls meet, it was Columbian 73, Galion 39 and Ross 30.

In other track action around the area Tuesday, Gibsonburg's boys lost 83-60 to Eastwood while the girls beat the Lady Eagles 71-38, and Old Fort's boys lost 92-39 to Arcadia and the girls did the same 70-39.

At Ross, Gene Simmons turned in the top performance for the Little Giants' boys team. Simmons won the 100-meter dash in 11.1 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 23.0. He also ran the second leg in the winning 400-meter relay team. Other members of that quartet were Maurice Johnson, Todd Beatty and Rick Heidelberg. Their time was 45.9.

The lone winner for the Lady Little Giants was Lisa Luman. She captured the 100-meter dash in 14.1.

At Gibsonburg, Darren Morely was the lone double winner for the Golden Bears. Morely won the 120-yard high hurdles in 19.93 and the

Postponed

All Ross spring sports activities slated for today were postponed by mid-morning.

Scheduled to play were the baseball team against Perrysburg at home, the softball team at Maumee and the tennis team against Tiffin Columbian at Rodger Young Park.

300-meter low hurdles in 45.52.

For the victorious Lady Golden Bears, Kelli Arndt led the way. Arndt won both the mile run (6:49.84) and the 880-yard run (3:03.15) and was a member of the triumphant two-mile relay team.

At Arcadia, Dan Phillimore and Cal Cook turned in the top efforts for Old Fort. Phillimore won the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.8 and the 400-meter dash in 56.1. Cook won the 1600-meter run (5:14.0) and the 3200-meter run (11:25.5).

The Lady Stockaders, meanwhile, had no double winners.

Track

Ross 61

Bowling Green 49

FIELD EVENTS

High jump: Bandeen (BG) 4-8; Shot put: Gwen Minich (R) 28-10; Discus: Bechstein (BG) 86-3; Long jump: Bandeen (BG) 15-4;

RUNNING EVENTS

3200m relay: Ross (Lisa Arndt, Katie Marritt, Pam Lenz, Heather Winning) 11:42.56; 100m hurdles Kelly Wolfe (R) 17.1; 100m dash: Lisa Luman (R) 13.3; 1600m run: Boutelle (BG) 6:12.1; 400m relay: Ross (Tonia Tucker, Lisa Smith, Connie Lenhart, Luman) 56.1; 400m run: Houston (BG) 1:08; 800m relay: Ross (Tucker, Lenhart, Smith, Luman) 2:03.1; 200m dash: Wolfe (R) 29.9; 1600m relay: Bowling Green (James, Boutelle, Daniels, Houston) 4:51.2.

Sports

Ross track teams fall

Both the Ross boys and girls track teams took it on the chin Tuesday in home dual meets with Marion Harding. The boys fell 110-22 and the girls lost 76-34.

In other boys action Tuesday, Woodmore hammered Gibsonburg 110-31 and Seneca East bombed Old Fort 105-27.

And in other girls action, Woodmore topped Gibsonburg 88-22. Lakota downed Eastwood 98½-11½ and Seneca East beat Old Fort 78-32.

BOYS

At Ross, Doug Zink was the only Little Giant able to record an individual victory against a strong Harding team. Zink won the pole vault with a vault of 11-0. Gene Simmons also had a win for Ross but was disqualified in the 100-meter dash when he was called for stepping out of his boundary. He ran an 11.4.

At Gibsonburg, Dan Sandwisch led the way for the Wildcats. Sandwisch won the high jump (5-4), the 110-meter high hurdles (16.9) and the 300-meter low hurdles (43.0). He also took part in the winning 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams. Other big winners for Woodmore were Troy Willmeth, Bill Doherty,

Troy Bowman and Jeff Haar. For Gibsonburg, Lewis Morelock won the 1600 and 3200-meter runs.

At Old Fort, Seneca East won everything except the 400-meter relay. The Stockader team of Kevin Fatzinger, Jeff Ahle, Mark Spencer and Scott West ran a 51.3 to take that event.

GIRLS

At Ross, Lisa Luman, Gwen Minich and Katie Marritt registered the lone wins for the Lady Little Giants. Luman won the long jump (14-4), Minich the shot put (29-4) and Marritt the 800-meter run (2:44.7).

At Gibsonburg, Kim Lieske had a double win to pace Woodmore. Lieske won the high jump (4-8) and the 400-meter dash (1:05). The Lady Wildcats won all but one event.

At Pemberville, Lakota got multiple wins from Amy Gabel, Kim Shull, Angie Holman, Amy Naderer, Kelly Kimmet and Laura Holman to bomb the Eagles.

At Old Fort, Terri Slane's three-victory performance wasn't enough to keep the Lady Stockaders from being beaten. Slane won the long jump (13-6), the 1600-meter run (6:04.0) and the 800-meter run (2:48.4).

Scoreboard

Track

Bill Krause Relays

Division I

TEAM STANDINGS (BOYS)

Columbian	85	Bowling Green	55
Bellevue	80	St. John	42
Whitmer	73	Ross	30
Libbey	67		30

FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: St. John 56-3 $\frac{3}{4}$; Discus: Columbian 387-1; Shot put: Columbian 140-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; High jump: Bellevue (Jerry Wilker, Greg Houge, Jim Vogel 17-2 (New record); Pole vault: Whitmer 35-06.

RUNNING EVENTS

4-mile relay: Bowling Green 19:11.0; Shuttle hurdles: Libbey 1:00.8; 880 relay: Bellevue (Duffy Milkie, Church Boyer, Jeff Haynes, John Peterson) 1:35.8; 100m dash: Rick Heidelberg (Ross) 11-5; Mile run: Dave Boutelle (Bowling Green) 4:37 (New record); Distance medley: Bowling Green 11:29.1; 440 relay: Bellevue (Milkie, Boyer, Bob Roeser, Peterson) 45.4; 2-mile relay: Whitmer 8:39.7; Mile relay: Columbian 3:39.5

TEAM STANDINGS (GIRLS)

Whitmer	108	Ross	40
Bellevue	98	Libbey	34
Columbian	94	Bowling Green	14

FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: Whitmer 44-1; High jump: Columbian 14-2 (New record); Discus: Whitmer 285-4; Shot put: Bellevue 98-8 $\frac{3}{4}$.

RUNNING EVENTS

4-mile relay: Columbian 24:10.00; Shuttle hurdles: Whitmer 1:12.6; 880 relay: Whitmer 1:53.8; 100m dash Dulinsky (Whitmer 13.2; Mile run: Karen Lepley (Bellevue) 5:49.5 (New record); Distance medley: Bellevue (Julie Beiler, Tara Chase, Mary Joe Hayes, Jami Verhoff) 12:01.5; 440 relay: Whitmer 53.7; 2-mile relay: Columbian 10:39.5; Mile relay: Whitmer 4:24.7.

6 firsts but Ross loses to Findlay

The Ross Little Giants claimed six individual victories but still fell victim to the Findlay Trojans 88-44 in boys high school track and field action at Findlay Tuesday.

Gene Simmons led the way for Ross with victories in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. His times were 11.4 and 23.9, respectively. In the other sprint event, the 400-meter dash, teammate Rick Heidelberg broke the tape first in 54.3 seconds. Simmons was second to Heidelberg in the 400 while Heidelberg was runnerup to Simmons in both the 100 and 200.

The other winners for Ross were Jeff Tome in the 110-meter high hurdles (16.2), Huy Tran in the 300-meter low hurdles (42.6) and Doug Zink in the pole vault (11-6, which tied with Findlay's Ken McBeath).

In other area boys track action yesterday, Woodmore topped Genoa 95-37, Oak Harbor downed Eastwood 106½-37½, Clyde fell to Huron 82-50 and Gibsonburg lost to Otsego 78½-61½.

At Genoa, Dan Sandwisch led the way for Woodmore. Sandwisch recorded individual victories in the 110-meter high hurdles (17.6) and the 300-meter low hurdles (42.1) and took part in the victorious 400-meter (48.1 and 1600-meter (3:59.9) relay teams. Other winners for the Wildcats were Bob Danschroder in the shot put (39-1), Bill Dougherty in the discuss (121-10), John Fork in the pole vault (11-0), Troy Willmeth in the long jump

(17-9½), Jeff Haar in the 400-meter dash (56.7), Troy Bowman in the 800-meter run (2:13.7), Jeff Chambers in the 200-meter dash (25.5) and the 3200-mile relay team (9:26.1).

At Eastwood, Oak Harbor won all the running events and three of the six field events. Ken Wittman led the way for the Rockets with wins in the 100 (11.8) and 200 (24.7). He also took part in the triumphant 400 (47.5) and 1600 (3:50.0) relay teams. Other double winners for OH were Dennis Schiets in the 110 high hurdles (16.3) and the 300 low hurdles (42.3) and Arnold Reaper in the discuss (122-9) and the 800 run (2:12.8).

At Clyde, Flier freshman Scott Harrington won three individual titles and took part in a winning relay team, but it wasn't enough. Harrington won the 100 (11.5), the 200 (24.4) and the 300 low hurdles and ran the second leg in the the winning 400 relay team (47.7). The only other winners for Clyde were Mike Pocock in the pole vault (10-0) and Sonny Workman in the 3200 run (11:21).

At Otsego, Karl Hoffheins was a double winner for the Bears in a losing team effort. Hoffheins won the 100-yard dash in 12.16 and the 220-yard dash in 25.3. Other Bear winners were Dean Hofelich in the triple jump (31-10½), Jamie Lechman in the shot put (38.3), Darren Morely in the 120 high hurdles (19.7), Rob Thornton in the 880-yard run (2:19.52) and the mile relay team (4:00.7).

Boys

Findlay 88

Ross 44

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: Chris Miller (F) 52-1; Discus: Pat Dillon (F) 162-1; Long jump: Steve Barberiri (F) 18-7; High jump: John Irish (F) 5-10; Pole vault: (tie) Ken McBeath (F) and Doug Zink (R) 11-6.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200m relay: Findlay 8:40.9; 110m high hurdles: Jeff Tome (R) 16.2; 100m dash: Gene Simmons (R) 11.4; 1600m run: Jim Murphy (F) 4:43.7; 400m relay: Findlay 47.3; 400m dash: Rick Heidelberg (R) 54.3; 300m low hurdles: Huy Tran (R) 42.6; 800m run: Jim Schutz (F) 2:01.8; 200m dash: Simmons (R) 23.9; 3200m run: Chris Villanosva (F) 10:10.6; 1600m relay: Findlay 3:43.9.

Zink lone Little Giants winne

The Ross boys track team could muster only one individual victory in falling to Buckeye Conference rivals Elyria and Lorain Senior at Elyria Tuesday.

The scores of the tri-meet were Elyria 81, Lorain 52 and Ross 33. And the scores of other area boys meets yesterday were Clyde 73-Mohawk 58, Oak Harbor 103½-Gibsonburg 37½, Elmwood 75-Woodmore 66, and Lakota 114-Genoa 18.

At Elyria, Doug Zink was the lone Little Giant winner, claiming honors in the pole vault with a vault of 12-0. Ross finished 1-2 in that event, as Steve Slater went 10-0. Gene Simmons turned in a pair of runnerup finishes

for Ross, in the 100 and 200-meter dashes, while the 1600 and 3200-meter relay teams also finished second.

At Clyde, Scott Harrington won three events to lead the Fliers past Mohawk. Harrington won the 100 (11.6) and 200-meter (24.1) dashes and the 300-meter low hurdles (45.0). A highlight in the meet came when Mohawk's Chris Kagey broke a school record in the high jump with a jump of 6-7.

At Oak Harbor, Paul Bowersox broke his own school record in the shot put with a toss of 52-9¼ to lead the Rockets past Gibsonburg. Bowersox, who also won the discus (133-0), had set the shot put mark of

Lady Giants finish second

Lisa Luman, Gwen Minich and Tina Michael each found the winner's circle to lead the Ross girls track team to a second-place finish in a tri-meet with Elyria and Lorain Senior at Elyria Tuesday.

Elyria took the double victory with 63 points, followed by Ross with 40 and Lorain with 39.

In other area girls track action yesterday, Clyde downed Mohawk 72½-37½, Oak Harbor blitzed Gibsonburg 84-26, Woodmore edged Elmwood 60-50 and Lakota bombed Genoa 96½-13½.

At Elyria, Luman was the main force behind Ross's runnerup showing. She won the long jump (15-6) and tied for first place in the 200-meter dash (28.0). Minich and Michael, meanwhile, won the discus (90-8) and 400-meter dash (1:05.7), respectively. Another top performance for the Lady Little Giants came from Kelly Wolfe, who came in

second in the high jump and the 100-meter hurdles.

At Clyde, Lois Collins' twin victories paced the Lady Fliers to the win over Mohawk. Collins won the 100-meter hurdles (16.4) and the 200-meter dash (28.4).

At Oak Harbor, Mary Hueske's new school record of 5-4 in the high jump highlighted the Lady Rockets' triumph over Gibsonburg. The lone double winner for OH was Necole Kohring, who won the 100 (13.9) and 200-meter dashes (28.9).

At Elmwood, Regi Dunn registered first-place finishes in both the discus (94-9) and the shot put (35-7) to pace the Lady Wildcats of Woodmore to a close one over Elmwood.

At Genoa, Amy Naderer and Kim Shull led Lakota to its rout of the host Lady Comets. Naderer won the 800 (2:42.4) and 1600-meter (5:57.3) runs and Shull took the long jump (15-9½) and the 200-meter dash (28.1).

19 errors but Ross girls win

In a wild and wooly game that saw both teams combine to make a whopping 40 errors, the Ross girls softball squad outlasted Norwalk 20-19 at Rodger Young Park here Tuesday.

"We had a super bad night," Ross Coach Christy Holland said of his team's 19 errors. But he added, "So did they (Norwalk)."

The Lady Little Giants, now 5-0, had to score three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to gain the win. Carol Falquette had a two-run single to tie it and Sharon Schneider followed with a run-scoring single to win it.

Pitcher Kathy Brandt then held

Norwalk scoreless in the final inning to clinch it.

Celene Simmons and Schneider each finished with two hits to pace Ross. Norwalk is now 1-8.

In one other girls softball game yesterday, Calvert downed Old Fort 13-7 in Tiffin.

The Lady Senecas took a commanding 9-1 lead after three innings and never looked back in gaining their second win in six games. Laurie Goetz and Sue Hemminger had two hits each for the winners.

Barb Gabel led Old Fort with a triple and two doubles.

Old Fort is now 2-6.

Ross girls clobbered

Sandusky took all but two events in whipping Ross 89-24 in girls high school track and field action here Thursday.

The lone Ross triumph came in the 100-meter hurdles, where Kelly Wolfe ran a 16.5, and the 3200-meter relay, where the quartet of Katie Marritt, Jackie Fabian, Chris Iler and Pam Lenz ran a 12:53.3.

Second-place finishers for Ross were Lisa Luman in the long jump, Marritt in the 800-meter run and the team of Marritt, Wolfe, Lisa Smith and Tina Michael in the 1600-meter relay.



ROSS'S MIKE BOBAY HURLS DISCUS

Streaks top Lakota, Ross in triangular

Sandusky took 12 of 16 events on its way to easily disposing of Lakota and Ross in a triangular track meet at Ross Tuesday.

The Blue Streaks tallied 96 points to Lakota's 46 and Ross's 25.

The only events not won by Sandusky were won by Lakota. The Raiders took first places in the high jump (Dave Ritter, 6-0), pole vault (Pete Gibson, 13-0), 110-meter high hurdles (Ritter 15.01) and 800-meter run (Earl Wyant, 2:08.4).

The host Little Giants were shut out in the victory column, but they did get second-place finishes from Huy Tran in the long jump, Mike Bobay in the discus, Tom Shaffer in the shot put and Gene Simmons in the 200-meter dash.

Findlay tops Lady Little Giants 76-34

Findlay won all but two events in handing the Ross Lady Little Giants a 76-34 defeat in girls high school track and field action at Ross Thursday.

In other action yesterday, Clyde (81) easily won a tri-meet with Lake (36) and Eastwood (25), Woodmore downed Perrysburg 70-40 and Elmwood beat Old Fort 75-35.

At Ross, the Lady Little Giants' two wins came from Lisa Luman in the 100-meter dash (13.18) and the 1600-meter relay team of Tina Michael,

Kelly Wolfe, Katie Marritt and Luman (4:44.02).

At Clyde, Wendy Scheck and Lois Collins were double winners to lead the Lady Fliers to the double rout. Scheck took first places in the 1600 (6:07) and 800-meter (2:39.2) runs. Collins won the 100-meter hurdles (17.06) and the 200-meter dash (27.69).

At Perrysburg, one Woodmore school record was tied and another was broken. Deb Avers tied the 100-meter dash record of 13.4 set by herself and Joanne

Giesler. And the 400-meter relay team of Erika Liskai, Avers, Lori Kuhlman and Amy Kepus set a new school standard of 52.7. Avers also won the 200-meter dash (27.8) for the Lady 'Cats.

At Old Fort, the Lady Stockaders won four events but fell easily to Elmwood. Winners for Old Fort were Dawn Walters in the discus (91-3), Donna Kesler in the high jump (4-10), Terri Slane in the 1600-meter run (5:59.7) and Karma Sloan in the 400-meter dash (1:07).



Ross lady tracksters . . .

Front row, left to right: Coach Tom Tompson, Pam Lenz, Lisa Arndt, Melissa Mamula, Ann Cooper, Gwen Minich, Kelly Wolfe, Tina Michael and Jackie Fabian. Back row, from l-r: Jackie

Chapman, Katie Marritt, Lisa Smith, Lisa Luman, Connie Lenhart, Tonia Tucker, Heather Winning, Chris Iler and Coach Harold Zienta.

. . . and the boys

Seniors and lettermen for the Ross boys team are, front row, from left to right: Huy Tran and Mike Mezinger, Second row, from l-r: Dave Slater, Jeff Tome, Ryan Smith and Chris Robinette. Third row, from l-r: Steve Slater, John Snodgrass, Eric Tuckerman and Brad Pitts. Missing from photo are Tom Shaffer, Doug Zink, Rick Heidelberg and Mark Schmidt.





MARK SCHMIDT, left, was named the top senior athlete and Sandy Long, center, the top girls senior

athlete at Ross High School. Dave Aschenbach won the Ken Svanoe Scholarship Award.

Schmidt, Long top Ross stars

Mark Schmidt and Sandy Long were named Ross High School top senior athletes during the Ross High School Spring Sports Awards Program at the high school Tuesday.

Schmidt was presented the Baron-Sherman Award as the outstanding senior athlete. He competed in cross country, track and wrestling during his high school years.

Long was a three-sport star to win

the honor as the outstanding girls senior athlete. She played volleyball, basketball and softball.

Another Ross athlete, Dave Aschenbach, was presented with the Ken Svanoe Scholarship Award. The award is for \$500 to attend Aschenbach's college choice.

For the remainder of the Ross special awards, see page 12.

Sports



MALE TROPHY winners were, front row, from left to right: Chris Simmons, Jim Hufford, Mark Schmidt, Doug Gallagher, Todd

Beatty and Doug Zink. Back row, from l-r: Gene Simmons, Kurt Swartzlander, Jon Ickes, Chris Shirvis and Scott Link.

Ross spring sports awards

Six Fremont Ross High School athletes were named most valuable for their respective sports Tuesday during the Ross Spring Sports Awards Program.

Doug Gallagher, a senior who played the infield and pitched for Coach Chuck Lindsey's baseball team, was named the "most valuable player" for that squad. He also took home the most valuable defensive player honor and a co-captain's trophy.

Mike Hepp was the team's other co-captain.

The top offensive player for the Little Giants was third baseman Jim Hufford while Chris Simmons was named the most valuable sophomore. Scott Link, a junior, was tabbed as the most improved player by Lindsey.

In tennis, coach Pete Michaels awarded junior Jon Ickes as the team's MVP. Ickes and Chris Shirvis, another junior, received co-captain awards.

The most improved tennis player honor went to Kurt Swartzlander, a junior.

Lisa Luman, a junior, was the girls

track team's most valuable. The Lady Giant sprinter was also named the most valuable runner by coach Harold Zienta.

Senior Gwen Minich won the most valuable field events trophy to go with her captain's award.

The team's most improved individual was sophomore Kelly Wolfe.

Rick Heidelberg and Doug Zink, both seniors, shared the most valuable honor for coach Norm Bray's boys track team. Heidelberg, a sprinter, also was presented with a captain award along with Mark Schmidt and Zink.

Zink, a pole vaulter, was named the squad's most valuable field events performer. Gene Simmons, junior, won the most valuable runner honor and Todd Beatty was tabbed by Bray as the most valuable sophomore.

Senior Angie Gierhart won the MVP for the girls softball team. Coach Christy Holland also presented the most valuable offensive award to Sandy Long and Celenea Simmons.

The most valuable defensive honor was won by Carol Falquette while the most valuable sophomore was Sue Gahn.



FEMALE TROPHY winners at the Ross spring sports program last night were, front row, from left to right: Celenea Simmons, Sue

Gahn, Angie Gierhart and Sandy Long. Back row, from l-r: Lisa Luman, Kelly Wolfe, Gwen Minich and Carol Falquette.

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