

1998 Season Review...

Ross 'rusty' in opening meet loss

News-Messenger reports

OTTAWA HILLS — The Fremont Ross boys golf team lost its season-opening meet Wednesday, falling 323-327 to Ottawa Hills.

"I thought they were kind of rusty," said Ross coach Dennis Brudzinski, who added his players struggled with their short games.

Matt Bauer led Ross with a 76, followed by Jay Farrell with 81, Ian Steinert and Mack Cole with 85, Mike Moxley with 88 and Doug Garvey with 91.

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"They're getting off the tee and getting on the greens, they just can't get up and down," Brudzinski said. "They had a lot of putts today."

Ottawa Hills was led by Justin Kruse's 74 and Rick Shugarman's 80.

Ross plays in the Swanton Invitational today.

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"There were a lot of low scores today," he said. "We had it set up a little shorter than normal and the greens were in good shape."

"We played pretty well. Jon played a decent match, for him, as the lone senior on our team. And David Ford shot very well."

In other local golf action:

Swanton Invitational

SWANTON — Jay Farrell shot an 81 as Fremont Ross placed third in the eight-team Swanton Invitational Thursday.

The Little Giants finished with a team score of 328. Rossford won the event with a 316, followed by Wauseon at 327.

Mack Cole and Kyle Peck each shot an 82 and Ian Steinert finished with an 83 for the Little Giants. Mike Moxley shot an 85 and Matt Bauer an 88 for the Little Giants. The top

four scores counted for competition.

Next up for Ross is the Fremont Invitational scheduled for Monday.

"For our second match we did pretty a good job," said Ross coach Denny Richie. "We're still struggling with our putting. But from tee to green we're playing good golf."

Lakota 163, New Riegel 205

Trent Tucker continued to play stellar golf, as the senior shot a 38 to lead Lakota to a 163-205 drubbing of New Riegel Thursday at Seneca Hills Golf Course.

Andy Beaston shot a 40, Paul Brubaker scored a 41, A.J. Howe and Steve Adams each shot a 44 and Brad Youngs shot a 49 for the Raiders.

Bettsville 349, S. East 385

Jon Rollins shot an 83, and Joe Kicer finished second with an 84 as Bettsville beat Seneca East 349-385 at Seneca Hills.

Fremont Ross

1997: 14-1 in dual meets

Coaches: Dennis Brudzinski
and Denny Ritchie

Key golfers: Jay Farrell, Sr.;
Matt Bauer, Sr.; Mack Cole, Sr.;
Ian Steinert, Sr.; Mike Moxley

Key losses: Troy Ritchie, Mark
Walter

Toughest Great Lakes League
competition: Bedford, Findlay.

Coach Ritchie's Outlook:

"We've got a nice mix and
we're looking forward to the sea-
son. We should be competitive in
the GLL."

Schedule

Home matches in all caps

Aug. 24 FREMONT INV.

Aug. 27 Sandusky

Aug. 28 MADISON

Sept. 1 CLAY

Sept. 3 Bedford

Sept. 5 Bellevue Invitational

Sept. 8 WHITMER

Sept. 9 ST. JOE

Sept. 10 WOODMORE

Sept. 15 Fostoria

Sept. 17 FINDLAY

Sept. 18 Whitmer Invitational

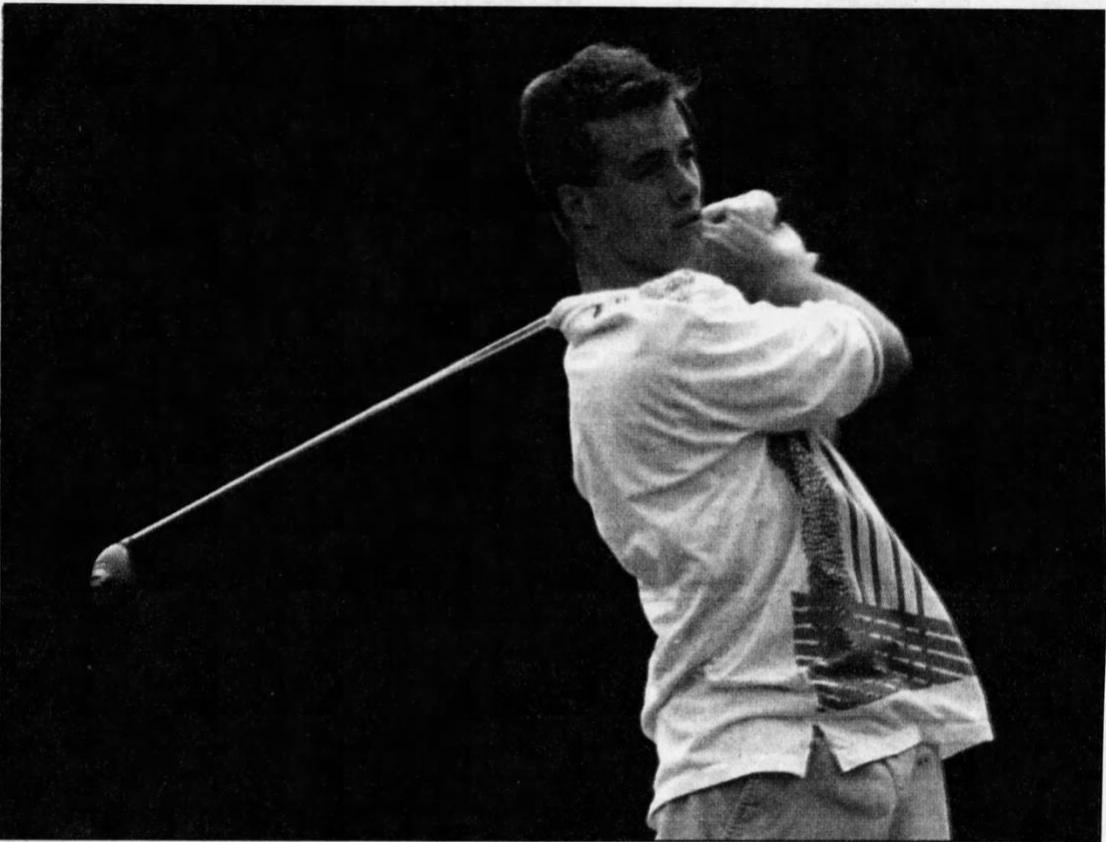
Sept. 23 NORTHVIEW

Sept. 26 Genoa Invitational

Sept. 29 GLL at Sandusky

Oct. 1 Norwalk

Ross second at Invitational



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

JAY FARRELL of Ross tees off on No. 10 during Monday's Fremont Invitational at the Fremont Country Club.



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PETE LEWTON of SJCC hits an approach on No. 10.

Genoa wins wet, stormy title

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Rain, lightning and thunder were not enough to stop the Fremont Invitational Monday at Fremont Country Club.

At least not permanently.

The Invitational, won by perennial powerhouse Genoa, was delayed several times by the elements, disrupting most golfers both on the course and off.

"I think more than anything they were getting frustrated with the rain delays," said St. Joseph Central Catholic coach Greg Kohler, whose Crimson Streaks finished eighth.

"We played eight holes, came in, went back out and played six holes, came back in, then played the final four or five holes.

"There was a lot of standing water on the fairways, a lot of kids had to take drops, and there was not a lot of firm ground to hit on."

Ross coach Dennis Ritchie, whose Little Giants finished second, 14 strokes behind Genoa's 321, said the interruptions aided some of his players.

"When they come in, if they're hot it

cools them off," Ritchie said. "But if you've had a bad hole, it more or less helps you out."

Ritchie pointed to Jay Farrell, who was plus-12 with six holes to go, and shot just one over par over the last six holes to finish at 86.

Kyle Peck led Ross with an 81, three strokes behind medalist Nathan Tabbert of Genoa.

"He's just a junior, played JV last year, and he's been low a couple times this year," Ritchie said. "He said he's put a lot of time into his game."

Matt Bauer and Doug Garvey both had an 84 for Ross.

Pete Lewton led St. Joe with an 82, while Mike Zimmerman shot an 88 to rank second for the Streaks.

"If they eliminate one or two bad holes, they're going to be right where I want them," Kohler said.

Tim Mayle and Roman Ruppert each had an 89 for St. Joe.

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Golden Bears finish 12th

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Bellevue finished 11th with a score of 365, led by Josh Bard's 85. Gibsonburg, led by 91's from Corey Kaemming and Michael Fork, finished 12th, while Oak Harbor finished 13th.

"The boys were disappointed with their scores, because they know they can golf better," Gibsonburg coach Tom Hiser said. "But everybody had a great time and they have a lot of respect for the course."

Clyde finished last with a 404.^N

"We're so young," said Fliers coach Ralph Hohenstein. "We've got to get some experience under our belt. Two tourneys and we've been dead last, so we've obviously got to get better."

Nick Ziegler of Mansfield Madison had a hole-in-one on hole No. 8, using a four-iron to ace the 179-yard hole.

Ross hosts Mansfield Madison Wednesday at the Fremont Country Club before heading to Sandusky for its Great Lakes League opener Thursday. St. Joe travels to Eagles' Landing to play Cardinal Stritch this evening.

Cole lifts Ross past Sandusky; Lakota's Tucker shoots 37

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SANDUSKY — It wasn't as convincing as last year, but the result counts the same.

Mack Cole shot a 39 to lift Fremont Ross to a 161-162 win over Sandusky in its Great Lakes League opener at Mills Creek.

"We beat them by 40 last year," said Ross coach Denny Ritchie. "They are a vastly improved team. They have a lot of good young players.

"We had too many double-bogeys. Five of our six golfers had two or more."

Jay Farrell and Matt Bauer both shot a 40 and Doug Garvey a 42 for the four counted scores.

"The kids are starting to progress."

— Denny Ritchie
Ross golf coach

Mike Moxley shot a 43 and Kyle Peck shot a 45.

Ritchie was pleased with the overall outcome.

"The kids are starting to progress," he said.

The Giants face Oregon Clay Tuesday at the Fremont Country Club, and travel to Bedford (Mich.) Friday.

Ian Steinert shot a 43 to lead the Little Giants reserves (2-0) to

a 175-191 win.

Bettsville-Carey-Hopewell-Loudon-St. Wendelin

Jon Rollins shot a 41 to help Bettsville place second in a four team meet at Loudon Meadows.

Carey was first at 181, followed by the Bobcats at 186, St. Wendelin was third with a 189 followed by Hopewell-Loudon at 206.

Nick Baker shot a 44, Joe Kizer shot a 50, Josh Schumm shot a 51, Derrick Craun fired a 53 and Donald Lawrence shot a 63 for Bettsville.

Bettsville won the junior varsity competition with 209. Jason Lee and Jeremy Schumm each

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sot a 48 to lead the way.

Lakota 156, Old Fort 198
at Nature Trails

Lakota's Trent Tucker excelled once again, as he shot a 37 to help the Raiders to a 156-198 win over Old Fort.

Steve Adams and Brad Youngs both shot a 39 and Andy Beaston shot a 41 for the Raiders. Paul Brubaker added 42, and A.J. Howe a 48 for Lakota (3-0).

Erik Lynch led Old Fort (0-1) with a 44. Matt Hope shot a 49, Randy Schlosser a 52, Nate and Cliff Cleveland a 53 and Nate

Goshe a 61.

Matt Capell led the Lakota JV with a 49.

Liberty-Benton 178,
Woodmore 185

ARLINGTON — Jon Brimley fired a 41 as Liberty-Benton knocked off Woodmore 178-185 at the Sycamore Springs.

Nathan Lowry and Mickey Rospert topped the Wildcats (0-1), as each shot a 45. Mike Ford fired a 47, Brent Bowen a 48 and Todd Ery a 55.

For Liberty-Benton (2-1) Kevin Kidd fired a 44, Marc Thomas shot a 45, Steve Brecheisen a 48 and Graham Wright a 50 in the victory.

Oregon Clay 173, Fremont Ross 174

Fremont Ross fell short by a stroke Tuesday, in a 173-174 Great Lakes League loss to Oregon Clay at Fremont Country Club.

"Our kids' played average golf," said coach Denny Ritchie. "We three-putted quite a bit and nobody took control. Our seniors are playing mediocre golf."

For the Little Giants, Mack Cole and Doug Garvey each fired a 43, Jay Farrell and Matt Bauer each shot a 44, Kyle Peck shot 45 and Ian Steinert came in at 49.

In the reserve match, Leon Garza shot a 45 as Ross posted a 184-202 win.

Mike Moxley and Aaron Kingsborough each fired a 46 and Ollie Damschroder

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shot a 47 for Ross.

Ross next plays Saturday in the Bellevue Invitational at Sleepy Hollow.

Huron 158, Clyde 185

CLYDE — Huron's Todd Palmer shot a blazing 36 to lead the Tigers to a 158-185 win over Clyde at Green Hills in the Sandusky Bay Conference opener for both teams.

For the Fliers, Doug Wilkerson shot a 43, Marc Schneider came in at 44, Clint Hackenburg fired a 50, Kevin Snyder shot a 58.

For Huron, Ben Mirts and Richard Ehbar each shot a 40 and Mark Stevens fired a 42.

Huron won the JV match, 177-219.

"It showed us how hard we will have to practice if we want to get better," said

Little Giants third in Bellevue meet

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CLYDE — Fremont Ross shot a 323 to place third at the Bellevue Invitational.

Kyle Peck shot a 41-38 for a 79, Doug Garvey fired a 41-39 for an 80, Leon Garcia shot 40-42 for a 82, Matt Bauer fired a 40-42 for an 82, and Jay Farrell shot a 40-44 for an 84.

“That’s pretty much what we expected,” Ross coach Denny Ritchie said of the Little Giants’ finish. “Everybody did their job.”

Genoa won the event with a 301, followed by Eastwood with a

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311. Bellevue was sixth with a 331 and Margaretta was ninth at 344.

For the Redmen, Justin Pagnard shot an 81, Nate Velloney an 82, Josh Bard an 83, Jason Houghawout an 85 and Nick Dendinger a 97.

Dustin Cullen led the Polar Bears with a 78. Andrew Kuns fired an 86, Kyle Markley an 87, Ryan Bohu a 93 and Jake Smith a 96.

Nathan Tabbert led Genoa with a 35-39 for a 74. Elmwood’s Josh Jaworski was the medalist with a 72.

Farrell lifts Ross past Whitmer

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Fremont Ross handed Toledo Whitmer its first Great Lakes League loss, a 169-177 decision Tuesday.

Jay Farrell led the way with a blazing 36.

"With the conditions, Jay's round was just stupendous," said Ross coach Denny Ritchie. "Nobody was close to him."

Kyle Peck shot a 42, Matt Bauer fired a 45 and Ian Steinert shot a 46 for Ross (2-2, 2-3).

For Whitmer (2-1 in the GLL), Matt Smith and Dave Girell each shot a 43, Joe Molinski shot a 45 and Jarret Duchkolz fired a 46.

Ross won the junior varsity match, 185-221. Leon Garza shot a 43 to lead the way.

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The Little Giants host St. Joseph Central Catholic at 4:15 p.m. today at Fremont Country Club.

Ottawa Hills 167, St. Joe 178

Ottawa Hills' Justin Kruse fired a 37 to lead the Green Bears to a 167-178 win over St. Joe.

For the Crimson Streaks, Pete Lewton shot a 41, Doug Haaser and Tim Mayle fired a 45 and Mike Zimmerman shot a 47.

St. Joe won the junior varsity match 190-225.

St. Mary's 161, Clyde 184

Clyde fell to 0-3 after a 161-184 loss to St. Mary's.

Doug Wilkinson led Clyde with a 40. Glen Hackenburg, Kevin Snyder and Eric Leber all came in 48 for the Fliers.

Farrell, Cole shoot 41 to lead Ross past St. Joe

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Jay Farrell and Mack Cole each recorded a 41 as Fremont Ross defeated St. Joseph Central Catholic 169-184 Wednesday at Fremont Country Club.

Ross improves to 3-3 overall, while St. Joe drops to 4-4.

"I'm extremely disappointed," said St. Joe coach Greg Kohler. "I know we can play a lot better than that. I don't know if they're going through the motions. Hopefully we can get things straightened out."

Ian Steinert's 42 and Mike Moxley's 45 rounded out the scoring for the Little Giants. St. Joe was led by Pete Lewton and Dan Licursi, who each shot a 43.

"Every one of these kids is capable of shooting in the 30s," Kohler said. "It's not happening.

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At the start they were very emotional about playing, now it's get done with school, play golf, 'Eh.'" They need to get excited again."

Tim Mayle's 48 and Mike Zimmerman's 50 rounded out the Crimson Streak scoring.

Lakota 162, Woodmore 167

Trent Tucker, and A.J. Howe and Andy Beaston each shot a 40 to lead Lakota past Woodmore and Otsego in a tri-meet.

Steve Adams recorded a 42, Brad Youngs a 44 and Paul Brubaker a 46 for the Raiders.

Scott Bergman and Jake Runion matched the Lakota trio's score of 40, Brett Bowen shot a 43, Todd Ery a 44, Mike Ford a 45 and Chris Arndt a 47 for the Wildcats, who finished five strokes off the pace.

Ross 174, Woodmore 196

Fremont Ross even its record at 3-3 with a 174-196 win over Woodmore.

Jay Farrell, Mike Moxley and Doug Garvey all shot 43s and Mack Cole fired a 45 for the Little Giants.

Jake Runion shot a 46 for the Wildcats.

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Fostoria 170, Ross 171

Fremont Ross suffered its third one-point Great Lakes League loss of the year, a 170-171 decision at Fostoria.

"It was heart wrenching," said Ross coach Denny Ritchie. "Our No. 3 man (Kyle Peck) was sick and couldn't go. Two others (Ian Steinert and Mike Moxley) played, but they were sick."

Jay Farrell led the Little Giants (4-4 overall, 2-3 in the GLL) with a 41. Steinert shot a 42, Leon Garza scored a 43, Matt Bauer and Mack Cole each came in at 45 and Doug Garvey shot a 49.

Chris Carrel led Fostoria, (5-4,

"This goes to show what a team sport (golf) is."

— Ralph Hohenstein
Clyde golf coach

3-2) with a 40.

Ross won the reserves match, 177-193. Aaron Kingsborough led the way for the Little Giants with a 42. Kyle Saller shot a 43.

Lakota 163, Mohawk 187

Paul Brubaker fired a 37 to lead Lakota past Mohawk, 163-187 in a non-league match.

Trent Tucker shot a 41, A.J. Howe fired a 42, Steve Adams fired a 43 and Brad Youngs and Andy Beaston each shot a 47.

Scott Parker led Mohawk with a 43.

Ross beats Findlay by three strokes

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Matt Bauer shot a 40 to lead Fremont Ross to a 166-169 win over Findlay at Fremont Country Club.

Jay Farrell shot a 41, Aaron Kingsborough fired a 42 and Doug Garvey shot a 43.

"Aaron shot a 42 here and a 42 at Fostoria (Tuesday)," said Ross coach Denny Ritchie. "He's a senior and he's finally coming around."

Findlay's Ernie Chamberlain was the medalist with a 38.

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Farrell lifts Ross Margareta edges Clyde

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Jay Farrell shot a 40 to lift Fremont Ross to a 166-168 win over Northview at Fremont Country Club.

Aaron Kingsborough fired a 41, Matt Bauer shot a 42 and Mike Moxley fired a 43.

Matt Hiatt led Northwood with a 40.

Calvert 162, Woodmore 171

Calvert handed Woodmore its 11th defeat of the season, a 162-171 decision.

Brett Bowen led the Wildcats with 40. Scott Bergman fired a 41, Jake Runion Andrew Greenley shot 45. Mickey Rospert shot a 46 and Natha Lowry fired a 49.

Garza's 86 leads Ross at Genoa

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Fremont Ross shot a 349 to place ninth in the Genoa Invitational.

Leon Garza led the Little Giants with a 86, Kyle Zaller had an 86, Aaron Kingsborough an 88, Mike Moxley an 89 and Ollie Damschroder 90 at Sugar Creek.

Clyde finished 12th with a score of 372. Doug Wilkinson was the top Fliers finisher with an 82, Marc Schneider had a 91, Andrew Spencer a 99, Dan Wott carded a 100, while Chris Cleveland shot 101.

Perkins won the meet by seven strokes over host Genoa, while Perkins' Chad Whaley was the medalist with a 72.

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Bauer's 78 leads Little Giants at Bowsher

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TOLEDO — Matt Bauer and Doug Garvey each shot a 78 to lead Fremont Ross to a fourth place finish at the Bowsher Invitational at Ottawa Park Golf Course.

The Little Giants shot a 321. Southview won the meet with a 300.

Jay Farrell fired a 82 and Ian Steinert shot a 83 for the Little Giants.

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Arcadia 180, Old Fort 195

Arcadia topped Old Fort 180-195 in a non-league match at Nature Trails.

Erik Lynch and Matt Hoke each shot 44s for the Stockaders. Cliff Cleveland shot a 53, Nate Cleveland fired a 54, Randy Schlosser shot a 58, Nate Goshe shot a 60 and Niki Cleveland fired a 67 for Old Fort (1-13).

Norwalk 162, Ross 170

Ross fell to 6-5 with a 162-170 loss to Norwalk at Eagle Creek.

Kyle Peck and Doug Garvey both shot 41s to lead the Little Giants. Leon Garza fired a 43 and Jay Farrell shot a 45 for Ross.

The Ross reserves posted a 183-192 win over Norwalk. Matt Bauer led the way with a 41.

Ross ready for sectionals

Fremont Ross coach Denny Ritchie said Tuesday that his Little Giants, coming off a third place finish in last Tuesday's Great Lakes League tournament, are looking good entering Friday's sectional in Bucyrus.

"We have a freshman, Leon Garza, playing well, and some experience with Jay Farrell and Matt Bauer," Ritchie said.

Golfers head into postseason

Sectional action tees off today

By MICHAEL PIDANICK
Staff writer

Heading into a tough Division I sectional today at Bucyrus Country Club, Fremont Ross coach Denny Ritchie knows his team must play some good golf.

With perennial powerhouse Ashland and a solid Lexington team, the Little Giants may have to turn their attention towards third place and the final berth in the district tournament.

"We're hoping for third," said Ritchie. "Obviously we'd like to place higher, but third seems like

fair expectation."

The top three teams advance to the district tournament next week. The golfers not on the three top teams with the three lowest scores also advance as individuals.

Ritchie said senior Matt Bauer, who fired a 36 on the back nine in a practice round at Bucyrus, senior Jay Farrell and freshman Leon Garza are his hottest golfers at the moment.

"That's not taking anything away from Kyle Peck or Doug



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Garvey. They're capable of moving on too," Ritchie said, "but those three are the top three right now."

St. Joseph Central Catholic is also set for the Division IV sectional at Green Hills. The Crimson Streaks are coming off an impressive 17-stroke win in the Midland Athletic League tournament.

"If we play well, we can win it," said junior Pete Lewton. "We can keep going as a team."

Lewton, seniors Tim Mayle and Doug Haaser, sophomore Roman Ruppert and freshman Mike Zimmerman are the Crimson Streaks' top golfers.

Sectional tennis also begins today

Area tennis teams will also be competing in sectional play today. In Sandusky, Ainsley Watkins of Fremont Ross is seeded third, behind Lexington's Melissa Schaub and Sarah Juzwik of Ashland. The doubles team of Jenny Schaaf and Morgan Carnicom is seeded second behind Kristen Dill and Tara Ogg of Lexington, although Ross coach Lisa Wolfe the third-seeded Mansfield Senior team of Jackie Bell and Rachael Stein will be tough as well.

In Port Clinton, the Clyde doubles team of Cassie Newsome and Amanda Showman is seeded second behind the Redskins team of Leigh Anne Rasmussen and Lindsay Smith.

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