

1973 Buckeye Conference Champions

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Little Giants shatter record second straight time

Ross golfers repeat as Buckeye champions

MARION — Ross High's Little Giants, shattering the conference record for the second straight year, repeated as champions of the Buckeye Conference golfers Monday.

The Giants, who established the record of 306 at Forest Hills in Elyria in 1972, chopped four more strokes from that mark with an excellent 302 at the Marion Country Club Monday.

The Giants defeated their nearest rival, Marion, by six strokes. Findlay finished third. The victory boosted Ross into at least a temporary lead in the race for the first-ever all-sports trophy in the Buckeye Conference. Former leader Admiral King finished in sixth place, while Elyria and Sandusky — two other top contenders — were tied for fourth.

Four Little Giants broke the 80 mark as the Ross crew crumpled the record over a soggy par 70 Marion course. The course was so wet that morning rains nearly forced the cancellation of the event.

"We played real well," Head coach Charlie Baker said after

the match. "The scores were quite low considering the conditions."

Bob Moll, the 1972 Buckeye Conference medalist, once again was the leader for the Little Giants, but he just missed medalist honors this year.

Moll put together a pair of 36's for a 72, just one stroke behind medalist Craig Vandilke of Findlay. Vandilke fired a 35-36-71.

Moll had three birdies—two on the front nine and one on the back. He hit the greens in regulation 12 times which Baker considered "Excellent for a high school player."

The score was actually one stroke better than his medalist score of 1972.

With Moll leading the way, Ross had four players in the top ten spots in the field of 40. And, the Giants' fifth man was just one stroke out of that range. The tournament was played with five representatives from each school and the top four scores counting toward the championship.

Jim Decker had the second best Ross score, putting together a 37-36-73, which tied Gary Burton of Marion for the third best score of the day.

Decker had one birdie, but ran into a little trouble with his putter. He three putted three of the very fast greens or he would have had an even better round.

Buck Baumann was just one stroke behind Decker's fine round.

Baumann fired an excellent 36 on the front side, but hit one in the water on the par three 13th hole and took a double bogey which made him settle for a 40 on the back side.

His 76 tied him in fifth place in the individual standings.

Two double bogeys did a little damage to "an otherwise absolutely excellent round" for Rob Hall. He had two birdies on the front nine for a 38 and added a 41 on the back nine for a 79.

"We had the first four men under 80 and that is what you

have to have for the ultimate dream," Baker said, already looking forward to tournament action.

The number five man was just one step behind Hall.

Scott Young, who naturally was the lowest fifth man in the field and who scored better than several of the third and fourth men, had a 38-43-80. A pair of double bogeys on the back nine prevented Young from breaking the 80 mark.

The Giants thus remain unbeaten in all competition this year. They are 7-0 in dual matches and this was their first tournament action.

Burton paced Marion to its second place finish with his 75. The Prexies also had four men under 80. Dave Wigton had a 76. Dan Wigton had a 78 and Jim Conkle had an 80.

Elyria was paced by Scott Haddaway who had a 77.

Final standings were as follows: Ross, 302; Marion, 308; Findlay, 314; Sandusky and Elyria, 324; Admiral King, 333; Lorain Senior, 341; and Mansfield, 347.

In the race for the Buckeye Conference all-sports trophy, the Ross golfers earned 10 points to raise the Giants total to 37. Admiral King, the former leader, now has 33½, having earned just three points for the sixth place finish. Elyria, with 4½ points for its tie with Sandusky, boasts its total to 33½, too. Sandusky, also earning 4½ points for golf, now has 32 points.

Points are awarded for all sports during the school year according to place in the standings.

Ross is leading its division in tennis and could win its division by defeating Marion at Rodger Young Park Wednesday. Division winners earn six points in tennis and those two division winners meet for two more points (total of eight) and the league championship.

The Giants go after more points in the Buckeye Conference track meet and the Buckeye Conference baseball tournament Saturday. The Ross track team figures to be battling it out with Findlay, Admiral King and Sandusky for the title. Baseball scoring for the all-sports trophy is usual with the first place winner getting eight, the runnerup five and all the rest earning three.

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Sports

Trackmen roll

Ross gains revenge

TIFFIN — Monday was the Ross High track team's turn again for revenge.

The Little Giants, who had defeated Findlay and Toledo last in the Fremont Night relays only to turn around and lose to both in dual meets.

Monday met the team which edged them out in the Tiffin Relays — Tiffin Columbian.

The Giants avenged that narrow one point loss by crushing the Columbian crew, 80-47, in spite of the fact that Rob Lytle ran in only one event and John

Heidelberg was not in school so did not compete at all.

Both Lytle and Heidelberg have been having injury problems and head coach Ron Brant is hoping they will be ready for the dual meet against Sandusky at Harmon Stadium Wednesday and for the Buckeye Conference track meet at Sandusky Saturday.

Monday, the Giants won 10 of the 15 events.

Julius Simms was the lone double winner for the Giants.



BUCKEYE CHAMPIONS are again the Fremont Ross High School golfers. From left to right above are Scott Young, Buck

Baumann, Rob Hall, Bob Moll, Jim Decker and coach Charlie Baker.

Soviets win, even basketball series

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "I'm an His UCLA understudy, Nate old alley fighter but I want was the starter in San Diego, equal muscle," declared Coach Cousy fumed again, "It's a Bob Cousy of the U.S. national gained mayhem under the team after Russia squared ket. Outside fouls are calle their series in a rough basket- closely, but the criterion unde ball battle. the basket seems to be blood."

The coach of the Kansas City