

1976 Buckeye Conference



ROXIE PRICE of Ross throws up her hands and grits her teeth as she takes off in the long jump. Price leaped 15-1 1/4 for third place.

Little Giants split twinbill with Lorain

Ross rallied to score eight runs in the final three innings and salvaged a split with Lorain Senior in a baseball doubleheader at the first game. Price

the way to third on McGilton's bunt single. Berger stroked a single to right to score the winning run.

Ross nips Marion for BC crown

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The biggest optimist in the world wouldn't have predicted a Ross victory in the Buckeye Conference Invitational girls track meet going into the final mile relay event.

Ross won the mile relay and Marion Harding was a distant last, and the combination gave Ross the team championship by one point over Marion Saturday at Harmon Stadium.

The Little Giants finished with 106 points to 105 for Marion and 103 for Lorain Admiral King. In the bottom half of the team ledger was Findlay with 47 points, Sandusky, 39, and Lorain, 30.

Ross coach Jolyn Smith admitted she never thought Ross would be able to pull it out going into the final event. She didn't think Marion would finish last in the event.

"No, I did not, to be honest with you," she commented.

The mile relay team of Ross finished with a time of 4:27, 2.8 seconds ahead of Admiral King, which could have tied Marion for the title had it won the race. The time sets a new Buckeye Conference Invitational record and ties a Harmon Stadium record.

What made things even more dramatic was

that the relay team of Ross was without Roxie Price, who usually anchors the race. She became ill and Lisa Meek, who had run in the 880-yard run race prior to the relay, ran the second leg in place of Mel Taylor and Taylor ran the anchor leg.

"It was good for Lisa because she was disheartened by not winning the 880," said Smith. Meek finished second in the 880, three-tenths of a second behind Marion's Nancy Whelan. The Marion runner broke Meek's Buckeye Invitational record set last year. She had a time of 2:33.1, while the old invitational record by Meek was 2:36.1.

Another Ross highlight was Sue Buehler breaking both a Harmon Stadium record and invitational record in the shot put with a toss of 34-4 1/4. The old record of 33-10 1/2 was set by Admiral King's Chris Kufel, who came in second Saturday.

Price, before becoming ill, broke an invitational record in the 440-yard dash at 1:02.9. The previous record was by Marion runner who came in second Saturday.

Borger broke Buehler's Buckeye Invitational record in the discus by more than

nine feet with a toss of 100-11 1/2. Marion's medley relay team set a new Harmon Stadium record at 1:57.7. The previous record was set this year by Ross at 1:59.9. Marion also broke its own invitational record in the event.

Winners for Admiral King included Aris Gray in the hurdles, Kermetta Felmair in the 100-yard dash and the 880-yard and 440-yard relay teams.

Felmair, in winning the 100-yard dash at 11.2, tied a stadium record and broke the invitational record set last year by Hayes of Marion. The 880-yard relay team of Admiral King broke its own invitational record at 1:48.1. The previous mark was 1:53.9.

Jessica Bennett of Findlay won the mile run at 5:51. It broke an invitational record set by Marty Ameling of Ross last year at 5:52.4.

Beth Rahley of Sandusky tied an invitational record in the high jump with a jump of 4-8.

Ross won the invitational in 1975 over second place Marion, but the margin was much greater than the one-point margin Saturday.

BC girls results

TEAM STANDINGS: Ross, 106; Marion Harding, 105; Lorain Admiral King, 103; Findlay, 47; Sandusky, 39; Lorain, 30

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP: Beth Rahley (S) 4-8; Nancy Whelan (M) and Lori Whelan (M) 4-7; Lorain, 3-6.

SHOT PUT: Sue Buehler (R) 34-4 1/4; Chris Kufel (AK) 33-11 1/4; Lena Mercer (R) 33-9.

LONG JUMP: Shirley Hayes (M) 16-4; Whelan (M) 15-9 1/2; Roxie Price (R) 15-1 1/4.

DISCUS: Payne Berger (M) 100-1 1/2; Buehler (R) 100-2; Kufel (AK) 89-8 1/2.

RUNNING EVENTS

80-YARD HURDLES: Aris Gray (AK) 12.0; Sheila Winston (AK) 12.1; Dixie Indoe (M) 12.2.

880-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: Marion (Whelan, Kathy Jackson, Linda Hayes, Linda Butterworth), 1:57.7; Admiral King, 1:58.7.

100-YARD DASH: Kermetta Felmair (AK) 11.2; Lilly Kurpanik (F) 11.8; Hayes (M) 12.0.

MILE RUN: Jessica Bennett (F) 5:51; Stacy Root (R) 6:17.1; Lori Whelan (M) 6:25.1.

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440-YARD RELAY: Roxie Price (R) 1:02.9; Butterworth (M) 1:03.9; Jessica Bennett (S) 1:04.1.

440-YARD RELAY: Admiral King (Brenda Edwards, Carleen Majasic, Carla Nia and Felmair), 53.4; Ross, 53.5.

220-YARD DASH: Lorain (M) 2:33.1; Lisa Meek (R) 2:33.4; Chris Thompson (M) 2:38.5.

220-YARD DASH: Hayes (M) 27.2; Crisp (AK) 27.5; Renee Tate (R) 27.7.

MILE RELAY: Ross (Gail Rechtenwald, Meek, Mary Hasselbach and Mel Taylor) 4:27; Admiral King, 4:29.8.

Clark sets mile mark



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