

2004 Regional...

# Wilhelm leads Giants' charge

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross junior Adam Wilhelm had the top qualifying time in three events at the Division I regional preliminaries on Thursday at Amherst.

Wilhelm had the best time in the 200- (21.77) and 400-meter dashes (48.92) and was on the 1,600 relay.

The relay finished in 3:22.61 — just five-tenths of a second off the 1968 school record.

Most of the finals are on Saturday. The top four placers in the finals qualify for next weekend's state meet.

The Little Giants, though, competed in two finals on Thursday.

Long jumper Tim Burris and the 3,200 relay failed to finish in the top four.

Elon Simms, who ran the anchor leg of the mile relay, also qualified second in the 400.

Ross's 800 relay finished ninth

in qualifying, missing out on Saturday's final by two-tenths of a second.

## Baseball.....

### Crimson Streaks fall

Mike Lento went 2-for-3 with a double, but St. Joseph Central Catholic fell 1-0 to Findlay.

SJCC coach Rick Barbour

scheduled the game to keep his Crimson Streaks sharp for today's Division IV regional semifinal against Cardinal Stritch.

Findlay (21-6), which won the Greater Buckeye Conference, is playing in a Division I regional semifinal today.

Robbie Roth allowed one run on one hit in four innings for the Streaks (18-7).

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## Track & Field

### High School Boys

#### Division I Regionals

##### Ross results

1600 relay — 1. Ross 3:22.61.

200 — 1. Adam Wilhelm 21.77, 3. Elon Simms 50.06.

400 — 1. Adam Wilhelm 48.92.

3200 relay — 11. Ross 8:25.0

800 relay — Ross 1:31.2.

Long jump — Tim Burris 19-3.

**FREMONT  
ROSS** junior

Adam Wilhelm sprints to a victory in the 400-meter dash at the Division I regional meet on Saturday at Amherst. Wilhelm also ran on the victorious 1,600-meter relay, which set a school record. Elon Simms, Jordan Edwards and Tim Burris completed the relay.



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## Record-breaking Ross relay rolls

News-Messenger report

Things seemed back to normal for the Fremont Ross 1,600-meter relay on Saturday.

Elon Simms occupied the anchor role.

And the team set a school record to capture the Division I regional crown in 3 minutes, 21.30 seconds at Amherst.

Adam Wilhelm, who runs the third leg on the 1,600, received a Columbus berth in three events.

He also won the 400 in 49.12 and was third in the 200 (22.40).

The Ross 1,600 runners knew it would take a record-breaking performance to compete with the opposition at regionals.

The Giants came close to the record of 3:22.2, running a 3:23.3 at the Sandusky Invitational. But Simms was sidelined a few weeks later with groin and hip maladies.

He returned two meets before regionals but did not run the anchor leg at either. He literally got up to speed in the team's victory in 3:22.61 in prelims on Thursday.

"The four of us were getting stretched out and the official gave us the number, and Elon said to Adam, 'You or me?'" And Adam said for Elon to go ahead and do it," second-leg runner Tim Burris said. "It was a last-minute decision."

It certainly looks like the right choice.

"We ran our fastest as a team,

and I know we'll have to run even faster to do well at state," Burris said. "It will be exciting to see what we can do when it comes down to it and we're pushed."

The Giants more than passed the regional tests.

"I think winning does give us a boost," first-leg runner Jordan Edwards said. "Four of the teams had faster times than us going in (to the prelims), and we beat them all."

Burris said the regional crown was timely.

"It went down just about how it needed to to get our spirits up and get us ready for state," Burris said. "I don't think we surprised ourselves. All of us were looking forward to breaking that record."

"We're all feeling good about it. All of us know we can, and we want to break it again."

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## Wilhelm, Little Giants head to state

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Edwards replaced brother Eric, who graduated, on the 1,600 this year and will have the opportunity to travel to Columbus as a sophomore, something Eric wasn't able to do at Ross.

"That was a motivating factor," Edwards said. "I'm very competitive with my brother."

Edwards and Burris will be making their first trip to state, while Wilhelm

and Simms each qualified in the 400 last year.

"I'm pretty excited being that it's my first trip down there," Burris said. "I'm looking forward to having that on my track record. Hopefully with this trip to state more colleges will be interested in me running track for them."

"I think we'll do good down there, and I can't wait to go," he continued. "I don't feel like we're the underdog. If we work our hardest we can definitely perform up to first place at state."

# **Track & Field**

## **High School Boys**

### **Division I Region Finals**

#### **Ross State Qualifiers**

1600 relay — 1. Jordan Edwards, Tim Burris, Adam Wilhelm, Elon Simms  
3:21.30

200 — 3. Adam Wilhelm 22.40  
400 — 1. Adam Wilhelm 49.12

#### **Ross results**

1600 — 12. Jay Ohms 4:38.13  
3200 — 15. Derek Hill 10:24.26  
3200 relay — 11. Austin Young, David Guardiola, Nathan Bowen, Jay Ohms  
8:25.98