

2000 Season Review...

ROSS

Co-coaches: Phil Moran, Dessie Morehart.

Home course: Fremont Country Club.

1999: 8-8 overall. **GLL:** 4th.

Key losses: Ollie Damschroder, Kyle Peck, Doug Garvey, Mike Moxley.

Top returnees: Senior A.J. Garza, senior Shane Swartz, senior Kyle Saller.

Top newcomers:

Junior Brian Babione, junior Josh Harnish, junior Paul Nalley, sophomore Joe Garza, sophomore David Fausnaugh, sophomore Philip Foster, sophomore Cory Fulkerson, sophomore Rachel Hock.



Outlook: Last year's seniors swept the postseason awards. Peck and Garvey shared the MVP award, and Damschroder was the most improved. That leaves little experience for this year's edition of the Little Giants, who are under the direction of first-year coaches Phil Moran and Dessie Morehart. A.J. Garza is the No. 1 player in the early season. Ross hopes to improve as the season progresses and peak at the Great Lakes League meet.

off. We have a good group coming up; all three of them might see some varsity time."

Senior Scott Rutkowski and sophomore David Babione got experience in the tournament.

At Fremont Ross, first-year coach Phil Moran is trying a different stroke. Moran, the Little Giants' swim coach for the past six years, is taking over the golf program along with co-coach Dessie Morehart.

It will be the first golf coaching job for both avid golfers.

"We both have a lot of golfing experience, but not a lot of golf coaching experience," Moran said. "I think golf is a very difficult sport.

It's very mental."

The new coaches will greet several new players after the Little Giants lost four to graduation and a fifth, junior John Meggitt, to transfer after a fourth-place finish in the Great Lakes League. A.J. Garza, a senior, is expected to be the top golfer, followed by junior Josh Harnish and senior Shane Swartz.

"We're really a young group," Moran said. "We don't have a lot of varsity experience. It's kind of going to be a growing season. We have a lot of good ball strikers. They don't always manage the course the way they should."

Clyde sophomore Brad Dearsman has started the

Ottawa Hills 334, Ross 372

The Fremont Ross golf team opened its season with a loss to Ottawa Hills.

Josh Harnish shot an 87 to lead the Little Giants. Kyle Saller added a 92, Shane Swartz a 95 and Philip Foster a 98.

The Ross junior varsity team recorded a 378-420 victory over Ottawa Hills. David Fausnaugh shot a 90 to pace the Giants.

Ross is at the Swanton Invitational today.

Ross, Lakota play in Swanton

SWANTON — The Fremont Ross golf team finished 11, Lakota 13th in the 13-team Swanton Invitational on Thursday.

A.J. Howe led the Raiders with an 87. Lakota turned in a team total of 383. David Russell carded a 95, Kevin Hammer a 99 and Bryan Chaney a 102.

The Little Giants' individual scores were unavailable.

Bryan won the invitation- al with a 318. Springfield was second at 322, and Eastwood came in third with a 324.

'Cats sixth at Fremont

Perrysburg wins with 318

News-Messenger reports

Woodmore was the top area finisher at the Fremont Invitational on Monday at the Fremont Country Club.

Perrysburg won the tournament with a 318. Ottawa Hills, led by medalist Justin Kruse's 73, came in second with a 325.

The Wildcats shot a 343 to take sixth. Brian Chako led

the way with a 76, followed by Todd Ery (85), Scott Bergman (90), Brett Bowen (92) and Chris Paulica (93).

St. Joseph Central Catholic was 10th with a 354. Mike Zimmerman and Vince Golamb led the way for SJCC, each with an 86. Roman Ruppert was next with a 90, followed by Dan Licursi (92) and David Babione (98).

Clyde and Oak Harbor tied at 362, good for 14th place.

For the Fliers, Brad Dearsman carded an 86, Chris Cleveland shot a 91,

Chad Bender fired a 93, John Meiggitt came in at 98 and Kyle Hackenburg shot a 109.

David Ford shot an 84 to lead Oak Harbor. He was followed by Nick Bast (89), Jeryd Vreeland (90), Adam Robertson (99) and Chad Bilich (100).

For Fremont Ross, which finished 18th with a 389, Josh Harnish shot a 90, Kyle Saller fired a 98, A.J. Garza carded a 100 and Shane Swartz came in at 101.

Gibsonburg was 19th with a 421. Craig Mintz shot a 97,

Brian Wassil shot a 97, Michael LaPlant carded a 109 and Alex Hausman shot a 119.

Lakota 8th at Fostoria

A.J. Howe led the way with a 95 as the Lakota golf team finished eighth out of eight teams at the Fostoria Country Club Invitational.

Lakota shot a 391. Kevin Hammer and Bob Gangwer shot 98s, and David Russell added a 100.

Eastwood won the invitational with a team score of 328.

GOLF

Cavalier Cup Invitational

The Ross golf team improved 42 strokes from earlier in the week to place 14th in the Cavalier Cup Invitational on Thursday at Stone Ridge.

The Little Giants, led by A.J. Garza's 77, shot a 347. On Monday, Ross shot a 389 at its own invitational.

Garza, who was the first Ross player to break 80 this season, tied for ninth in the 17-team tournament. Also for Ross, Kyle Saller shot an 85, Shane Swartz had a 91, Josh Harnish fired a 94, Phil Foster carded a 95 and David Fausnaugh turned in a 96.^N

Lakota finished 16th in the tournament with a 363. A.J. Howe led the way with an 80. Kevin Hammer added an 87, Bryan Chaney a 97

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Giants golfers 14th in tourney

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and David Russell a 99.

Perrysburg won the tournament with a 304. Justin Kruse of Ottawa Hills won medalist honors with a 71.

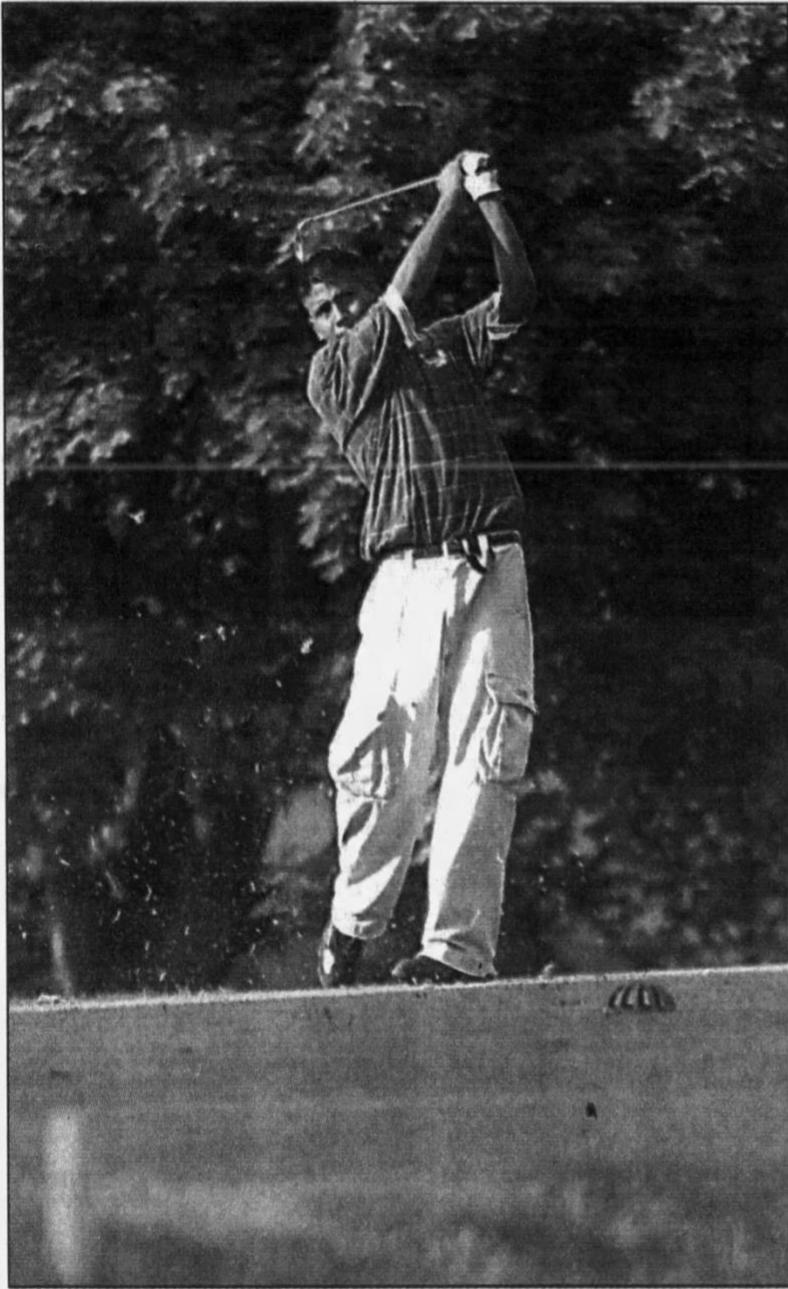
High School

Varsity Scrimmage
at the Fremont Country Club
Ross 389, Madison 340

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| David Fausnaugh..... | 101 |
| Kyle Saller..... | 102 |
| AJ Garza..... | 92 |
| Shane Swartz..... | 96 |
| Josh Harnish..... | 89 |
| Philip Foster..... | 100 |

High School

Giants swat GLL foes



A.J. GARZA of Ross tees off on the eighth hole Tuesday at the Fremont Country Club. The Little Giants defeated Fostoria and Lorain Southview in a Great Lakes League tri-match.

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Josh Harnish shot a 43 to tie for medalist honors as the Fremont Ross golf team beat Fostoria and Lorain Southview in a Great Lakes League tri-meet.

The Little Giants shot a 186 as a team, beating the Redmen by 10 and the Saints by 25.

Also for Ross, Brian Babione carded a 46, Joe Garza fired a 47, Cory Fulkerson and A.J. Garza came in at 50 and Bart Hoffman had a 53.

Fostoria's Drew Russell tied Harnish for top score. Also for the Redmen, Rob Downing shot a 49, Mark Hipsher and Gaert Hansen fired 52s, Brody Walters fired a 57 and Adam Omlor shot a 67.

Jack Balser and Paul Hobert led Lorain with 51s. Jordan Andrews fired a 53, Charles Wyatt shot a 56 and Adam Craig carded a 65.

Ross is 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the GLL. Fostoria is 4-2, 1-1; Lorain Southview is 2-5, 0-2.

Ross beat Southview in the junior varsity competition 190-269. David Fausnaugh led Ross with a 45.

St. Mary 162, Clyde 172

SANDUSKY — Brad Dearsman shot a 37, but Clyde dropped a 162-172 decision to Sandusky St. Mary in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Chad Bender fired a 41, John Meggett shot a 45 and Chris Cleveland carded a 49.

Kevin Mielke shot a 37 to lead the Panthers.

St. Mary won the junior varsity contest 170-215. Doug Meyer led Clyde with a 49.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ross opens in Tiffin

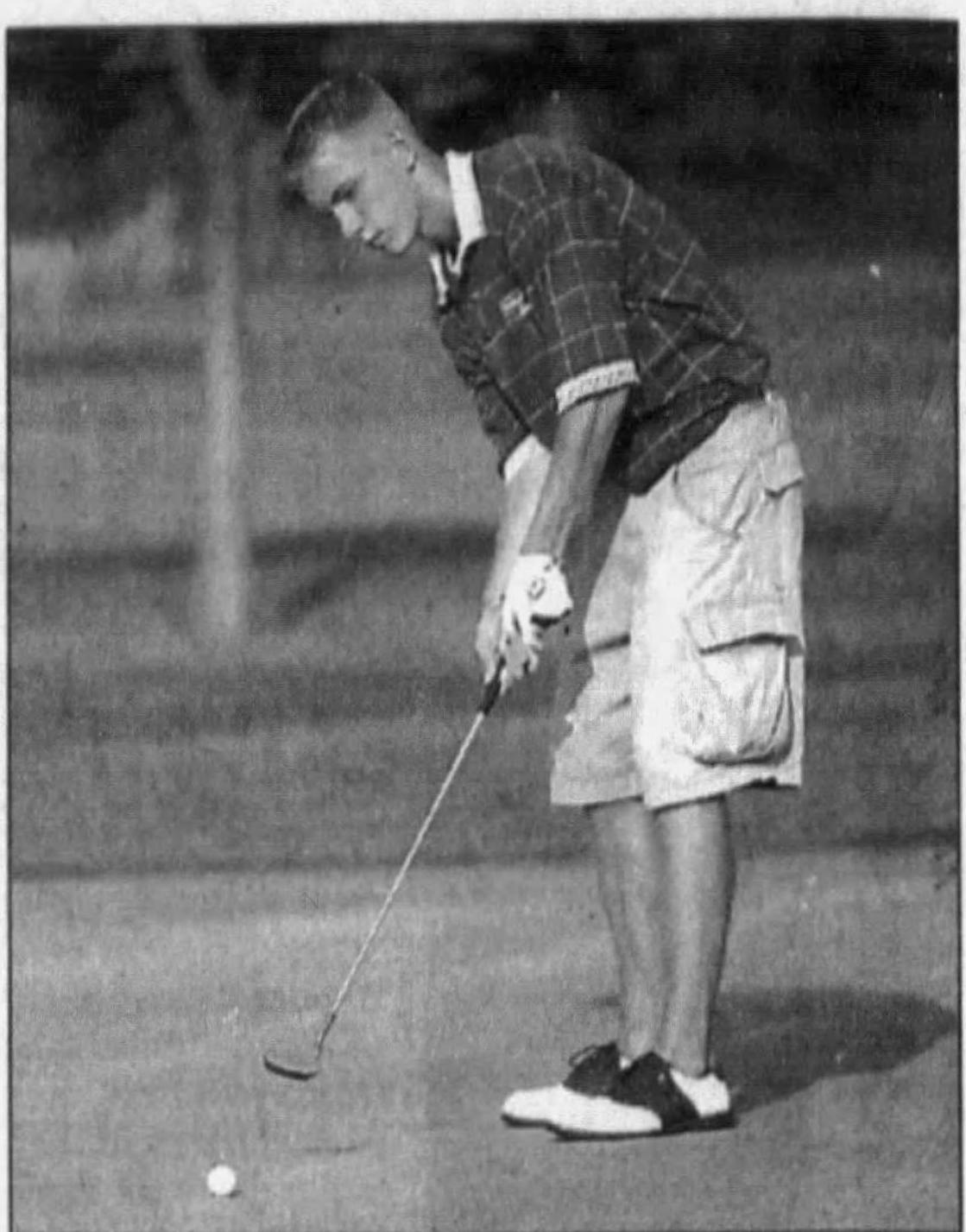
TIFFIN — The Ross boys and girls cross country teams started the season with fourth-place finishes in a five-team meet at Hedges Boyer Park.

Jeremy Framstad was second in 17 minutes, 42 seconds as the boys totaled 104 points. Findlay edged host Columbian 32-33 for the win. Bowling Green was third with 102 and Clay was fifth with 154.

Jay Ohms was 13th in 19:32, Josh Ohms was 25th in 21:24, Noah Grayson was 31st in 22:05 and Art Neeley was 33rd in 22:23 for the Little Giants.

Stacy Hall's eighth place finish in 22:58 led the Ross girls team, which had 100

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JOSH HARNISH of Fremont Ross was a co-medalist with a 43 as the Little Giants won a GLL tri-meet.

High School

Bellevue/Industrial Savings Inv. **Margaretta 326, Bellevue 328,** **Ross 343** **Margaretta**

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| Andrew Kuns | 80 |
| Josh Cullen | 81 |
| Scott Gaft | 82 |
| Grant Kuns | 83 |
| Ryan Vogel | 88 |

Bellevue

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| Nate Velloney | 78 |
| Joe Haar | 80 |
| Josh Bard | 83 |
| Rob Orwig | 87 |
| Shane Middleworth | 94 |

Fremont Ross

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| Joe Garza | 82 |
| Cory Fulkerson | 84 |
| Josh Harnish | 87 |
| Shane Swartz | 90 |
| Kyle Saller | 93 |

GOLF

Otsego 176, Fremont Ross 186

Fremont Ross fell to 2-2 with a non-league loss to Otsego at Stone Ridge.

Shane Swartz led the Little Giants with a 42. A.J. Garza, Josh Harnish and Kyle Saller shot 48s, Joe Garza fired a 49 and Cory Fulkerson had a 52 for Ross.

Ross won the junior varsity match, 187-207, led by Phillip Foster's 45.^N

Ross wins golf battle for Fremont

Josh Harnish put together a 41 to lead the Ross Little Giants to their third win of the season, edging St. Joseph Central Catholic 176-178 on Thursday at the Fremont Country Club.

Harnish was followed closely by teammate Philip Foster, who shot a 43. Ross also got 46s from Joe Garza and Brian Babione.

For St. Joe, Mike Zimmerman came in with a 38. Dan LaCursi followed that up with a 44, and David Babione and Scott Rutkowski put together a pair of 48s.

Ross ups its record to 3-2, while St. Joe stands at 5-2.

In junior varsity action, Ross upped its record to 8-1 by defeating St. Joe 188-212. The Streaks are 1-3.

Ross at Galion Invite

GALION — The Fremont Ross golf team took 10th place on Saturday at the Galion Invitational.

A.J. Garza and Philip Foster turned in 87s while Josh Harnish carded an 88. Cory Fulker-son fired a 91 and Kyle Saller finished with a 103.

The team of Tina Dodson and Jessica Brenneman (C) dealt a loss to Devon Ludwig and Katie Miklovic 6-3, 6-1.

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Oak Harbor 3, St. Mary 2

OAK HARBOR — The Rockets improved to 2-3 by beating St. Mary.

Oak Harbor's Abbie Vasill fell to Katie Kelley 6-0, 6-0, and teammate Allyson Seiler was defeated by Becky Rahm 6-1, 6-3. Kathy Shiets of the Rockets defeated St. Mary's Dorry Wilken 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

In doubles, Suzanne Skeel and Katie Gutilla of Oak Harbor beat Amanda Miller and Whitney Bruner 6-0, 6-2. The team of Angela Kirkendall and Emily Barron of Oak Harbor defeated Katie Keller and Celia Angelo 6-2, 6-0.

GOLF

Ross second in tri-match

AMHERST — The Little Giants beat Lorain Admiral King but fell to Clay at Fox Creek.

Ross shot a 183, 12 strokes behind Clay and eight shots ahead of Admiral King.

A.J. Garza led Ross (4-3, 3-1 GLL) with a 39. Josh Harnish fired a 47, Philip Foster carded a 48 and Cory Fulkerson had a 49.

St. Joe fires 159

PORT CLINTON — Dan Licurso shot a 37 as St. Joe split a tri-match with Port Clinton and St. Mary at Woussikett.

Mike Zimmerman added a 39 for the Crimson Streaks, who shot a 159. Port Clinton had a 149, St. Mary a 160.

David Babione shot a 40, Vince Golamb a 43 and Jake Barbour a 43.

Perkins 153, Clyde 164

CLYDE — Perkins stayed unbeaten at Green Hills.

Clyde's Brad Dearsman was the medalist with a one-under par 34. Chad Bender added a 42, Chris Cleveland a 43 and John Meggitt a 45.

The Fliers are 4-6, 2-7 in the SBC. Perkins is 10-0, 9-0 SBC.

Bettsville 161, Old Fort 162

KANSAS — Joey Kizer's 38 led the Bobcats to a one-stroke victory over Old Fort at Nature Trails.

Bettsville got 41s from Jeremy Schumm, Nick Baker and Adam Lawrence.

Erik Lynch of Old Fort was the match medalist with a 37. K.C. Fry added a 38, Chad DeMonte had a 42 and Matt Hoke contributed a 43.

Sandusky 176, Whitmer 181, Ross 197

Cold and rainy weather made for a rough course as Fremont Ross fell to Sandusky and Whitmer on Thursday at Fremont Country Club.

Josh Harnish led Ross with a 44, followed by Paul Malley with a 50, A.J. Garza carded a 51, and Zack Lanning shot a 52. The Little Giants record is 3-3 in the Great Lakes League.

Golf

High School

Findlay 155, Ross 184

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| David Fausnaugh..... | 41 |
| Joe Garza | 45 |
| Josh Harnish..... | 47 |
| Philip Foster..... | 47 |
| AJ Garza..... | 51 |
| Cory Fulkerson | 51 |

Record: Ross 3-5, Findlay 8-0.