

1991 Fremont Relays...

Ross boys make noise, finish third

Chapman, Parker
take home firsts

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Elyria outsprinted Toledo Whitmer and Tiffin Columbian posted a comfortable win Saturday in the Fremont Ross Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Elyria won the boys division by three points, claiming the title in the final event with a little help from third-place finisher and defending champ Ross.

The Pioneers tallied 96 points, three more than Whitmer. Ross had 77, Toledo Rogers 56 and Bowling Green and Tiffin Columbian tied for fifth with 45 in the 13-team field. Port Clinton was ninth with 11.

Columbian's girls rolled up 94½ points to Rogers' 81. Elyria was third at 68, followed by Cardinal Stritch with 52 and Whitmer at 37.

Port Clinton finished sixth with 31 while Ross placed 12th with nine.

Elyria trailed Whitmer by a point, 87-86, heading into the 4x400 relay. In that event, Elyria, Whitmer and Ross hooked up in a torrid wire-to-wire duel with the Pioneers winning the sprint to the finish line.

The Elyria win gave it 10 points while Whitmer finished third, settling for six meet points. Tyrone Price, running the final leg for Ross, squeezed between Elyria's Lomont Fenderston and Whitmer's Darnell Mays at the final line.

The Pioneers finished in three minutes, 30.18 seconds while Ross recorded a 3:30.33 and



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BILLIE JO ELDER (right) hands the baton off to Kristy Swanger during the 4x200 relay Saturday at the Fremont Ross Invitational.

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Whitmer 3:30.78.

Ross had a pair of 1-2 finishes. Charles Chapman cleared 21 feet, four inches — an inch better than Price — to win the long jump. In the 400, Jim Parker posted a 52.15 seconds clocking to finish ahead of teammate Preston Eberly's 52.47.

"The one (first) was not a surprise," Ross coach John Elder said about the 400. "I thought he (Parker) could win it, but the two (second) was a surprise ... he (Eberly) has come along very well."

"One-two in the long jump; I knew we could do that because that is our strong point. I think both those kids can go longer."

The third place team finish was a mild surprise to Elder.

"I thought maybe fourth with the teams here," he admitted, "Start's best hurdler was injured. I picked Start, Whitmer

and Eyria to be the top three. This was very pleasing for us."

Other Ross top six placers were Tony Franks, second in the shot put and sixth in the discus; second in the 4x800 relay; Shunnar Gamble, fifth in the 100; third in the 4x100 relay; Efraim Moreno, third in the 300 hurdles; Price third and Todd Clark fifth in the 200.

Scott Postma had Port Clinton's only first place, leaping 6-4 in the high jump.

In the girls meet, Columbian won five events. Shelle Sponseller won the shot put and the discus for the Tornadoes.

Raina Turner of Rogers won three events: the high jump, 100 and 300 hurdles.

Amy Ritzman turned in the best showing for Ross, second in the 3200 with a clocking of 12:22.6, just two seconds off the winning pace of Findlay's Leah Cobb.

"The girls are just lacking quality and quantity right now," Elder said, "but the girls we have, work very hard; they try their hardest. We are young, inexperienced and injured."

"Ritzman should have won the 3200 but she is coming off an injury, but she looked great. I cannot be dissatisfied with that."

Ross was sixth in the 4x800.

Beth Staszak of Cardinal Stritch won the 1600 in 5:16.0 and came back to win the 800 in 2:21.4.

Mary Jadwisiak led Port Clinton with a second in the long jump, clearing 15-7, just one-half inch behind Jodi Gajdostik of Cardinal Stritch.

In the 4x200 relay, Port Clinton finish sixth but set a school record with a 1:54.03 clocking, knocking nearly two seconds off the mark set earlier this season.

Rain dampens speedway's opening night

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Speedway fell victim to Mother Nature for the second weekend in a row.

Rain washed out the opening night April 20 and this past Saturday, rain washed out the feature race in three divisions.

"We got 10 races in tonight" promoter Gary Korn

Track & Field

High School Boys

Ross Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS

| | | | |
|---------------|----|--------------|----|
| Elyria | 96 | Start | 17 |
| Whitmer | 93 | Port Clinton | 11 |
| Ross | 77 | Vermilion | 10 |
| Rogers | 56 | Findlay | 7 |
| Bowling Green | 45 | Oregon Clay | 7 |
| T. Columbian | 45 | C. Stritch | 0 |
| Wapakoneta | 32 | | |

Field events

Discus: 1-Jason Young (E) 144-9, 2-Berg (Wapak) 143-6, 3-Maidment (BG) 138-6, 4-Crampton (St) 137-6, 5-Leppa (Wapak) 135-8, 6-Franks (R) 127-3.

High jump: 1-Scott Postma (PC) 6-4, 2-Yacabuzzi (V) 6-2, 3-Flynn (BG) 6-0, 4-Gardner (W) 5-10, 5-Russell (E) 5-10, 6-Wright (Rog) 5-8.

Pole vault: 1-Doug Lee (Wh) 14-0, 2-Snelling (Rog) 13-6, 3-Mach (Wh) 13-0, 4-Koeker (Clay) 12-0, 5-Balsinger (TC) 12-0, 6-Lynch (TC) 12-0.

Shot put: 1-Jason Young (Elyria) 52-9, 2-Franks (R) 50-9½, 3-Williams (Find) 49-6, 4-Craig (BG) 48-6, 5-Overmeyer (TC) 48-5, 6-Maidment (BG) 47-4.

Long jump: 1-Charles Chapman (Ross) 21-4, 2-Price (Ross) 21-3, 3-Rodgers (E) 21-2, 4-Meier (Wapak) 20-11½, 5-Carter (Rog) 19-7, 6-Harris (BG) 19-4½.

Track events

4x800 relay: 1-Tiffin Columbian (Koerper, Yocom, M. Reedy, Boos) 8:11.0 (Record. Old record 8:15 set by Lorain Southview in 1979), 2-Whitmer 8:12.19, 3-Elyria 8:24.53, 4-Rogers 8:26.96, 5-Ross 8:32.1, 6-Findlay 8:34.0.

110 hurdles: 1-Eric Crawford (W) 15.47, 2-Flynn (BG) 15.6, 3-Gilmore (E) 15.64, 4-Schlosser (Wapak) 15.65, 5-Hively (TC) 16.03, 6-Wright (Rog) 16.4.

100: 1-Kharry Carson (Rog) 11.18, 2-Rogers (E) 11.18, 2-Hinges (E) 11.25, 4-Meier (Wapak) 11.41, 5-Gamble (Ross) 11.49, 6-Bester (St) 11.56.

1600: 1-Alan Boos (TC) 4:30, 2-Bourne (Wh) 4:30.99, 3-Harwood (St) 4:33.69, 4-Hover (BG) 4:34.5, 5-Gibson (Wapak) 4:39.5, 6-Johnson (Wh) 4:42.65.

4x100: 1-Whitmer (Gardner, Tomaszewski, Mays, Jacobs) 43.84, 2-Elyria 43.99, 3-Ross 44.31, 4-Rogers 44.41, 5-Wapakoneta 45.54, 6-Vermilion 45.65.

400: 1-Jim Parker (Ross) 52.15, 2-Eberly (Ross) 52.47, 3-Rivers (Rog) 52.86, 4-Jauer (Wapak) 53.0, 5-Bester (St) 53.37, 6-Gilliam (PC) 53.41.

300 hurdles: 1-Ernest Wright (Rogers) 42.22, 2-Gilmore (E) 42.41, 3-Moreno (Ross) 42.85, 4-Hively (TC) 42.87, 5-Crkawford (Wh) 43.12, 6-Perez (BG) 43.44.

800: 1-Brian Gould (Wh) 2:01.5, 2-Fenderson (E) 2:01.82, 3-Hover (BG) 2:04.06, 4-Schwerkolf (BG) 2:05.78, 5-Mominee (OC) 2:05.78, 6-Gibson (Wapak) 2:06.63.

200: 1-Carson (Rog) 23.08, 2-Hines (E) 23.1, 3-Price (Ross) 23.12, 4-Jacobs (Wh) 23.13, 5-Clark (Ross) 23.78, 6-Young (V) 24.2.

3200: 1-Matt Reedy (TC) 9:54.59, 2-Stevenson (Wh) 10:09.88, 3-Stesch (Wh) 10:18.59, 4-Harwood (St) 10:26.78, 5-Tucker (BG) 10:28.84, 6-Romp (OC) 10:29.66.

4x400: 1-Elyria (Fenn, Russell, Hines, Fenderson) 3:30.18, 2-Ross 3:30.33, 3-Whitmer 3:30.78, 4-Tiffin Columbian 3:32.6, 5-Bowling Green 3:34.37, 6-Wapakoneta 3:36.59.

High School Girls

Ross Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS

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|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| T. Columbian | 94½ | Oregon Clay | 28 |
| Rogers | 81 | Findlay | 27 |
| Elyria | 68 | Wapakoneta | 22½ |
| C. Stritch | 52 | Start | 21½ |
| Whitmer | 37 | Ross | 9 |
| Port Clinton | 31 | Vermilion | 5½ |
| Bowling Green | 29 | | |

Field events

Shot put: 1-Shelle Sponseller (TC) 38-8½, 2-Steinke (Wapak) 35-6½, 3-Busch (BG) 33-7, 4-Hupp (Rog) 33-6, 5-Woods (BG) 32-1½, 6-Dillingham (Find) 31-10.

Long jump: 1-Jodi Gajdostik (CS) 15-7½, 2-Jadwisiak (PC) 15-7, 3-Boos (TC) 15-1½, 4-Miller (Wapak) 14-11, 5-(tie) Oberlander (TC) and Potts (V) 14-8.

Discus: 1-Shelle Sponseller (TC) 118-10, 2-Bodette (Wh) 116-1, 3-Busch (BG) 110-5, 4-Woods (BG) 103-0, 5-Bauernel (Wapak) 98-8, 6-Roll (E) 97-6.

High jump: 1-Turner (Rog) 5-4, 2-Gajdostik (CS) 5-2, 3-Dodd (Rog) 5-2, 4-Li. Mann (PC) 4-10, 5-(tie) Kennedy (St) 4-10, 5-Bowersox (Wapak) 4-10.

Track events

4x800 relay: 1-Whitmer (Lippincott, Wilfeth, Tilly, Van Pelt) 10:07, 2-Columbian 10:12.24, 3-Stritch 10:19.44, 4-Port Clinton 10:21.97, 5-Findlay 10:30.69, 6-Ross 10:52.0.

100 hurdles: 1-Raina Turner (Rog) 15.22, 2-Karlene (Clay) 15.87, 3-Barren (BG) 16.41, 4-Filiaggi (E) 16.41, 5-Jadwisiak (PC) 16.69, 6-Gucciaro (W) 17.93.

100: 1-Jody Lewis (BG) 12.69, 2-Cowie (TC) 3-Scott (Wh) 12.82, 4-Carter (E) 12.83, 5-Cundick (OC) 12.83, 6-Johnson (Wapak) 13.28.

4x200: 1-Tiffin Columbian (Angie Walker, Kristen Boos, Amy Schar, Jolene Cowie) 1:49.0, 2-Rogers 1:50.0, 3-Elyria 1:50.0, 4-Start 1:51.63, 5-Bowling Green 1:52.75, 6-Port Clinton 1:54.03.

1600: 1-Beth Staszak (CS) 5:16.0, 2-Cobb (Find) 5:34.51, 3-Puls (OC) 5:41.66, 4-Dobson (TC) 5:45.31, 5-Van Pelt (Wh) 5:46.31, 6-Shroyer (Wapak) 5:48.27.

4x100: 1-Tiffin Columbian (Foster, Cowie, Sherman, Walker) 52.5, 2-Elyria 53.32, 3-Start 53.37, 4-Rogers 54.0, 5-Port Clinton 54.04, 6-Wapakoneta 54.44.

400: 1-Neila Wilson (E) 59.19, 2-Dodd (Rog) 59.34, 3-Mariea (St) 1:03.09, 4-Li. Mann (PC) 1:04.37, 5-Powell (Find) 1:04.41, 6-Johnson (Rog) 1:04.91.

300 hurdles: 1-Turner (Rog) 45.97, 2-Gajdostik (CS) 49.53, 3-Karlene (OC) 49.72, 4-Potts (V) 50.09, 5-Foster (TC) 50.88, 6-Filiaggi (E) 51.22.

800: 1-Staszak (CS) 2:21.4, 2-Lippincott (Wh) 2:30.32, 3-La. Mann (PC) 2:31.81, 4-Darley (Wapak) 2:32.09, 5-Fisher (St) 2:33.69, 6-Steinmetz (TC) 2:35.19.

200: 1-Cowie (TC) 26.6, 2-Wilson (E) 26.8, 3-Holland (E) 27.12, 4-Turner (Rog) 27.46, 5-Lewis (BG) 27.47, 6-Smith (Wh) 28.72.

3200: 1-Leah Cobb (Find) 12:20.44, 2-Ritzman (Ross) 12:22.6, 3-Puls (OC) 12:31.85, 4-Dobson (TC) 12:44.5, 5-Faris (TC) 12:53.6, 6-Witfeth (Wh) 13:01.72.

4x400: 1-Elyria (Carter, Newson, Holland, Wilson) 4:13.13, 2-Tiffin Columbian 4:16.24, 3-Rogers 4:20.07, 4-Findlay 4:20.44, 5-Start 4:21.18, 6-Bowling Green 4:25.44.