

## 1980 Buckeye Conference Meet...

# Ross girls win BC crown

Ross girls track Coach John knew how it should be before her team made her first meet Saturday afternoon at the Ross High School all-weather track.

"This is just about the way we had it picked," Smith said as a smile broke across her face. She was standing at a wild celebration being waged by her Lady Little Giants.

Only moments after the team had swept to the Buckeye Conference Track title, John's prediction came true Saturday afternoon at the Ross High School all-weather track.

Ross tallied 75 points to edge Mansfield by four points while claiming the school's first track conference title. Lorain was third, Findlay fourth and defending champ Elyria fifth.

"Laurie did a heck of a job," Smith praised, "but

shot put and the discus events to lead the Lady Little Giants triumph.

Jones won the 100-meter dash and placed third in the 200-meter sprint.

Joan Osmon was the only other Ross winner during the day, taking the 800 meters in 2:26.57.

"Jones did a heck of a job," Smith praised, "but

this has been the team's best overall performance of the season.

"We're good," Smith continued, "that on paper with the times they submitted, Mansfield would be tough."

She was right, but Ross had itself in position for the kill before the last event, the 1600-meter relay, took the field.

"We knew before we

went into it that all we had to do was place," the Ross coach pointed out.

When Tammy Haas sprinted across the line in fifth for Ross, Mansfield's win in the event was nullified.

"We told the kids all week that we had a shot at it," Smith said.

Haas' performance in the final event and a fifth in the 400 was one of the many keys to the Ross victory. The Ross junior is fresh off a knee injury she suffered three weeks ago in a meet against Elyria.

Smith, however, had her

day in the sun. She set a conference record with a throw of 110-11 in the discus. That broke the old mark by nearly six feet. The Ross junior came back to take the shot with a heave of 34-5½.

Smith's teammate, Margaret Van Gilder was in the discus with Johnson. Hawk nailed down fifth in the shot for the Lady Little Giants.

In the long jump, Ross record holder Judy Shetter finished fifth with a 15-11 effort. She also took home a fourth place in the hurdles with a Ross record place 3200-meter relay.

Osmon broke away from Shelly Smith of Sandusky on the back stretch of the final lap in her 800-meter win.

"The girl ahead of me ran a little weak," Osmon said as she savored her individual conference title. "I was going to pass her on the curve. Up to that point, it was just easier to hang behind her and let her break the wind."

Jones won the 100 in 12.5 seconds and ran a 26.55 for the third slot in the 200.



CURTIS LEE of Ross has his eyes on the hand of Tom Pendrey as he hands off during the 400-meter relay Saturday in the Buckeye Conference Track Meet. Lee ran the first leg of

the race and Pendrey the second. Ross won this event in 43.7 but had to rerun the race. The Little Giants won again but in 44 seconds flat.



WILLIE GENTRY of Ross leads teammate Sam Lindsey, right, and Richard Twine of Sandusky across the line in the 100-meter dash. Gentry finished second to Barry Rush of Lorain while Twine was sixth and Lindsey seventh.

Several records were set during the competition. In the field events, Diane Lorain set a new record. Lorain Harding cleared 17-11 to break the old long jump mark of 17-1 set a year ago by Elyria's Gloria Brabec.

Libby Westerhausen of Findlay erased the old high jump mark of 5-1 set by Lorin Reusch of Findlay two years ago, adding one-quarter of an inch to the record.

In the running events, Lorain set a new 400-meter relay mark with a 50.2 clocking. The old mark of 51.2 was set by Admiral King in '79. The first runner in the race betrayed the old record.

Lorain also claimed a new record in the 800 relay, taking the top spot in 1:45.7. The old mark of 1:46.1 had been established by Lorain's crosstown rival Admiral King in 1979.

Ross record holder conference champ Elyria. Admiral King won the first meet for Buckeye Conference girls in 1977.

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Laurie Smith led the Ross girls to the Buckeye Conference championship, winning the shot put and the discus.

## Dawkins evens series

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Every once in awhile, Darryl Dawkins breaks loose and gives a taste of just how good he can be. And those moments are awesome, "Chocolate Thunder" at his roaring, most fearsome best.

Dawkins picked a most opportune time for one of his sprees Sunday, scoring four baskets and blocking a shot by Los Angeles center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in a game of 2,000 of the third quarter as the Philadelphia 76ers rallied to beat the Lakers 105-102 and even the National Basketball Association championship series at two victories apiece.

Game Five will be played in Los Angeles Wednesday night, with the sixth game back here Friday night.

"We were struggling, but Coach D did the job," Philadelphia Coach Billy Cunningham said of Dawkins, the 6-foot-11, 232-pounder who is in his fifth



ROSS GIRLS: BUCKEYE CONFERENCE TRACK CHAMPS

## ... boys finish 3rd

It was a pointless point after the fact, but Ross boys track Coach Norm Bray will take it while his squad's third place relay team had the first and last laugh during Saturday's Buckeye Conference Track Championships.

Held at the Little Giants all-weather facility, Ross finished third behind sophomore teammate Tony Gant in the long jump. Gant had the best jump in his little relay but it was two jumps that he fouled on that stood out in Gant's mind.

"I felt like I was over 23 feet on them," he said. "I said while referring to the point total. Harding tallied 121 to Sandusky's 105.

Lorain was fourth to round out the top division of the boys meet.

While Bray was happy with his team's finish, he was not at the race, as his team had to win twice. The 400-meter relay even was rerun 20 minutes after the supposed finish when the 1600-meter relay was flagged off the track.

In the first 400 race, a run that turned out to be a preliminary to the main event, Ross clicked off a lightning quick 43.7 seconds to finish ahead of Sandusky, but a fall by his little relay mate put him in last. The long jump win was flagged off the track.

Ross's third leg runner, Sam Lindsey was involved in the play, having to trip over a fallen in front of him. The pileup forced delays for Marion Harding and Lorain but no team was disqualified. A meeting of the "games committee" resulted in the rerun.

The rerun could have been for the BC title but Sandusky was disqualified for interfering with Ross's third leg runner Todd Johnson and the rerun became academic.

In the second 400 relay, Ross again streaked to the finish, winning in 44 seconds flat, a new Conference record.

"I'll take it," Bray said irritably after the second

been the winners the first time," he said. Gentry, who finished second in the 100, thought he had won that race also but was awarded second, a tenth of a second behind Lorain's Barry Rush.

Gentry, besides finishing second in the 100, was runnerup to sophomore teammate Tony Gant in the long jump. Gant had the best jump in his little relay but it was two jumps that he fouled on that stood out in Gant's mind.

"I felt like I was over 23 feet on them," he said. "How's that going to help him?"

"I know now that I can get out there," he said.

The long jump win was the first for Ross in that event since Jim Tiller won it in 1957.

Tom Pendrey was the other Ross winner, taking the low hurdles in 38.89 seconds.

"I'm just learning how to run them," the junior speedster admitted after the race. "I didn't have any problems except that relay (the 400 again) made me mad. I just wanted to get the laws over quick."

He did.

Ross's other high finishes included a second by Dennis Murray in the discus with a toss of 151-3, the best this season for the junior. Mike Mowry was third in the pole vault with a twelve-foot vault.

Greg Hadden was fifth in the high hurdles.

In the hurdles event, Ross was without the

services of Greg Brown, out with a pulled hamstring.

"I think if Greg (Brown) had been there," Bray conjectured, "we could have been up closer."

Steve Johnson gave the Little Giants a pleasant surprise, finishing second in the 400. Hadden was fourth in that race. Hank Davis was third in the 100 and Mike Martin ran a 2:03.92 for third in the 800.

The Ross mile relay of Miant, Gant, Johnson and Hadden finished a stroke off the pace set by Harding. Ross was clocked in 3:29.5, a tenth of a second off Harding's pace.

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# Track results

## Buckeye Conference

### GIRLS

Team standings: Ross 75, Mansfield 71, Lorain 62, Findlay 61; Elyria 50, Admiral King 48, Sandusky 44, Marion Harding 23.

### FIELD EVENTS

Long Jump: 1-Diane Brown (MH) 17-1½ (New record. Old record 17-1 set by Gloria Brabee, Elyria, 1979.); 2-Gwen Harris (AK) 16-7¾; 3-Michelle Capasse (E) 16-2¼; 4-Chris Cunningham (F) 16-2; 5-Judy Shetzer (R) 15-11; 6-Kim Rather (S) 15-9¼.

Discus: 1-Laurie Smith (R) 110-11 (New record. Old record 105-6 set by Darla Saverus, Marion Harding, 1978.); 2-Elizabeth Rudolph (F) 98-5; 3-Margaret Van Gilder (R) 95-0; 4-Rebecca Taylor (L) 93-7; 5-Margo Higginbotham (AK) 92-0; 6-Tina Crowder (F) 91-3.

Shot Put: 1-Smith (R) 34-5½; 2-Crowder (F) 32-5½; 3-Amy Karcher (F) 31-10; 4-Taylor (L) 31-9; 5-Johanna Hawk (R) 31-5¾; 6-Higginbotham (AK) 30-10.

High Jump: 1-Libby Wesserhausen (F) 5-1¼ (New record. Old record 5-1 set by Loni Reusch of Findlay in 1978.); 2-Martha Kilpatrick (F) 4-10; 3-Kathy Haynes (L) 4-10; 4-Cindy Brown (S) 4-10; 5-Debbie Miller (S) 4-10; 6-Mary McDuffie (MH) 4-10.

### RUNNING EVENTS

3200-Meter Relay: 1-Sandusky 10:08.5; 2-Marion Harding 10:17.5; 3-Ross 10:22.5; 4-Elyria 10:29.4; 5-Mansfield 10:51.7; 6-Admiral King 11:13.0.

100-Meter Hurdles: 1-Vicki Porter (E) 15.4 (Ties record set by Sheila Winston of Admiral King in 1979.); 2-Lisa Cheers (L) 15.7; 3-Linda Givand (M) 16.7; 4-Shetzer (R) 16.7; 5-Terri Porter (E) 16.7; 6-Ann Beams (F) 16.9.

100-Meter Dash: 1-Lisa Jones (R) 12.5; 2-Stephanie McMiller (AK) 12.6; 3-Angie Garner (M) 12.6; 4-Marilyn Helm (E) 12.8; 5-Marcellie Stevenson (S) 13.0; 6-Brenda Barrett (M) 13.1.

1600 Run: 1-Robin Rife (MH) 5:29.2; 2-Jody Hutson (F) 5:32.1; 3-Julie Etherington (S) 5:50.0; 4-Julie Hyre (E) 5:54.5; 5-Kaye Hartman (L) 5:57.2; 6-Emily Fish (F) 6:01.5.

400 Relay: 1-Lorain 50.2 (New record. Old record 51.2 set by Admiral King in 1979.); 2-Mansfield 50.4; 3-Admiral King 50.7; 4-Sandusky 50.9; 5-Elyria 51.5; 6-Ross 51.7.

400 Dash: 1-Karen Curry (E) 59.95; 2-Angie Nieves (AK) 1:00.89; 3-Brown (M) 1:01.28; 4-Stacie Randle (L) 1:01.46; 5-Tammy Haas (R) 1:03.30; 6-Tracy Alexander (S) 1:03.71.

800 Relay: 1-Lorain 1:45.7 (New record. Old record 1:46.1 set by Admiral King in 1979.); 2-Admiral King 1:47.38; 3-Mansfield 1:47.62; 4-Sandusky 1:48.48; 5-Marion Harding 1:48.83; 6-Ross 1:49.54.

800 Run: 1-Joan Osmom (R) 2:26.57; 2-Shelley Smith (S) 2:29.12; 3-Valerie Avery (M) 2:30.26; 4-Jody Hutson (F) 2:31.62; 5-Katie Hartman (L) 2:32.81; 6-Ruth Reardon (R) 2:32.82.

200 Dash: 1-Gardner (M) 26.86; 2-Sharon Dye (L) 26.88; 3-Jones (R) 26.95; 4-McMiller (AK) 27.1; 5-Lisa Millman (F) 27.1; 6-Margaret Logan (MH) 27.3.

1600 Relay: 1-Mansfield 4:12.96; 2-Elyria 4:13.04; 3-Lorain 4:16.32; 4-Ross 4:18.37; 5-Sandusky 4:18.5; 6-Marion Harding 4:30.84.

### BOYS

Team standings: Marion Harding 121, Sandusky 105, Ross 87, Lorain 52, Admiral King 38, Findlay 34, Mansfield 16, Elyria 12.

### FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put: 1-Bob Grace (S) 52-1; 2-Mike Middleton (M) 49-2½; 3-Steve Smith (F) 47-4¾; 4-Garry Curren (MH) 45-6¼; 5-Tom Boyette (F) 44-5½; 6-Bascom McKensey (MH) 43-4¾.

Discus: 1-Grace (S) 162-9; 2-Dennis Murray (R) 151-3; 3-Curren (MH) 142-0; 4-Vince Kepler (MH) 139-5; 5-Brent Sanders (L) 138-4; 6-Roy Gant (S) 134-6.

High Jump: 1-Len Elgert (S) 6-4; 2-Ralph Hill (MH) 6-2; 3-Keith Russell (MH) 6-2; 4-Charlie Abrams (S) 6-0; 5-Darnell Glover (E) 6-0; 6-Preston Blakely (AK) 5-10.

Long Jump: 1-Tony Gant (R) 22-0½; 2-Willie Gentry (R) 21-4¾; 3-Douglas Marvel (MH) 20-5¼; 4-Ken Rankin (S) 20-5¼; 5-Bill Canada (MH) 20-5¼; 6-John Mincy (AK) 20-3¾.

Pole Vault: 1-Gary Trent (S) 12-6; 2-Tom Castle (F) 12-6; 3-Ted Simmons (MH) 12-6; 4-Mike Mowry (R) 12-0; 5-Mike Lehman (M) 12-0; 6-Allen Jenkins (S) 11-6.

### RUNNING EVENTS

110-Meter High Hurdles: 1-Hill (MH) 15.1; 2-Tony Malone (L) 15.3; 3-Rick Fantozzi (S) 15.3; 4-Jim Houdeshell (F) 15.4; 5-Gregg Hedden (R) 15.5; 6-Abrams (S) 15.5.

100-Meter Dash: 1-Barry Rush (L) 11.0 (Ties record set by Earl Davis of Mansfield in 1979.); 2-Gentry (R) 11.1; 3-Larry Ross (AK) 11.1; 4-Gary Risdon (L) 11.1; 5-Chevel Breggins (AK) 11.2; 6-Richard Twine (S) 11.3.

1600 Run: 1-Todd Jolliff (MH) 4:26.7 (New record. Old record 4:30.0 set by Paul LaShells, Findlay, in 1979.); 2-Tony Williamson (S) 4:28.0; 3-Paul LaShells (F) 4:31.0; 4-Samli Ayish (E) 4:42.9; 5-Mike Sanchez (AK) 4:43.3; 6-John Jackson (M) 4:47.3.

400 Dash: 1-John Wright (MH) 51.48; 2-Todd Johnson (R) 52.00; 3-Zachery Brown (S) 52.30; 4-Hedden (R) 52.34; 5-Willie Clark (S) 52.60; 6-Roger Smith (AK) 53.28.

400 Relay: 1-Ross (Curtis Lee, Tom Pendrey, Sam Lindsey, Gentry) 44.0 (New record. Old record 44.2 set by Admiral King in 1979.); 2-Admiral King 44.8; 3-Lorain 44.95; 4-Marion Harding 45.29; 5-Sandusky 45.8; 6-Elyria 46.22.

300 Low Hurdles: 1-Pendrey (R) 38.89; 2-Hill (MH) 40.09; 3-Fantozzi (S) 40.52; 4-Bruce Dunlap (AK) 40.7; 5-Jim Chapman (L) 41.21; 6-Hank Davis (R) 41.26.

800 Run: 1-Jolliff (MH) 2:02.48; 2-Phil Keegan (S) 2:02.49; 3-Mike Martin (R) 2:03.92; 4-Williamson (S) 2:04.55; 5-Dave Miles (F) 2:06.99; 6-Sanchez (AK) 2:08.64.

200 Dash: 1-Risdon (L) 23.3; 2-Rush (L) 23.4; 3-Ross (AK) 23.4; 4-John Wright (MH) 23.4; 5-Brown (S) 23.6; 6-Steve Tate (F) 23.7.

3200 Run: 1-J.C. Church (MH) 10:04.0; 2-Williamson (S) 10:10.4; 3-Bruce Hoover (MH) 10:15.3; 4-Ayish (E) 10:27.0; 5-Leon Rainey (AK) 10:32.89; 6-Donald Rotherty (E) 10:38.2.

1600 Relay: 1-Marion Harding 3:29.40; 2-Ross 3:29.5; 3-Admiral King 3:31.4; 4-Findlay 3:36.7; 5-Lorain 3:42.5; 6-Mansfield 3:46.7.