

2004 Greater Buckeye Conference...

GREATER BUCKEYE CONFERENCE

Ross rolls to historic title



Photo courtesy of Sarah Grile/Lima News
FREMONT ROSS'S Tim Burris won the high jump to help the Little Giants capture their first conference title on Friday.

News-Messenger report

Nothing could dampen the Fremont Ross Little Giants' spirits.

Not even a downpour. The boys track and field team accepted its first conference championship plaque under a steady rain at Lima Senior High School on Friday.

"It's been pouring down rain all day," Fremont Ross coach Cathy Esposito said.

Wilhelm leads Giants' charge

"We are drowned rats. We don't care."

Ross won eight events to cruise to the title in the first year of the Greater Buckeye Conference.

The Little Giants tallied 158 points. Marion Harding (100) and Sandusky (98.5) rounded out the top three.

"It was an awesome performance," said Esposito, who was named the boys coach of the year. "They are all very excited."

Ashley Fischer's second-place effort in the 1,600-meter run was the best finish for the Ross girls, who finished last.

Ross's Adam Wilhelm was named top boys athlete of the conference.

Wilhelm set the school record with a 48.1 in the 400. The previous mark was set in 1968 by Steve Parker.

"That was so impressive," Esposito said. "It seemed like his eyes weren't even open because it was raining so hard."

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Ross boys win historic track crown

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Wilhelm also won the 200 and was on the winning 1,600 relay with Jordan Edwards, Tim Burris and Austin Young.

Nathan Bowen won the 1,600 and was on the winning 3,200 relay with Jay Ohms, Young and David Guardiola.

Burris (high jump) and Jorge Perez (discus) won field events for Ross, and Derek Hill (3,200) added a victory on the track.

Even more impressive, the Little Giants won the conference title without returning state qualifier Elon Simms, who was nursing a hip injury.

"Everybody was so nervous that they couldn't win without Elon running," Esposito said. "They didn't want to believe us that they could still win it."

Simms, who called himself an assistant to the assistant coaches, said it was "kind of depressing" watching the meet.

"But I'm glad to see them do so well," Simms said. "I'm very excited."

Track & Field

High School Boys

GBC Championships

at Lima Sr.

Team Standings

1. Fremont Ross.....158
2. Marion Harding100
3. Sandusky98.5
4. Findlay71.5
5. Napoleon.....50
6. Lima Sr.....49

3200 relay — 1. Ross (Jay Ohms, Austin Young, David Guardiola, Nathan Bowen) 8:20.0, 2. Marion Harding 8:29.20, 3. Findlay 8:33.0.

110 hurdles — 1. Cetron Campbell (MH) 16.20, 3. Julius Salgado (R) 17.30, Adam Shearn (R) 17.40.

100 — 1. Sylvester McSwain (S) 11.20, 2. Adam Wilhelm (R) 11.30, 2. Charles (R) 11.30.

800 relay — 1. Sandusky 1:36.0, 3. Ross (Charles Jones, Keith Williams, Jordan Edwards, Tyrone Lemley) 1:40.50.

1600 — 1. Nathan Bowen (R) 4:42.20, 2. Jay Ohms (R) 4:47.30.

400 relay — 1. Sandusky 44.50, 6. Ross (Charles Jones, Keith Williams, Tyrone Lemley, Tony Zimmerman) 46.90.

400 — 1. Adam Wilhelm (R) 48.10, 5. Jordan Edward (R) 50.70.

300 hurdles — 1. Sylvester McSwain (S) 42.11, 4. Adam Shearn (R) 43.21, 6. Julius Salgado (R) 45.33.

800 — 1. Ryan Sottoway (F) 1:59.40, 2. Tim Burris (R) 2:01.70, 5. Austin Young (R) 2:09.60.

High jump — 1. Burris (R) 6-2, 3. Myles Porter (R) 5-6.

Long jump — 1. Gregory Tyson (LS) 22-2.5, 4. Burris (R) 19-4.25, 7. Porter (R) 18-6.25.

Pole vault — 1. Elliot Vocke (N) 12-0, 6. Josh Bowen (R) 9-0, 7. Shearn (R) 8-11.75.

3200 — 1. Derek Hill (R) 10:05.0, 2. Jay Ohms (R) 10:24.0.

200 — 1. Adam Wilhelm (R) 23.10, 5. Charles Jones (R) 23.20.

1600 relay — 1. Ross (Jordan Edwards, Tim Burris, Austin Young, Adam Wilhelm) 3:28.60.

Shot put — 1. Brad Bury (MH) 48-10.5, 4. Robert Durnwald (R) 44-3.75, 9. Robert Zucker (R) 40-3.5.

Discus — 1. Jorge Perez (R) 147-0, 4. Durnwald (R) 133-1.

High School Girls

GBC Championships

at Lima Sr.

Team Standings

1. Findlay127
 2. Napoleon.....119
 3. Marion Harding114
 4. Sandusky84
 5. Lima Sr.....50
 6. Fremont Ross.....28
- Shot put — 1. Kristen Gilgenbach (N) 36-2.0, 5. Stephanie Kayser (R) 32-3, 8. Betsy Quick (R) 28-11.5.
- Discus — 1. Gilgenbach (N) 109-4, 6. Quick (R) 90-0, 10. Kayser (R) 83-3.
- High jump — 1. Kelsey Rolander (N) 5-2.
- Long jump — 1. Chelsea Gerken (N) 15-8, 9. Amy Price (R) 11-8.75.
- Pole vault — 1. Julie Rooney (F) 9-0, 6. Amy Price (R) 6-6.
- 3200 relay — 1. Napoleon 9:55.30, 4. Ross (Alyssa Bowerman, Emily Grayson, Shanee Bulger, Ashley Fischer) 10:56.80.
- 100 hurdles — 1. Dania Irby (S) 15.90, 6. Allison Adams (R) 18.10.
- 100 — 1. Jerrica Phinisee (MH) 12.60.
- 800 relay — 1. Marion Harding 1:48.70, 6. Ross (Lindsay Dabrunz, Jean Forgatsch, Allison Adams, Lakesha Jones) 2:05.90.
- 1600 — 1. Jen Spieldenner (F) 5:28.0, 2. Ashley Fischer (R) 5:35.0, 8. Alyssa Bowerman (R) 6:34.0.
- 400 relay — 1. Lima Sr. 49.50, 4. Ross (Lindsay Dabrunz, Jean Forgatsch, Emily Grayson, Lakesha Jones) 51.70.
- 400 — 1. Brionna Patterson (S) 56.40, 6. Lindsay Dabrunz (R) 1:04.50, 8. Shanee Bulger (R) 1:06.10.
- 300 hurdles — 1. Jen VanSickle (MH) 50.02, 8. Allison Adams (R) 1:01.89.
- 800 — 1. Gerken (N) 2:23.90, 5. Ashley Fischer (R) 2:32.80, 8. Bulger (R) 2:46.10.
- 200 — 1. Rischia Phinisee (MH) 25.80.
- 3200 — 1. Spieldenner (F) 11:43.0, 6. Alyssa Bowerman (R) 13:08.10, 8. Elizabeth Munoz (R) 14:30.0.
- 1600 relay — 1. Napoleon 4:12.53, 5. Ross (Lindsay Dabrunz, Emily Grayson, Allison Adams, Ashley Fischer) 4:30.38.