

2009 Season Review...

## **FREMONT ROSS**

**Coach:** Cathy Esposito

**2008 finish:** Fifth in GBC; 12th in district

**Top athletes:** Carlea Harper, so., 100 and 200 dashes regional qualifier; Ellen Silva, so., 400 dash regional qualifier.

**Impact athletes:** Lisa Carter, sr; Victoria Logan, sr; Brooke Radcliff, sr; Jessica Soule, sr; Lizzy Ellenberger, jr; Donisha Walk, jr; Alexis Chapman, so; Alyssa Fischer, so; Essence Price, so; Kelsey Rosenberger, so; Darianna Sewell, so; Stephenie Swint, so.

**Outlook:** "This will be a season to watch the girls team," Esposito said. "Our team has doubled in the number of athletes out for track. That allows me to have a lot more options to make changes in our lineup, which should make us a stronger team."

## **FREMONT ROSS**

**Coach:** Cathy Esposito

**2008 finish:** Fourth in GBC; fifth in district

**Top athletes:** Justin Hines, jr., 110 hurdles regional qualifier; Wyatt Harvey, sr., 800 run regional qualifier; Boston Beckley, sr., discus regional qualifier; Josh Ballenger, jr., discus regional qualifier

**Impact athletes:** Terence Davis, sr; Luis Franco, sr; Ty Haralson, sr; Cameron Journigan, sr; Kristopher Esparza, jr; Justin Howell, jr; Andy Leemaster, jr; Matt Price, jr; Darien Spann, jr; Alex House, so.

**Outlook:** "Coming off several winning seasons, we will try to equal or surpass last year's success," Esposito said. "We're looking for a GBC championship, and having many state qualifiers are our goals."

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ■ ROUNDUP

# Little Giants hand Sandusky GBC dual defeat

News-Messenger reports

FREMONT — The Little Giants won 11 events during a 72-55 Greater Buckeye Conference dual meet victory against Sandusky on Wednesday.

Justin Hines won the 110 and 300 hurdles for Ross, which received first-place efforts from Kristopher Esparza (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Andy Leemaster (800 run), Terence Davis (200 dash), Boston Beckley (discus), Josh Ballenger (shot put) and the 400, 800 and 1,600 relay teams.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### SANDUSKY 74, FREMONT ROSS 61

FREMONT — The Little Giants claimed eight events during Greater Buckeye Conference dual meet against Sandusky on Wednesday.

Victoria Logan won the shot put for Ross, which recorded first-place efforts from Brooke Ratcliff (discus), Alesha Overmyer (300 hurdles), Carlea Harper (100 dash), Ellen Silva (400 dash), Carly Young (pole vault), Jericha Martin (long jump) and the 800 relay team.



Submitted photo | Brenda Soule

Fremont Ross athlete Terence Davis (top left) takes the handoff from Aaron Spencer during the 800 meter relay Wednesday before the Little Giants' boys track and field team defeated Greater Buckeye Conference rival Sandusky in a dual meet Wednesday at Alumni Field.

Clinton hitters as St. Joseph Central Catholic routed the Redskins at the Naderer Athletic Complex on Wednesday.

The Crimson Streaks jumped ahead 9-0 after two innings after scoring four times in the first and five times in the second.

girls hit the ball where it was pitched."

Abby Crockett went 4-for-4 with a triple, a double, two singles, two runs and four RBI for the Crimson Streaks (1-1 overall). Whitney Drown added two bunt-singles and a run while Lindsay

Courtney Kast had a single and scored a run, Kristen Brahier added a single and Kenzie Payne and Nikki Bogard scored a run apiece.

## FREMONT ROSS 3, TOLEDO WAITE 0

TOLEDO — Jordyn Gallagher pitched a four-hit shut out while two Fremont Ross hitters were 5-for-5 during a non-conference win against Toledo Waite on Wednesday.

Gallagher (2-1) struck out seven and walked none for the complete game victory.

The Little Giants took a 2-0 lead after one-half inning and added an insurance run in the seventh.

Lead-off hitter McKenzie Schneider was 2-for-2 while Katelyn Ruiz went 3-for-3 with an RBI for Ross (2-1).

In the first, Schneider hit a single, stole second base and scored on Missy Lewis' sacrifice bunt. Lewis advanced to second on an overthrow, went to third on a passed ball and scored on another passed ball.

In the seventh, Tashia Novitski singled and was replaced by

# **Track & Field**

## **High School Boys**

### **Ross 72, Sandusky 55**

#### **Ross results**

3,200 relay — 2. Ross 9:11  
1,600 run — 1. Esparza 4:52.28, 3. A. Leemaster 5:03, 5. B. Hoelzle 5:43  
Long jump — 2. S. Spann 19-4, 4. J. Speer 16-10  
110 hurdles — 1. J. Hines 14.88, 4. A. House 17.65, 6. J. Franco 20.13  
4x100 - 1. Ross 46.22  
Pole vault — 2. Price 11-0, 3. Speer 6-6, 4. Bringenberg 6-6  
100 dash — 2. T. Davis 11.01, 3. D. Woods 11.22, 4. A. Spencer 11.31, 5. B. Beckley 11.34  
400 dash — 2. J. Howell 55.0, 4. J. Tegtmeyer 58.67, 5. R. Saldivar 58.68, 6. J. Berryman 1:00  
High jump — 2. Jasper 5-6, 4. Michael 5-2, 5. Red 5-2  
800 relay — 1. Ross 1:33.75  
300 hurdles — 1. J. Hines 42.04, 4. Franco 51.0, 5. House 51.07  
800 run — 1. Leemaster 2:16.43, 4. Cannell 2:34, 5. Saldivar 2:34.82, 7. Wasserman 2:42.71  
200 dash — 1. Davis 22.8, 2. Woods 23.8, 4. Spann 24.02, 6. Berryman 24.89  
Discus — 1. B. Beckley 158-6.5, 2. J. Ballenger 150-00  
4x400 — 1. Ross 3:40.75  
Shot put — 1. Ballenger 44-6, 2. Beckley 44-4.5  
3,200 run — 1. Esparza 10:41.86.

# High School Girls

## Sandusky 74, Ross 61

### Ross results

3,200 relay — 3. Ross 12:31.61

1,600 run — 3. P. Wiechman 6:26.75, 4.

A. Fischer 6:32, 6. J. Soule 6:41

Long jump — 1. J. Martin 13-7, 3. B. Simms 12-2

100 hurdles — 2. J. Kiser 19-77, 3. B. Fletcha 20.43, 4. A. Overmyer 20.77

400 relay — 2. Ross 55.15

Pole vault — 1. Young 7-0, 2. Carl 5-6

100 dash — 1. C. Harper 12.86, 4. J. MArtin 13.93

400 dash — 1. E. Silva 1:10, 5. A. Hoch 1:18.07, 6. C. Young 1:19.11

High jump — 4. Kiser 4-8, 5. Young 4-6, 6. Price 4-2

800 relay — 1. Ross 1:57.24

300 hurdles — 1. A. Overmyer 55.97, 2. E. Price 59.38, 3. L. Ellenberger 1:00, 5. J. Kiser 1:02.15, 6. B. Fletcha 1:05.22

800 run — 3. Fischer 2:58, 4. Soule 3:01.53, 5. Hagan 3:10, 6. Krause 3:16

200 dash — 2. Harper 27.29, 3. Overmyer 29.49, 5. S. Ford 31.17, 6. M. Meek 31.33

Discus — 1. Ratcliff 76-9.5

1,600 relay — 2. Ross 4:50

Shot put — 1. Logan 37.1

3200 meters — 2. P. Wiechman 14:04.53

## TRACK ROSS BOYS SECOND AT INVITE

Justin Hines (110 hurdles), Darien Spann (long jump) and Josh Ballenger (discus) each won an event as Fremont Ross's boys track team finished second to Defiance at the Bowling Green Invitational.

Carlea Harper (100, 200), Ellen Silva (pole vault) and Victoria Logan (shot put) won events as the Little Giants' girls finished third.

"We had an outstanding day for both teams," Ross coach Cathy Esposito said.

"The girls are young and gaining experience every meet. They are beating very good teams and progressing with their confidence level."

# Track & Field

## High School Boys

### Bobcat Invitational

at Bowling Green

#### Team Scores

Defiance .....	172
Ross .....	123.5
Napoleon .....	87
Leipsic .....	64
Lima Senior .....	36
Bowling Green .....	34.5
Lake .....	10

#### Winner and Ross results

110 meter hurdles - 1. Justin Hines (R)  
14.84, 7. Tyler Haralson 16.97  
100 meters - 1. Mike Benton (Le)  
10.90, 2. Terence Davis 11.22, 6. James  
Aaron Spencer 11.65  
4x200 - 1. ross 1:35.00  
1600 meters - 1. Zac Wiles (D) 4:35.90,  
3. Kristopher esparza 4:41.00  
4x100 - 1. Napoleon 45.69, 2. Ross  
46.10  
400 meters - 1. Travis Spitnale (D)  
52.60, 9. Ruebun Saldivar 58.90, 11.  
Gerell Flowers 1:00.30  
300 meter hurdles - 1. David Pagan (D)  
40.30, 4. Justin Hines 42.10, 9. Tyler  
Haralson 45.00  
800 meters - 1. Sean Murray (D)  
2:05.30, 3. Wyatt Harvey 2:06.20  
200 meters - 1. Mike Benton (Le)  
23.06, 3. Terence Davis 23.33, 5. Darien  
Spann 23.62  
3200 meters - 1. Zac wiles (D) 9:41.20,  
2. Kristopher Esparza 10:04.50, 6. Andy  
Leemaster 10:47.50  
4x400 - 1. Defiance 3:38.50, 3. Ross  
3:42.80  
4x800 - 1. Defiance 8:30.70, 4. Ross  
9:06.10  
High jump - 1. Alex Keel (D) 6-00, 4.  
Tyler Haralson 5-06, 5. Jasper Tegtmeyer  
5-04  
Pole vault - 1. Aaron Swanson (D) 10-  
06, 4. Jay Speer 9-0  
Long jump - 1. Darien Spann (R) 19-  
08.25, 8. Tyler Haralson 17-09.50  
Discus - 1. Josh Ballenger (R) 153-06,  
2. Boston Beckley 151-04  
Shot put - 1. Mitch Gibson (Le) 46-03,  
4. Boston Beckley 43-09.50, 5. Josh  
Ballenger 42-03.50.

# Track & Field

## High School Girls

### Bobcat Invitational

at Bowling Green

#### Team Scores

Defiance .....	137
Napoleon .....	127
Ross .....	85
Bowling Green .....	68
Lake .....	42
Leipsic .....	28
Lima Senior .....	21
Bryan .....	18

#### Winner and Ross results

100 hurdles - 1. Kendall Homan (N)  
14.91, 4. Alesha Overmyer 17.41  
100 meters - 1. Carlea Harper (R)  
12.75, 5. Jericha Martin 13.81  
4x200 - 1. Ross 1:52.90  
1600 meters - 1. Anna Meyer (D)  
5:36.60, 7. Alyssa Fischer 6:15.70  
4x100 - 1. Napoleon 55.38, Ross DQ  
400 meters - 1. Mikaela Tolbert (D)  
1:00.70, 5. Ellen Silva 1:06.00, 8.  
Donisha Walk 1:07.10  
300 meter hurdles - 1. Brooke Lime (D)  
50.60, 2. Alesha Overmyer 51.50, 6.  
Essence Price 54.90  
800 meters - 1. Anna Meyer (D)  
2:32.20  
200 meters - 1. Carlea Harper (R)  
26.37, 7. Essence Price 30.56  
3200 meters - 1. Megan Vogelsong (D)  
12:10.40, 5. Jessica Soule 13:29.90, 7.  
Alyssa Fischer 13:43.70  
4x400 - 1. Defiance 4:19.90, 2. Ross  
4:26.13  
4x800 - 1. Defiance 10:02.40, 5. Ross  
11:52.30  
High jump - 1. Kelsey dale (D) 4-10, 6.  
Jennifer Kiser 4-06, 11. Essence Price 4-  
00  
Pole vault - 1. Ellen Silva (R) 8-06, 7.  
Carly Young 7-00  
Long jump - 1. Kendall Homan (N) 17-  
01.25, 6. Jericha Martin 13-08.25, 11.  
Bria Simms 12-05.25  
Discus - 1. Lywanna Melvin (BG) 131-  
00, 4. Victoria Logan 97-02, 10. Brooke  
Ratcliff 70-06  
Shot put - 1. Victoria Logan (R) 37-  
08.50, 9. Alexis Chapman 29-05.00.

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## HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

# Harper, Hines big winners for Little Giants

BY MATTHEW HORN  
Sports writer

OAK HARBOR — Fremont Ross's Carlea Harper won the 100 and 200, and was part of a first-place 800 relay Thursday.

Harper is contending with sore hamstrings that force her to apply heat before meets and ice for an hour after competition.

"The 100 was my first event," she said. "When I won that made me feel better about the other races. I just ignored it."

"I love to run so I'm going to do whatever it takes."

Oak Harbor's Tory Wood won the 1,600. She teamed with Allie Reynolds, Ashley Madison and Kaitlyn Harvey to take the 3,200 relay and Tiffany Elder, Madison and Allison Burkett to win the 1,600 relay as the Rockets' girls topped the Little Giants 85-52.

"I'm excited about how the team is doing," Madison said. "The coaches push us and it benefits us in the meets."

Justin Hines won both hurdle events and ran on two first-place relays as the Little Giants' boys beat Perkins (51) and Oak Harbor (23) with 101 points. Darien Spann, Jacob Berryman and Aaron Spencer rounded out the 800 relay while Wyatt Harvey, Devante Woods and Spencer comprised the rest of the 1,600 relay.

"It feels good getting four firsts," Hines said. "I ran my fastest time this year in the 300 hurdles (41.2). I'm still trying to get it down. It's not my best. I'm just trying to get back into it."

Wood established a personal best in the mile at 5 minutes, 46.6 seconds.

"We keep getting encouraged that we can go to state," Wood said of the 3,200 relay. "We're excited about that."

"None of us have much experience together (in the 1,600 relay). We all just want to go out there and win."

Harper said the 800 relay is her favorite event.

"(Thursday) was a beautiful day," she said. "(The 800 relay) went well. We could have done



Doug Hise | News-Messenger correspondent

Justin Hines runs the 300-meter hurdles during a track meet Thursday at Oak Harbor.

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better but I love that race."

"It's just so intense. I love running the 200 in general. I love to hear everybody cheering. That gets my adrenaline pumping. I love the curve in the 200."

Harper is about 2 seconds off the school record (25) in the 200 and the 800 relay's time at the Bowling Green Invitational was .4 seconds shy of that record.

"That's the goal before the end of my sophomore year," Harper said.

Sam Reynolds won the discus, Rachel Hegemier the long jump and Katie Lemon the 100 hurdles for the Rockets. Kelly Bryan, Kayla Diefenthaler, Morgan Turnow and Sam Scott took the 400 relay.

Scott won the high jump, Allie Reynolds the 800 and Harvey the 3,200.

Ellen Silva won the pole vault and 400, Alesha Overmyer the 300 hurdles, and Victoria Logan the shot put for Ross.

Spann won the long jump and 200, Kristopher Esparza the 1,600 and 3,200, and Spencer the 400. Harvey took the 800 and Woods the 100 while Luis Franco, Andy Leemaster, Esparza and Harvey won the 3,200 relay for the Little Giants.

"(Thursday) I did OK," Spencer said. "I feel good about the 4X2. We messed up the handoffs and still finished first."

"We all did pretty good, but there's still stuff all of us need to work on."

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## High School Girls

### **Oak Harbor 85, Ross 85**

800 meters - 1. Allie Reynolds(OH) 2:48.5, 2. Lisa Carter (R) 2:58.0, 3. Carly Young (R) 3:00.4  
200 meters - 1. Carlea Harper (R) 26.8, 2. Kayla Diefenthaler (OH) 27.5, 3. Kelly Bryant (OH) 29.1  
Shot put - 1. Victoria Logan (R) 34-9, 2. Jennifer Behnken (OH) 33-, 3. Alexis Chapman (R) 30-6.5  
4x800 - 1. Oak Harbor 11:05.2  
3200 meters - 1. Kaitlyn Harvey (OH), 2. Jessica Soule (R), 3. Megan Wistinghausen (OH)  
4x200 - 1. Oak Harbor 53.1  
4x800 - 1. Oak Harbor 11:05.2, 2. Ross 12:04.2  
Discus - 1. Reynolds (OH) 95-, 2. Jennifer Behnken (OH) 94-10, 3. Victoria Logan (R) 92-7  
1600 meters - 1. Tory Wood (OH) 5:46.6, 2. Kaitlyn Harvey (OH) 6:07.4, 3. Jessica Soule (R)  
Long jump - 1. Rachel Hegemier (OH) 16-1.5, 2. Kayle Diefenthaler (OH) 15-7, 3. Sam Scott (OH) 15-2.5  
100 hurdles - 1. Katie Lemon (OH) 17.5, 2. Olivia Porter (OH) 17.9  
Pole vault - 1. Ellen Silva (R) 8-6, 2. Katie Millinger (OH) 8-6, 3. Jennifer Behnken (OH) 8-0, 3. Rachel Hegemier (OH) 8-0  
4x100 - 1. Oak Harbor 53.1, 2. Ross 54.9  
High jump - 1. Sam Scott (OH) 4-10, 2. Jen Kiser (R) 4-8  
100 meters - 1. Carlea Harper (R) 12.5, 2. Sam Scott (OH) 13.0, 3. Kayla Diefenthaler (OH) 13.2  
4x200 - 1. Ross 1:55.4  
400 meters - 1. Ellen Silva (R) 1:05.2, Allison Burkett (OH) 1:06.1, 3. Donisha Walk (R) 1:08  
300 hurdles - 1. Alesha Overmyer (R) 52.1, 2. Essence Price (R) 52.9, 3. Katie Lemon (OH) 52.9

## Track & Field

### **High School Boys**

#### **Ross 101, Perkins 51, Oak Harbor 23**

Discus - 1. Steinhauser (P) 170-7, 2. Boston Beckley (R) 158-11, 4. Josh Ballenger (R) 153-4  
4x400 - 1. Ross 3:40.5, 3. Oak Harbor 3:50.1  
200 meters - 1. Darien Spann (R) 23.5, 2. Devante Woods (R) 24.5, 3. Jacob Berryman (R) 25.1  
3200 meters - 1. Kristopher Esparza (R) 10:28.1, 2. Andy Leemaster (R) 10:51.9, 4. Adam Smercina (OH) 12:01.5  
Pole vault - 1. 1. Burrows (P) 13-6, 2. Nathan Rust (OH) 11-0, 3. Jay Speer (R) 10-6, 4. Kyle Mincheff (OH) 10-0  
4x800 - 1. Ross 8:59.4, 3. Oak Harbor 9:58.4  
High jump - 1. Mierke (R) 6-0, 3. Nathan Rust (OH) 5-4, 4. Jasper Tegtmeier (R) 5-4  
Long jump - 1. Darien Spann (R) 19-9.25, 2. Mierke (R) 19-3.25, 3. Myles Backus (OH) 18-  
400 meters - 1. Aaron Spencer (R) 55.4, 2. Myles Backus (OH) 56.0, 3. David Burkett (OH) 57.0, 4. Rubeun Saldivar (R) 57.8  
110 hurdles - 1. Justin Hines (R) 14.9, 3. Kaleb Smith (OH) 16.6, Alex House (R) 17.4  
4x200 - 1. Ross 1:34.8, 3. Oak Harbor 1:37.7  
1600 meters - 1. Kristopher Esparza (R) 4:43.9, 2. Daniel Leemaster (R) 4:55, 3. Tyler Eoff (OH) 4:59.7  
300 hurdles - 1. Justin Hines (R) 41.2, 3. Kyle Mincheff (OH) 44.5, 4. Kaleb Smith (OH) 44.8  
100 meters - 1. Devante Woods (R) 11.2, 2. Boston Beckley (R) 11.5, 3. Jake Scott (OH) 11.9  
Shot put - 1. Hoty (P) 58-8, 2. Boston Beckley (R) 46-2, 3. Josh Ballenger (R) 45-3  
4x100 - 1. Perkins 44.9, 2. Ross 45.8  
800 meters - 1. Wyatt Harvey (R) 2:10.4, 3. Luis Franco (R) 2:17.8, 4. D.J. Reau (OH) 2:19.

# Harper shines at Clyde



Jennifer Young-Bower | News-Messenger correspondent

Fremont Ross's Carlea Harper competes in the 100 dash during the Art Hendricks Track and Field Invitational on Saturday at Clyde High School.

## Ross sprinter shares meet's top athlete award

BY JEFF ARENZ  
Sports Writer

CLYDE — It was a tight battle between Fremont Ross's Carlea Harper and Tiffin Columbian's Marissa Davis on Saturday at the Art Hendricks Track and Field Invitational.

Harper and Davis shared the girls trophy for Female Athlete of the Meet after virtually tying among four events.

Harper won the 100 and 200 dashes (in 12.5 and 27.0 seconds, respectively) and helped the Little Giants to a second-place effort in the 800 relay (1:51.2) and a fourth-place performance in the 400 relay (53.9).

"I think I did pretty well, especially since I'm running on two pulled hamstrings,"

Harper said. "I don't know how I'm overcoming the soreness. I have a lot of heart and desire, I guess. I love to run."

Davis anchored the Tornados' victories in the 400 and 800 relays (in 52.6 seconds and 1:48.8, respectively, added a second-place showing in the 200 dash (27.2) and ended up fourth in the 100 dash (12.9).

Harper, who ran the anchor leg of the 800 relay, was assisted by Ellen Silva, Domisha Walk and Jericha Martin. Davis, along with Tori Stephens, Anna Williams and Neka Maceo, led Columbian past Ross 1:48.8 to 1:51.2.

Victoria Logan captured the discus (115-feet, 110-inches) and shot put (38-2) titles for Ross.

Ashland, which won seven events and had four second-place finishes, topped Tiffin Columbian 129-126 1/2 in the team standings. The rest of the field included Upper Sandusky (73 1/2), Fremont Ross (59), Clyde (53), Toledo St. Ursula (37), Genoa (29) and Bellevue (20).

"We're getting better because we have a lot of freshmen who are starting to get it now," Harper said of the Little Giants progress thus far this season.

### CLYDE

The Fliers, who were without several key athletes Saturday, turned in a pair of second-place showings.

Taylor Ebert ran second to Ashland's Kristen Donaldson (5:36.3 to 5:40.0) in the 1,600

run. Logan bested Clyde's Heidi Bentley (38-2 to 30-9) in the shot put.

Lindsay Smetzler, Ashley Alejandro, Taylor Guggisberg, Rachel Smetzler ran third in the 1,600 relay in 4:25.4. Mindy Gill (high jump, 4-8) and Maraha Estep (discus, 94-10) added third-place performances for Clyde.

### BELLEVUE

Lady Red state qualifier Julia Walters placed second behind Tiffin Columbian's Stephanie Shockley in the pole vault. Both were able to clear 9-6.

Bellevue had no first-place efforts.

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Reuben Saldivar and Luis Franco teamed with Harvey during the 3,200 relay.

"We performed well and got a lot of wins," Hines said. "We still have a lot to achieve. I'd give us a 7 out of 10 for the level we're at right now. It's still early in the season, and we can still realize all of our potential."

The Little Giants won seven events and placed second in four others en route to a 140-91 victory against host Clyde. The rest of the field included Genoa (85 2/3 points), Toledo St. Francis DeSales (70), Tiffin Columbian (57), Bellevue (50), Ashland (22 1/3) and Upper Sandusky (15).

Justin



Jennifer Young-Bower | News-Messenger correspondent  
Clyde's Ryan Scharf competes in the 300 hurdles on Saturday.

## Little Giants cruise to win at Hendricks

BY JEFF ARENZ  
Sports Writer

CLYDE — Fremont Ross dominated the boys portion of the Art Hendricks Track and Field Invitational on Saturday.

The Little Giants won seven events and placed second in four others en route to a 140-91 victory against host Clyde. The rest of the field included Genoa (85 2/3 points), Toledo St. Francis DeSales (70), Tiffin Columbian (57), Bellevue (50), Ashland (22 1/3) and Upper Sandusky (15).

Justin Hines and Wyatt Harvey turned in a pair of championship performances for Ross.

Hines won both hurdle events, running 14.6 seconds in the 110 and 40.4 seconds in the 300. Harvey claimed an individual victory in the 800 run (2:06.4) and ran the anchor leg for the Little Giants 3,200 relay team, which posted a win in 8:45.7.

Andy Leemaster,

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Davis, Harvey and Spencer) in the 1,600 relay.

Ross posted victories in three of five field events.

Josh Ballenger (162-feet, 2-inches) was first and Boston Beckley (156-0) was third in the discus for the Little Giants, which received wins from Spann (20-1) in the long jump and Brett Mierke (6-0) in the high jump. Jay Speer (11-0) ended up third in the pole vault.

Spencer (54.3) ran third in the 400 dash. In distance, Ross's Kristopher Esparza finished second in the 3,200 run.



## **Fremont Ross 86, Edison 69, Margareta 9**

### **Winner and Local Results**

Long jump — 1. Gelvin (E); 2. Spann (FR).

High jump — 1. Mierke (FR); 4. Tegtmeyer (FR)

Shot put — 1. Beckley (FR); 2. Ballenger (FR).

Discus — 1. Ballenger (FR); 2. Beckley (FR).

3,200 relay — 1. Fremont Ross (Franco, Harvey, Esparza, Leemaster) 8:48; 3. Fremont Ross (Birgenberger, Tegtmeyer, Rubeun, Saldivar) 9:15.4.

110 hurdles — 1. Hines (FR) 15.8; 2. House (FR) 17.78.

100 dash — 1. Woods (FR) 11.8.

800 relay — 1. Fremont Ross (Beckley, Hines, Spann, Spencer) 1:34.3.

400 dash — 1. Battle (E) 53.0; Spencer(R) 54.8.

400 relay — 1. Ross (Beckley, Mierke, Woods, Berryman) 46.6.

800 run — 1. Wyatt (E) 2:06; 3. Franco (FR) 2:18.6.

300 hurdles — 1. Tiura (E) 44.8; 4. House (FR) 49.4.

200 dash — 1. Gelvin (E) 23.3; 2. Spann(R) 23.9.

3,200 run — 1. Esparza(R) 10:17.

1,600 run — 1. Ross (Harvey, Esparza, Mierke, Saldivar) 3:44.9.

## **Edison 76, Margaretta 45.5, Fremont Ross 42.5**

### **Winner and Local Results**

Long jump — 1. Shine (E); 2. Keegan (M); 3. Martin (FR).

High jump — 1. Nesbitt (M); 3. Woleslagel (FR).

Shot put — 1. Logan (FR).

Discus — 1. Logan (FR); 2. Fisher (M).

3,200 relay — 1. Edison (Flannery, Tinnel, Wallace, Robinson) 10:23; 3. Margaretta (Hoelzer, Carroll, Bowers, Orshoski) 11:11.8; 4. Ross (Young, Soule, Hagan, Carter) 11:44.2

100 hurdles — 1. Shine (E) 17.43; 2. Hoffman (M) 18.86; 3. Wiedenheft (M) 19.06; 4. Ellenberger (FR) 19.13.

100 dash 1. Frankboner (E) 13.1; 4. Martin(FR) and Keegan (M) 14.3.

800 relay — 1. Edison (Johnson, Frankboner, Swartz, Cromwell) 1:52.6; 2. Ross (Walk, Harper, Silva, Martin) 1:52.69; 3. Margaretta (Hoffman, Fultz, Wiedenheft) 1:59.

1,600 run — 1. Rospert (E) 5:48.3; Orshoski (M) 6:01.6; 4. Soule (FR) 6:07.

400 dash — 1. Robinson (E) 1:02.7; 3. Keegan (M)1:03.9.

400 relay — 1. Ross (Walk, Price, Martin, Overmyer) 56.1; 3. Margaretta (Hoffman, Wiedenheft, Spicer, Yost) 56.9.

800 run — 1. Orshoski (M) 2:42.4; 3. Bower (M) 2:50.4.

300 hurdles — 1. Shine (E) 53.6; 2. Overmyer (FR) 54.5; 3. Wiedenheft (M) 55.8.

200 dash — 1. Harper (FR) 28.2.

3,200 run — 1. Plunkett (E) 12:57; 2. Carroll (M) 13:36.

1,600 relay — 1. Ross (Walk, Young, Silva, Overmyer) 4:31; 2. Margaretta (Bowers, Gilbert, Harris, Spicer) 5:01.

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**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP ■ TRACK AND FIELD**

# Little Giants are runners-up at Weingart Relays

News-Messenger reports

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS — The Fremont Ross boys finished second in the team standings at the Ned Weingart Relays on Saturday.

"In all the time we have been coming to compete here, we have never been able to win a (team) trophy," said Little Giants coach Cathy Esposito. "Our boys team is starting to become a very special one."

With Ross leading by two points through 16 events, Glenville captured the team title over the Little Giants 110-88 1/2 in the final event — the 1,600 relay — which the Tarblooders won.

Justin Hines captured the 100

hurdles for Ross, which added a champion effort from Josh Ballanger and Boston Beckley in the discus relay.

## HURON MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL

HURON — Bellevue was fifth in the team standings while Margaretta placed eighth on Saturday.

For the Redmen, first-place finishers were Bill Fry (1,600 run) and Josh Arnett (shot put).

For the Polar Bears, no athletes had a first- or second-place finish.

## GERALD SWANKHOUSE INVITATIONAL

UPPER SANDUSKY — Oak

Harbor placed fourth among eight teams at the Gerald Swankhouse Invitational on Saturday.

Kaleb Smith had the highest finish for the Rockets, a second-place effort in the 110 hurdles.

## FOSTORIA INVITATIONAL: BLACK DIVISION

FOSTORIA — Lakota was the team champion, while area schools Woodmore (third), Gibsonburg (fourth), Old Fort (sixth) and Gibsonburg (eighth) competed in the Fostoria Boosters Invitational on Saturday.

The Raiders had champions in Roger Guerra (high jump, long jump, 100 dash, 200 dash),

Austin Podach (pole vault), Jacob Smith (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles) and the 400 relay team (Smith, Podach, Austin McGowen and Jason Moore).

Woodmore's 800 relay team (Chris Jacobson, Aaron Albright, Jacob Icsman, DeVaughnte Askew) placed first, while Askew won the 400 dash.

Gibsonburg and Old Fort has no first-place performances.

## BILL KRAUSE INVITATIONAL

TIFFIN — Brant Reardon was fourth in the high jump and Isaac Bowling was fifth in the discus as St. Joseph Central Catholic

**SEE TRACK I B4**



## TRACK FROM B1

ended up ninth among nine teams at the Bill Krause Invitational on Saturday.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD NED WEINGART RELAYS

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS — The team of Victoria Logan and Alexis Chapman won the shot put and the discus as Fremont Ross placed seventh among 16 teams at the Ned Weingart relays on Saturday.

## FOSTORIA INVITATIONAL: BLACK DIVISION

FOSTORIA — Elmwood led Lakota (second), Woodmore (third), Old Fort (fourth) and Gibsonburg (eighth) in the team standings at the Fostoria Boosters Invitational on Saturday.

The Raiders' first-place performers were Kylie Podach in the pole vault and the 400 relay team (Podach, Olivia Frantz, Samantha Filliater and Miranda Guerra).

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## HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

# Little Giants keep rolling

BY JEFF ARENZ  
Sports writer

FREMONT — Fresh off a motivational effort at the Ned Weingart Relays, the Fremont Ross boys track and field team dominated a quadrangular meet Tuesday at Alumni Fields.

The Little Giants won nine of 17 events en route to scoring a 95-82 decision over Sandusky Perkins. With 43 points, Clyde finished third and Marion Harding (24) was fourth.

On Saturday, Ross captured its first trophy at Cleveland Heights, where it was the runner-up to powerful Glenville by a 110-88 1/2 count. On Tuesday, the Little Giants parlayed their momentum into a first-place performance.

"It all comes down to discipline," Ross coach Cathy Esposito said. "They have a desire to be good, the get along with each other very well and they have talent. I introduce each meet to them differently. This meet was a must-win situation for them because there were two credible teams here and they needed to run really well against them."

Justin Hines (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles), Kristopher Esparza (1,600 run, 3,200 run), Darien Spann (400 relay, long jump) and James Spencer (400 relay, 400 run) captured double victories for the Little Giants.

Hines needed 14.65 seconds to win the 110 hurdles and 41.52 seconds in the 300 hurdles. Esparza came through with victorious times of 4:39.82 in the 1,600 run and 10:16.93 in the 3,200 run.

Spann and Spencer teamed with Devantae Woods and Boston Beckley in the 400 relay, which they claimed in 44.93 seconds. Spann leapt 18-feet, 6-inches to take the long jump, while Spencer defeated Clyde's Kade Kramer 53.52-54.90 in the 400 dash.

Ross's Terence Davis edged Marion Harding's Jesse Elsasser 11.36-11.39 to become the champion.

**SEE ROLLING I B2**



Brenda Soule | Submitted photo

Fremont Ross High School distance runner Kristopher Esparza runs during a track meet Tuesday at Ross. Esparza won the 1,600 and 3,200 at the meet.

## **ROLLING FROM B1**

pion of the 100 dash. The Little Giants' 3,200 relay team — Luis Franco, Jacob Berryman, Jasper Tegtmeier and Wyatt Harvey — narrowly defeated Sandusky Perkins (Mike Mulvin, Chris Baxter, Billy Fial and Nate Huntley) 8:41.79-8:42.00.

“They’re buying into our program and trusting the coaches,” Esposito said. “I’m very impressed, and they’re still young too.”

Second-place efforts for Ross came from Harvey (800 run in 2:06), Beckley (discus, 154-6), Brett Mierke (high jump, 6-2) and the Little Giants' 1,600 relay team (Hines, Woods, Spencer and Harvey in 3:40).

# Track & Field

## High School Boys

### Quadrangular Meet

#### Team Standings

Fremont Ross.....	95
Sandusky Perkins.....	82
Clyde.....	43
Marion Harding.....	24

#### Winner and Local Results

3,200 relay — 1. Ross A, 8:41.79; 3. Clyde, 9:13.35; 4. Ross B, 9:46.01.  
110 hurdles — 1. J. Hines (FR), 14.65;  
4. House (FR), 16.82; 5. Haralson (FR), 17.61.  
100 dash — 1. T. Davis (FR), 11.36; 3. L. Garcia (C), 11.397; 4. Woods (FR), 11.63.  
800 relay — 1. Clyde, 1:31.84; 2. Ross, 1:31.85.  
1,600 run — 1. K. Esparza (FR), 4:39.82; 3. Leemaster (FR), 4:57; 6. L. France (FR), 5:09.02.  
400 relay — 1. Ross, 44.93; 4. Clyde, 46.76.  
400 dash — 1. J. Spencer (FR), 53.32; 2. Kramer (C), 54.90; 5. D. Spann (FR), 56.04; 6. J. Berryman (FR), 56.31.  
300 hurdles — 1. J. Hines (FR), 41.52; 2. R. Scharf (C), 41.94; 4. T. Haralson (FR), 45.07; 5. A. House (FR), 46.54.  
Long jump — 1. D. Spann (FR), 18-6; 2. J. Hietanen (C), 17-6; 3. B. Mierke (FR), 17-1.  
800 run — 1. N. Huntley (P), 2:05.33; 2. D. Harvey (FR), 2:06; 5. L. Franco (FR), 2:16.75.  
200 dash — 1. Kramer (C), 22.87; 2. T. Davis (FR), 22.89; 5. B. Beckley (FR), 23.82; 6. D. Woods (FR), 23.86.  
Discus — 1. Steinhauser (P), 163.81; 2. B. Beckley (FR), 154.6; J. Ballenger (FR), 153.10; 5. Beebee (C), 134.  
3,200 run — 1. K. Esparza (FR), 10:16.93; 2. K. Gerber (C), 10:40.83; 4. A. Leemaster (FR), 11:11.29.  
High jump — 1. Perkins, 6-2; 2. Mierke (FR), 6-2; 3. Hietanen (C), 6-0.  
Shot put — 1. Hoty (P), 55-2.5; 3. J. Ballenger (FR), 45-10.5; 5. Beckley (FR), 42-11.  
Pole vault — 1. Windiesh (P), 10-6; K. Andrews (C), 10; 4. J. Speer (FR), 9; 4. Cremeen (P), 9; 6. Bringenberg (FR), 8-6.  
1,600 relay — 1. Perkins, 3:35.95; 2. Ross, 3:40; 3. Clyde, 3:41.25.

## High School Girls

### Quadrangular Meet

#### Team Standings

Fremont Ross.....	73
Marion Harding.....	64
Perkins.....	63
Clyde.....	57

#### Winner and Local Results

3,200 relay - 1. Perkins, 11:01.45; 3. Ross, 11:37; 4. Clyde, 11:50.

100 Hurdles - 1. J. Hoppe (C), 16.47; 2. A. Overmyer (FR), 18.27; 3. C. Harrington (C), 18.9; 5. Puffenberger (C), 19.1; 6. Ellenberger (FR), 19.2.

100 Dash - 1. S. Woodrum (M), 12.91; 4. C. Harper (FR), 13.6; 5. R. Smetzler (C), 13.63.

800 relay - 1. Marion, 1:51.02; 2. Ross, 1:52.24; 3. Clyde, 1:56.38.

1600 - 1. Ebert (C), 5:44.73; 2. J. Soule (FR), 6:03; 4. A. Fischer (FR), 6:11.80; 5. A. Alejandro (C), 6:16.09.

High Jump - 1. C. Egan (M), 5; 5. Kiser (FR), 4-8.

400 relay - 1. Marion, 52.69; 2. Ross, 54.68; 4. Clyde, 56.33.

400 Meter - 1. S. Woodrum (M), 1:01.86; 2. P. Shetzer (C), 1:04.30; 3. D. Walk (FR), 1:06.87; 4. M. Gill (C), 1:12.23.

300 Hurdles - 1. K. Fial (P), 48.75; 2. J. Hoppe (C), 50.02; 3. A. Overmyer (FR), 51.74; 4. J. Kiser (FR), 55.09; 6. L.

Ellenberger (FR), 56.42.

Long Jump - 1. S. Grathwol (P), 14-10; 3. J. Martin (FR), 13-10; 4. A. Slone (C), 13-0.5.

800 Meter - 1. K. Reed (M), 2:33.91; 3. A. Alejandro (FR), 2:48; 4. J. Soule (FR), 2:48.15; 5. N. White (C), 2:50.75; 6. S. Celek (C), 2:52.46.

200 Meter - 1. S. Grathwol (P), 27.59; 2. C. Harper (FR), 27.88; 3. L. Smeltzler (C), 28.47; 6. M. Harrington (C), 29.26.

Shot Put - 1. Logan (FR), 39-3.5; 3. Estep (C), 31-3.5; 4. Chapman (FR), 30-0.5; 5. Bentley (C), 29-4.

Discus - 1. Lewis (P), 103-2.5; 2. Logan (FR), 101-11; 3. Estep (C), 92-10; 4. Chapman (FR), 90-3.5.

3200 - 1. T. Ebert (C), 12:46.22; 3. P. Wiechman (FR), 13:49; 4. A. Fischer (FR), 13:55.49.

Pole Vault - 1. T. Hall (M), 8-6; 3. S. Swint (FR), 8; 4. F. Silva (FR), 7-6; 6. P. Hoffman (C), 7.

#### TRACK AND FIELD ■ FREMONT ROSS

## Harvey headed to desert with Coast Guard on his mind

BY JEFF ARENZ  
Sports writer

FREMONT — Fremont Ross middle distance runner Wyatt Harvey wants to be a military man.

On Wednesday, Harvey signed a letter of intent to attend New Mexico Military Institute this fall before entering the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2010.

"About two years ago, I was talking to my dad (Lee) and a lot of things we talked about in the military sounded right," Harvey said. "I like the organization and discipline of the military. I want to retire from it."

Harvey competes in the 400 dash and the 800 run for the Little Giants. He set personal records of 50.7 seconds in the 400 and 2:00.91 in the 800 during the Division I district meet at Tiffin in 2008.

"We have come to expect that we can always count on Wyatt," Ross track and field coach Cathy

Esposito said. "The boys team has been amazing this season, and Wyatt has been leading the way."

Harvey's parents, Lee and Teresa Harvey, attended the ceremony Wednesday at the Fremont Ross High School Hall of Fame Room.

New Mexico Military Institute, located in Roswell, N.M., serves as a preparatory school for the United States Coast Guard Academy. The Broncos are members of the National Junior College Athletes Association.

"I'm going to have to try harder and practice more often at the collegiate level," Harvey said. "It's going to take a lot more time and energy because it's a whole another level."

Harvey understands time management. He has maintained a 3.25 GPA while playing football and competing in track and field for four seasons. Harvey added wrestling to his repertoire as a junior.

"It takes a lot of time because you have to show up at practice every day, if you want reach the level that I have reached," Harvey said. "It makes it tough finding time to play sports and concentrate on school, but you have to find a balance."

On the football field, Harvey earned two varsity letters, was a second-team All-Greater Buckeye Conference as an outside linebacker and his graded landed him a spot on the All-GBC Academic Team.

In track and field, Harvey is attempting to earn his fourth varsity letter this spring. In 2008, he was the GBC runner-up in the 800 run and in the 3,200 relay, along with Justin Howell, Jeff Beier and Xavier Forney. Harvey was the district runner-up in the 800 before finishing 11th at the regional meet last season.

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Jeff Arenz | News-Messenger

Fremont Ross track and field athlete Wyatt Harvey signs his letter of intent to attend New Mexico Military Institute in the Hall of Fame Room on Wednesday. He is flanked by his parents Teresa and Lee Harvey. At left, stands Ross track and field coach Cathy Esposito.

# Track & Field

## High School Boys

### Sandusky Invitational

#### Saturday

#### Team Standings

1. Olmstead Falls, 71; 2. Ross, 66; 3. Sandusky, 48; 4. Amherst Steele, 43; 5. Elmwood, 28.

#### Winner and Ross Results

100 dash — 1. Demar Adcock (S), 11.02; 4. Boston Beckley, 11.61; 6. Terence Davis, 14.62.

200 dash — 1. Matt Harder (OF), 22.94; 3. Bubba Devante Woods, 42.21; 6. Terence Davis, 29.32.

400 dash — 1. Owen Coughlin (OF), 52.51; 5. James Spencer, 55.26; 6. Darien Spann, 56.05.

800 run — 1. Wyatt Harvey, 2:02.01; 7. Jasper Tegtmeyer, 2:12.56.

1,600 run — 1. Kyle Lowry (AS), 4:28.25; 3. Kristopher Esparza, 4:41.30; 5. Andy Leemaster, 4:55.21.

3,200 run — 1. Kristopher Esparza, 10:06.25; 4. Andy Leemaster, 10:30.99.

110 hurdles — 1. Dailyn Moore (S), 13.79; 2. Justin Hines, 14.83; 6. Alex House, 16.70.

300 hurdles — 1. Justin Hines, 41.45; 9. Alex House, 47.20.

400 relay — 1. Olmstead Falls, 44.06; 3. Ross, 44.79.

800 relay — 1. Olmstead Falls, 1:32.91; 3. Ross, 1:40.22.

1,600 relay — 1. Olmstead Falls, 3:33.06; 2. Ross, 3:35.83.

3,200 relay — 1. Elmwood, 8:31.55; 2. Ross, 8:50.10.

High jump — 1. Brett Mierke, 6.

Pole vault — 1. Matt Stenger (OF), 13; 8. Michel Biringenburt, 10; 9. Jay Speer, 10.

Long jump — 1. Chris Schmittle (AS), 20-3; 4. Darien Spann, 19-3.25; 7. Brett Mierke, 18-5.

Shot put — 1. Donavan Cole (S), 45-9; 4. Josh Ballenger, 44-10.25; 7. Boston Beckley, 43-10.

Discus — 1. Josh Ballenger, 147-11.5; 2. Boston Beckley, 144-3.5.

## High School Girls

### Sandusky Invitational

#### Friday

#### Team Standings

1. Olmstead Falls, 62; 2. Ross, 56; 3. Amherst Steele, 50; 4. Sandusky, 48; 5. Elmwood, 40.

#### Winner and Ross Results

100 dash — 1. Keri Reiser (E), 12.40; 2. Carlea Harper, 12.97; 7. Jericha Martin, 13.87.

200 dash — 1. Keri Reiser (E), 25.66; 3. Carlea Harper, 26.61.

400 dash — 1. Keri Reiser (E), 1:01.06; 2. Donisha Walk, 1:05.31; 4. Ellen Silva, 1:07.40.

800 run — 1. Kasey Schuler (AS), 2:28.34; 6. Carly Young, 2:51.32; 7. Lisa Carter, 2:52.33.

1,600 run — 1. D. Heimann (E), 5:41.67; 4. Jessica Soule, 5:54.66; 8. Alyssa Fischer, 6:11.38.

3,200 run — 1. Jane Lehman (AS), 11:42.0; 5. Jessica Soule, 12:54.46; 9. Alyssa Fischer, 13:35.16.

100 hurdles — 1. Katie Stallard (OF), 16.98; 5. Alesha Overmyer, 18.38.

300 hurdles — 1. Anastasia Souris (OF), 51.43; 2. Essence Price, 53.21; 4. Alesha Overmyer, 53.32.

400 relay — 1. Sandusky, 52.77; 3. Ross, 54.97.

800 relay — 1. Ross, 1:50.77.

1,600 relay — 1. Olmstead Falls, 4:19.07; 2. Ross, 4:21.72.

3,200 relay — 1. Amherst Steele, 10:11.11; 5. Ross, 11:09.14.

High jump — 1. Brittany Snider (OF), 5-2; 2. Christy Woelslagel, 4-8; 5. Jennifer Kiser, 4-6.

Pole vault — 1. Katie Nageotte (OF), 12; 2. Stephanie Swint; 8; 5. Ellen Silva, 7-6.

Long jump — 1. Brooke Arthur-Mensa (AS), 14-9.5; 4. Jericha Martin, 13-5.75; 9. Bria Simms, 12-2.

Shot put — 1. Victoria Logan, 38-4; 8. Alexis Chapman, 29-4.

Discus — 1. Abby Burgdorf (AS), 116-9; 3. Victoria Logan, 100-10.5; 6. Alexis Chapman, 92-3.

