

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Little Giants run to district finals

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The Fremont Ross boys track team is sitting pretty after the first day of district qualifying at Tiffin.

One relay team has already qualified for regionals, to be held next week at Amherst, and two more relay teams will run in the finals Friday. Additionally, the Running Little Giants will be in the finals of six other events.

The 4 x 800 team of Jeff Beier, Andre Velez, Julius Salgado and Josh Bowen advanced to regionals. Beier will also run in the finals Friday with the 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relays. The 4 x 200 team also includes Xavier Forney, Meirl Pugh and Travis Miller, while the 4 x 400 includes Velez, Terrence Davis and Salgado.

Salgado will also run in the finals of the 200-meter dash — with Davis — and the 300 hurdles. D.J. Brown qualified for the finals in the 110 hurdles. Velez ran 2:02 — an amazing time,

said coach Cathy Esposito — to qualify for finals in the 800.

Jorge Perez will throw the discus Friday. He failed to qualify for finals in the shotput Wednesday.

On the girls' side, Brianna Harrison will run in the 200 finals Friday. No distance races were run Wednesday, so Ashley Fischer will run in the mile and two-mile Friday.

"She should do real well," Esposito said.

Overall, the Little Giants scored 17 points Wednesday.

Softball Dickman perfect as Streaks move on

Alyssa Dickman threw a perfect game for the St. Joseph Central Catholic softball team, and the Crimson Streaks defeated Tiffin Calvert 2-0 in district semifinal action.

SJCC will play Midland Athletic League rival Mohawk today at Old Fort.

The two teams played already, with the Warriors — undefeated in the MAL — winning the game.

The Crimson Streaks scattered five hits, but put up two runs in the fifth for the win.

"Our bats were a little rusty," said coach Bill Bork, noting that the Streaks have only practiced outside once in the past week since beating Calvert on May 16. "Being off a week, there's nothing you can do about it."

Bellevue-Bucyrus to be continued

Lightning forced the postponement of the Division III softball tournament game between Bellevue and Bucyrus.

Bucyrus led 1-0 after two innings when the lightning struck at Fostoria. Coach Heath Sager said that the game will resume today at 5 p.m.

"We'll start from where we left off," Sager said.

The game was halted at

5:55 p.m. Wednesday when lightning was spotted. While there was little rain involved, the lightning continued until 6:31 p.m., when the game was called.

The game was a match of talented pitchers Carissa Diebler of Bucyrus and Katie Yantz of Bellevue.

Bucyrus got on the board first in the bottom of the second when Erin Oberlander ripped a rocket to right center for a homer. It was the only run of the game thus far.

Bellevue got a runner to second in the first when Meagan Rose singled and was sacrificed to second. Sandy Nasonti reached on an infield single to open the second, but she was cut down at third on a great throw from first baseman Emily Reser.

Bucyrus got a runner to third in the first inning when Diebler reached on an error by the left fielder,



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FREMONT ROSS'S Tyler Haralson gives his all in the long jump at Tiffin Columbian High School on Wednesday. Haralson jumped 19' 6 3/4" during competition, good for fifth place.

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DIVISION I DISTRICT TRACK MEET

Ross boys grow up quickly

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Julius Salgado of Fremont Ross forced coach Cathy Esposito to take a step back.

In fact, the entire Little Giant boys faction had her astounded Friday.

Salgado advanced to regionals in the 200-meter dash and 300 hurdles while also running on two relays that moved on.

The 1,600 relay at Ross — which graduated all four runners from a state qualifier last season — advanced to regionals with a freshman, one runner new to the sport and another who hadn't lettered before this year. Jeff Beier — who never ran track — runs the

second leg of the relay and Salgado anchors it. Xavier Forney — who did not letter last year — starts the 1,600 relay and freshman Terrence Davis runs the third leg.

"They were ready to compete at the next level and they didn't hold anything back," Esposito said.

Salgado, Beier, Andre Velez and anchor Josh Bowen also comprise a 3,200 relay that advanced.

Jorge Perez will move on in the discus and Deondray Brown in the 110 hurdles for Ross.

And Esposito could not be more pleased with the rapid and somewhat sudden growth of her boys.

"Of course not," she said of expecting to send so many Little Giants to the next test. "I didn't know they could step it up to this level already. What they did (Friday) impressed the whole staff."

Ross was actually in second place as a team for much of the meet but its distance events ultimately caused a drop to fourth.

Esposito said Salgado has been a solid leader for the team as he's turned into a phenomenal athlete. Esposito has only had him in the 200 for the last two weeks.

"Julius is a leader by example," she said. "It's the way he comes out every

day and gets it done. Sometimes an example is better than anything you can say.

"I don't remember the last time someone qualified to regionals in four events."

Esposito, however, is unlikely to forget Friday any time soon.

"What an amazing night," she said. "We saw the boys team completely develop (Friday). I'm so proud of the boys for what they accomplished. They are so young — many of the kids going to regionals didn't letter last year."

That will obviously change but this season's letter may not stand for Ross.

Instead, remarkable works nicely.



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ROSS'S D.J. BROWN runs the 110-meter hurdles during the Division I district track meet Friday at Tiffin.