

1999 Regional Meet...

Track/Field

High School Boys

Regional qualifiers

Division I

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Field events

Event, name, school, qualifying time/height

Long jump — Reggie Jones, Ross (22-3 $\frac{1}{4}$); Allen Lutes, Ross (21-9 $\frac{1}{4}$)

High jump — Steve Dagg, Ross (6-5); Reggie Jones, Ross (6-5)

Track events

4x100 — Ross (Kelly Lytle, Xavier Darden, Jordan Mackey, Robert Atkins), 43.86.

100 — Kelly Lytle, Ross (11.02).

200 — Kelly Lytle, Ross (22.41).

400 — Xavier Darden, Ross (50.38).

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Shot put — Birna Hannesdottir, Ross (36-2 $\frac{1}{4}$).

Track events

100 — Fallon Bailey, Ross (12.58).

200 — Fallon Bailey, Ross (26.87).

800 — Lindsay Frontz, Ross (2:22.04).

4x100 — Ross (Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry, Adrienne Robertson, Fallon Bailey), 51.65.

4x200 — Ross (Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry, Adrienne Robertson, Fallon Bailey), 1:46.76.

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Good day for long jumpers

Lutes, Jackson advance to state

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and St. Joseph Central Catholic will both be represented in the boys long jump at the state track and field tournament next week.

Ross sophomore Allen Lutes and St. Joe junior Jelani Jackson both advanced to the state meet with top four finishes at their respective regional meets on Thursday.

Lutes placed second in the long jump with a distance of 21-feet, 11 inches at the Division I regional tournament at Amherst High School.

"He was very consistent, he only failed once," said Ross coach Jeff Opelt. "He didn't want this to be his last meet. He's got some athleticism, there's no question about it."

Jackson took fourth in the long jump with a 20-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ at the Division III meet at Fostoria High School.

We knew he had to be close to a 21 (foot jump)," said SJCC coach Eddie Colon. "He got a good jump in there and got 20-6 and luckily that was good enough."

The top four placers in each event advance to the state tournament next Thursday through Saturday in Dayton.

Ross junior Reggie Jones, who entered the regional with the best district distance, "chose not to participate" in the boys long jump, according to Opelt.

The Little Giants also had several athletes advance to Saturday's finals. Kelly Lytle ran the boys 200 in 22.2 seconds and finished the boys 100 in 11.16. The sophomore will participate in the finals in both events.

Xavier Darden reached the finals in the boys 400 with a time of 49.81, Fallon Bailey qualified for the finals in the girls 100 in 12.5. Ross also had girls two relay teams reach Saturday's competition. The 4x200



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JOSE SIMMS of St. Joe competes in the long jump Thursday at the Division III regional meet at Fostoria High School.

team of Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry, Adrienne Robertson and Fallon Bailey finished in 1:47.41 and the 4x100 of Linder, McKinstry, Robertson and Bailey finished in 50.68.

The Ross 4x100 relay team of Lytle, Darden, Jordan Mackey and Robert Atkins ran the race in 43.3, but did not qualify for the finals. Birna Hannesdottir also missed qualifying with a 35-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the girls shot put. as did Bailey with a 26.3 in the 200.

The Crimson Streaks al-

so advanced its girls 4x800 relay team. Keri Oxley, Kerri Zimmerman, Joni Wilhelm and Trischa Snyder took third in 9:46.58.

"That was definitely their fastest time of the year," Colon said. "Hopefully they can run another good one at state."

SJCC's Brenda Wasserman did not qualify in the shot put. She took seventh with a 35 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Jose Simms was eighth in the boys long jump with a 20-2.

St. Joe will also have two relay teams in the fi-

nals. The 4x200 team of Carrie Mayle, Jill Chudzinski, Brea Busold and Nicole Freeman was fourth in 1:49.9, the 4x100 team of Mayle, Chudzinski, Busold and Megan Merrill finished in 52.4 and the 4x400 relay team of Zimmerman, Joni Wilhelm, Busold and Freeman was second in 4:13.8.

Also in Division III Gibsonburg's Greg Woodruff just misses a state trip in the pole vault. He vaulted a 12-0, and placed fifth, six inches shy of a state trip.

The Crimson Streaks girls are currently tied for seventh place in the team standings with eight points. Pandora-Gilboa leads with 12. SJCC's boys are tied for 10th with six points. Gibsonburg is tied for 15th with three and Woodmore is 23rd with one.

Lakota's Wendy Fraley did not qualify in the long jump, and teammate Megan Nonnemaker also fell short in the 400. Fraley reached the finals in the 100 hurdles with a 16.02, the third fastest time.

Lytle moves on

News-Messenger reports

AMHERST — Fremont Ross sophomore Kelly Lytle is headed back to the state track and field tournament after a strong showing in Saturday's Division I regional tournament at Amherst.

Lytle, who earned a trip to state last year with the 4x100 relay team, finished third in the 200 in 22.53 seconds. He and long jumper Allen Lutes will be the Little Giants' lone representatives at the state tournament, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Dayton Welcome Stadium.

Ross coach Jeff Opelt said

Lytle's 200 effort continued a string of solid showings.

"I thought he ran real well, he got out well again," Opelt said. "He has the last three weekends, ever since the conference meet, he's really running that 200 hard.

"He didn't like losing in the 100 in the conference, and he came back and ran the 200 well. I think it was then that he realized how he has to run that race."

Todd Mays of Toledo Woodward won the race in 22.12, and Joel Portwood of Westlake was second in 22.18.

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Relay team falls just short for Ross girls

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"He was right there, he had a good lane, lane three, and he was right in the hunt," Opelt said. "He was right there, it was a dogfight. He got beat by a few good ones, but he also beat a good field."

Lytle was also sixth in the 100. His time of 11.15 was .10 seconds behind fourth place finisher Mays and .01 seconds behind fifth place Adam Burdette of Mansfield, but Opelt said the finish was inconclusive.

"I thought maybe he got out in the 100, it was that close a finish," the coach said. "A couple of the other coaches thought the same thing, he ran well in that."

Two other Ross boys failed to qualify Saturday. High jumper Steve Dagg took eighth with a 6-2

leap.

"He didn't have one of his banner days," Opelt said. "There was definitely a good field there, but he didn't have as good a day as he could have."

Also for Ross, Xavier Darden was sixth in the 400 in 50.77.

"He had a tough day, he went out real hard and ran a real smart race," Opelt said of Darden, who broke the 50-second barrier in Thursday's preliminaries. "Low 50s is pretty impressive. The whole year for him was a learning experience."

Lutes qualified for the state tournament on Thursday with a 21-11 jump. The Division I long jump semifinals begin at 3 p.m. Friday, while the 100 semifinals begin at 2:25 p.m. the same day.

The Ross girls saw two entries

narrowly miss trips to state with fifth place finishes. In the 100, Fallon Bailey finished fifth in 12.75, .10 seconds behind April Yachanin of Lakewood.

Bailey also teamed with Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry and Adrianne Robertson to finish fifth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 50.35. Toledo Central Catholic took fourth in 50.25.

"They really surprised us, they had good exchanges and ran good races," Opelt said. "Christy Linder got out as well as she had all year, nobody caught her, I was impressed with that."

"Fallon Bailey, she made up some distance in that anchor, she was really going. I think if Fallon would have had another five yards she would have caught the girl."

The same foursome also finished eighth in the 4x200 in a time of 1:48.79, nearly four seconds off the fourth place time.

"They didn't run that bad a time, it was just a really good field," Opelt said.

Of the foursome, only Linder is a senior. Bailey and McKinstry are sophomores, and Robertson is a freshman, leaving Opelt with much optimism for the future.

"They've been as focused, as far as training and exchanges, as anyone," he said. "I'm very impressed with their attitude."

Also for Ross, Lindsay Frontz came in 12th in the 800, Opelt said.

"She got boxed in," he said. "She could have run a little better race had she been given the opportunity. There were a lot of girls out there, they edged her in."

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Team Standings: 1-Toledo Rogers 78.5, 2-Rocky River Magnificat 43, 3-Anthony Wayne 39, 4-Medina 35, 5-Cleveland James F. Rhodes 33, 6-Sandusky 32, 7-Lima Senior 30, 8-Findlay 26

Top four finishers in each event advance

Track Events

100--5-Fallon Bailey (R) 12.75;
4x100--5-Ross (Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry, Adrienne Robertson, Fallon Bailey) 50.35; 4x200--8-Ross (Christy Linder, Taneshia McKinstry, Adrienne Robertson, Fallon Bailey) 1:48.79

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Team Standings: 1-Cleveland St. Ignatius 68, 2-Brunswick 35, 3-Westlake 33, 4-Olmsted Falls 31, 5-Lorain Southview 29, 6-Toledo Scott 28, 7-Woodward, 8-Sandusky 24, 9-Cleveland James F. Rhodes 23, 10-Amherst Steele, Tiffin Columbian and Lima Senior 22, 13-Ross 21

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Field Events

Long Jump—2-Allen Lutes (R) 21-11;
High Jump—8-Steve Dagg (R) 6-2

Track Events

100—6-Kelly Lytle (R) 11.15; 200—3-Kelly Lytle (R) 22.53; 400—6-Xavier Darden (R) 50.77