

## 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 1972, shattered the record mark with an excellent 292 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 leaders Admiral King and Elyria, sixth place, with Elyria and Sandusky, two other top contenders, in the top four.

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 just missed a hole-in-one on the 18th hole.

Moll put together a pair to 36's for a 72, just one stroke behind medalist Craig Vandlike of Findlay. Vandlike 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.

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 37-38-75, 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 putting. He had three birdies, but 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 cost him a 76 for a 40 on the back side.

His 76 tied him in fifth place in 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 rated man in the field, had a 38-40-80. 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 Fremont Ross and four men under 80. Dave Wigton had a 76. Dan Wigton had a 78 and Jim Cook had an 86.

Young 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 Marion Central, 344.

In 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, boosts 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 the following standings:

The Giants after joining the Buckeye Conference last year 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.

## Soviets win, even basketball series

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "I'm an old alley fighter but I was the star in San Diego," quipped coach Marcelo Coimbra again. "It's a Bob Coimbra of the U.S. national team gained many respect. Outside fouls are called closely, but the criterion under their series in a rough basketball battle."

The coach of the Kansas City

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## Ross gains revenge

TIFFIN — Monday was the day the Ross High track team which edged them out in the Tiffin Relays — Tiffin Columbian.

The Little Giants, who had been beaten in the Tiffin Relays and the Fremont Night Relays only to turn around and lose to both in dual meets, 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.

## Ross gals swamp Columbian too