

## Trio of juniors lead Ross golf team

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Staff writer

Dave Fleming hopes a nucleus of Mark Gottron, Ryan Reidmaier and Joey Chung will help Fremont Ross develop into a competitive golf team.

"They are going to be the mainstays," said Fleming, who begins his 14th season at Ross after taking over for Charlie Baker in 1976. "They are very sound players."

Ross opens the season today at Fremont Country Club against Bowling Green and Lakota.

The Little Giants finished with a dual meet record of 14-6 a year ago but failed to advance past district competition.

"The kids are more on than off," Fleming said. "Maybe by that time of year (the district), they'll feel comfortable in high-level competition."

"Get out of district, that would be a good goal ... get to regional as a team."

Gottron, Reidmaier and Chung are all juniors.

"They keep it in play," Fleming said. "They don't get in trouble and they're good iron players so they hit a lot of greens."

Seniors Brad Meade and Mike Byrnes will compete for the final two varsity spots with juniors Chad Baker and Bill Lowery.

A pair of sophomores, Jamie Russell and Dan Swaisgood, could step into the picture.

"Russell made the team as a freshman and over the last year, he's really improved," Fleming said. "Swaisgood just missed the cut last year, and he's really hitting the ball well."

Senior Jason McKnight, juniors Chris Wolf and Dave Talmann, sophomore Ryan Woodrich and freshman Dave Zinkand round out the squad.

Fleming is taking a look at Jesse Langston this week. Langston is a move-in from Georgia who is accustomed to playing scholastic golf in the spring.

"I have some guys who can hit it hard," Fleming said, "but they don't know where it's going."

Except for the nucleus.

## Ross wins opening match

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross golf team opened its season Wednesday with a pair of victories over Bowling Green and Lakota at Fremont Country Club.

Led by Mark Gottron's 38, the Little Giants shot a 165, two shots in front of BG. Lakota finished at 187.

While Gottron's score earned him medalist honors, Ryan Reidmaier of Ross, Kurt Sams of La-

kota and Dave Miller of BG all shot 40.

The match was also the first for BG. Lakota fell to 0-4.

In one other match, St. Joe defeated Margaretta easily at Sycamore Hills Golf Club. The Crimson Streaks shot 163 to the Polar Bears' 214.

Kirk Kayden and Craig Gabel led St. Joe with a 36 and 37, respectively.

# For the Record

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**ROSS TOPS CLYDE:** Mark Gottron shot a 36 to lead Fremont Ross to a 162-173 high school golf victory over Clyde Friday at the Fremont Country Club. The loss was the first in four matches for the Fliers. Bill Lowery added a 39 for the Little Giants. Eric Hall's 41 took medalist honors for Clyde. Ross is 1-1.

## Ross golfers 3rd at Bellevue

News-Messenger reports

**CLYDE** — Upper Sandusky captured its third straight team title Saturday at the 12-team Bellevue Invitational at Green Hills Golf Course.

Upper Sandusky shot a 311 to win the tournament, followed by Norwalk (335) and Fremont Ross (338). Genoa was fifth at 351 and Margaretta was 11th with 385.

The medalist was Andy Cutterman of Upper Sandusky, who shot a 38-32 for an even-par 70.

Ross's Mark Gottron, Brad Emmons of Norwalk and Tony Weis of Eastwood all tied for second place in regulation with 77s,

but Emmons eventually was awarded second by getting a birdie on the first hole of sudden death.

Also competing for the Little Giants were Bill Lowery (96), Brian Riedemiar (84), Jason McKnight (93) and Mike Byrnes (84).

For Genoa, Joel Simmons shot an 86, while John Harrison shot 88, Ron Sandrock had an 87, Tim Stevens shot a 91 and Greg Plocko shot 90.

Margaretta's Rob Massey recorded a 91, followed by Mike Watson (92), Brad Hammond (92), Cliff Dickman (114) and Jenny Nixon 110.

# Little Giants burn Fremont Country Club for 154

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross golf team tamed Fremont Country Club Wednesday for a 154 in a high school victory over Oak Harbor.

Mark Gottron (36), Ryan Riedmaier (37) and Mike Byrnes (39) shot sub-40 rounds as Ross outdistanced Oak Harbor, which shot 167.

In other matches, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic defeated Tiffin Calvert and Genoa beat

## Golf Roundup

Anthony Wayne.

The Little Giants' 154 was the lowest score for a Ross team at FCC in 14 years, according to Ross Coach Dave Fleming.

"We had some birdies," Fleming said. "That helped."

Gottron, Bill Lowery and Byrnes each birdied the final hole they played.

"It was nice to see everyone play together for a change,"

Fleming said.

The win was the fourth straight without a loss for Ross.

Brian Kersten and J.P. Johns each shot 40 for Oak Harbor, 3-2.

### St. Joe-Calvert

At Clinton Heights, Bryan Gottron's 37 and a pair of 38s by Chris Drabik and Kirk Kayden paced St. Joe to a 157.

Rod Schultz, Joe Riemer each shot 39 for Calvert, which had a 168 as a team.

"Drabik played very consistently. Gottron shot a real solid 37 and Kayden was steady as usual," St. Joe Coach Charlie Bakesaid.

St. Joe improved to 3-1 and 3-0 in the Midland Athletic League while Calvert fell to 3-1.

### Genoa-Anthon Wayne

At Sandywine, Greg Placko's 43 paced the Comets to their fourth win in five matches.

Geno finished with a 178 to Anthon Wayne's 197.

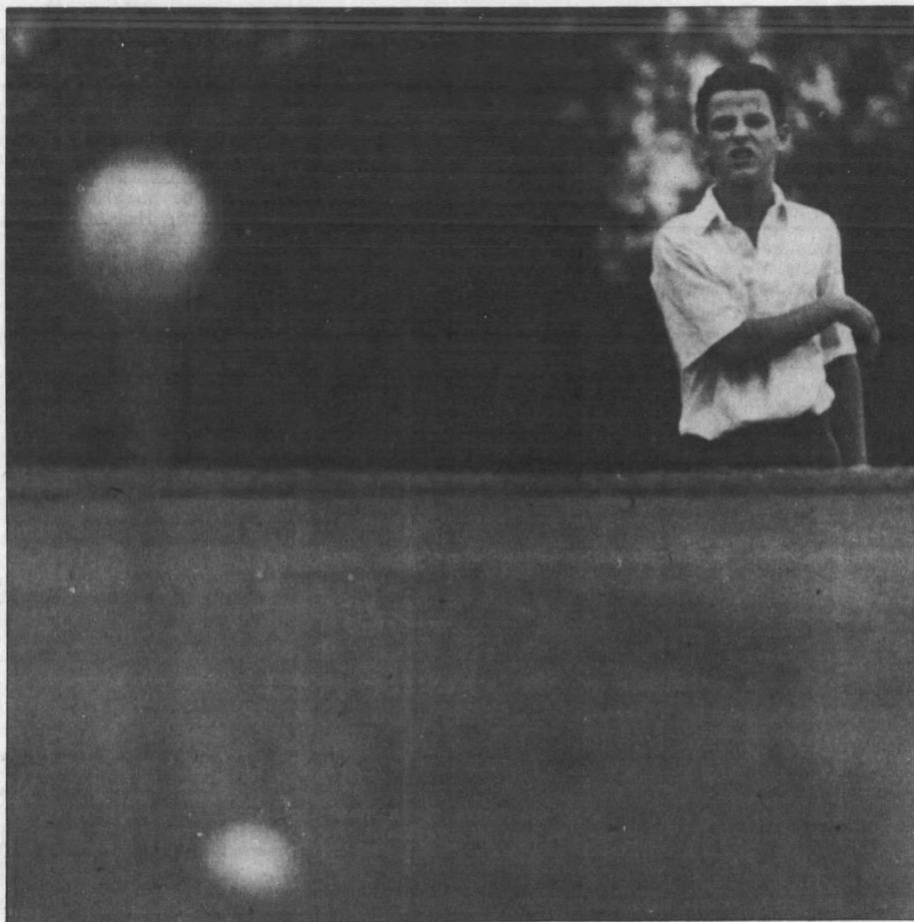
## Ross-Harding

At Marion Country Club, the Little Giants managed only a 42 from Mark Gottron and Ryan Riedmaier as they lost their first match in five decisions.

Despite its 171, Ross lost by just four strokes.

## Ross-Eastwood

At Tanglewood, Mark Gottron took medalist honors with a 39 as Ross shot 168 to Eastwood's 175. The Little Giants have won five of six matches.



News-Messenger/Scott Lightfoot

**MARK GOTTRON** of Fremont Ross grimaces after his shot from a sand trap on the third hole at Fre-

mont Country Club Wednesday just misses. Gottron led Ross to a victory over Maumee.

## Gottron, Ross top Maumee

News-Messenger reports

Mark Gottron shot a 4-over par 39 at Fremont Country Club Wednesday to lead Fremont Ross to victory over Maumee.

Ross, 5-1, shot a 166 while Maumee finished at 181.

In other matches, Woodmore defeated Old Fort and Eastwood topped Oak Harbor, Fostoria and Edison in a quadrangular.

At FCC, Gottron scrambled for medalist honors.

"He wasn't very pleased," Ross Coach Dave Fleming said. "He only hit four greens (in regulation). He is accustomed to hitting six or seven over nine holes."

### Woodmore-Old Fort

At Sugar Creek, Ryan Taylor's 37 led Woodmore to a 168. Old Fort shot 173.

Steve Adelsperger led the Stockaders with a 39.

### Oak Harbor quadrangular

At The Oak Harbor Club, Eastwood edged Oak Harbor by a stroke when Jeremy Hahn finished with a 44 to Joe Verb's 47 for the Rockets.

The Rockets and Eagles were tied after four golfers were in but Verb, Eastwood's fifth player turned in a 44, giving Eastwood a one-shot win.

Eastwood finished with 163 to Oak Harbor's 164. Fostoria had a 174 and Edison shot 203.

Kent Finken and J.P. Johns each shot 40 for Oak Harbor.

Fostoria's Ryan Hipsher shot 34 for medalist honors.

**CORRECTION** Ryan Riedmaier was misidentified as Mark Gottron in the golf photograph that appeared in The News-Messenger Thursday on page B-3.

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# Golf

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## High School

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| <b>Ross</b>         | <b>160</b> |
| <b>St. Mary's</b>   | <b>169</b> |
| <b>Port Clinton</b> | <b>175</b> |

### At Catawba Island Club

Ross: Mark Gottron 42, Mike Byrnes 37, Chris Wolf 40, Bill Lowery 41, Dan Swaisgood 46.

St. Mary's: Scott Wollenberg 39, Carlos Michael 40, Bob Koch 39, Steve Schaefer 55, Brian Bilgen 51.

Port Clinton: Tony Meek 39, Todd Perry 47, Shawn Wagner 50, Mike Starkey 46, Cory Wagner 43.

Records: Ross 8-1, Port Clinton 1-7.

### Findlay-Ross

At Fremont Country Club, Mark Gottron's 40 and Chris Wolf's 41 were not enough to offset a 35 by Findlay's Brandon Huth.

The Trojans shot a 164 to Ross's 170.

# Ross tops Fostoria

News-Messenger reports

Mark Gottron's 38 at Fremont Country Club Wednesday led Fremont Ross to a 171-184 high school golf victory over Fostoria.

In other matches, Sandusky Perkins topped Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and Margaretta, Clyde beat Edison, Gibsonburg defeated Bettsville,

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## Golf Roundup

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Old Fort topped Tiffin Calvert and Sandusky St. Mary's beat Oak Harbor.

At Fremont, the Little Giants, 9-2, bounced back from a loss to Findlay Tuesday.



## **Findlay-Ross**

At Findlay Golf Club, Ross's Mark Gottron led the way with a 40 and Bill Lowery shot 42.

The Little Giants are 9-3.

Findlay's Kevin Coleman took top honors with a 37.

Ross also lost the reserve match 174-190.

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## **Golf**

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Clyde's Brad Shellhammer started his round with a triple-bogey seven but recovered for a 41, while Mickey Kritzell and Ty Ray shot 43 and 44, respectively.

"Mickey and Ty were just a little bit off their games," Clyde Coach Ralph Hohenstein said. "That's all it took in a close match like that."

Perkins improved to 9-3 and 8-3 in the SBC.

### **Old Fort-Ross**

At Fremont Country Club, no golfer shot less than 43 but those

scores belonged to Old Fort's Steve Adelsperger and Doug Hoerig.

The Stockaders, 11-3, shot 177 to Ross's 181.

Mark Gottron, Bill Lowery and Chad Baker each shot 45 for Ross, 9-5.

### **Port Clinton-Oak Harbor**

At The Oak Harbor Club, J.P. Johns had a 39 as the Rockets shot 162 to Port Clinton's 188.

Port Clinton's Tony Meek took medalist honors with a 37.

Oak Harbor improved to 9-7 and 6-5 in the SBC. The Redskins fell to 2-11 and 2-9.

# Little Giant golfers defeat Blue Streaks

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Mark Gottron's 37 at Fremont Country Club Thursday led Fremont Ross to a high school golf victory over Sandusky.

The Little Giants, 10-5, shot 178 to the Blue Streaks 197.

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## Golf

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Clyde, 12-2 and 11-1.

### Perrysburg-Woodmore

At Sugar Creek, Woodmore's Ryan Tylor and Perrysburg's Jon Molnar each shot 39 to share

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## Golf

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### High School

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| <b>Ross</b>     | <b>178</b> |
| <b>Sandusky</b> | <b>197</b> |

#### At Fremont Country Club

Sandusky: Jeff Baumbusch 48, Dave Schweck 53, Jack Colvin 45, Mike Taylor 51, John Routh 58.

Ross: Mark Gottron 37, Jamie Russell 44, Chris Wolfe 57, Dan Swaisgood 51, Dave Talman 46.

Records: Ross 10-5.



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## High School

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**Ross** 174

**Eastwood** 178

### At Fremont Country Club

Eastwood: Tony Weis 39, Jef Coleman 44, Johnny Flores 45, Kasey Lewis 52, Jeremy Hahn 50.

Ross: Mark Gottron 46, Bill Lowery 47, Ryan Riedmaier 46, Jamie Russell 39, Joey Chung 43.

Records: Ross 11-5.

# District golf tournaments set for Friday

News-Messenger reports

Six area teams and two individuals will compete in high school district golf tournaments Friday.

The Division I and II tournaments will qualify two teams and two individual low scorers not on a qualifying team to the state tournament the following week. The Division III district will send four teams and four individuals to the state tourney.

The 36-hole state tournament for all divisions will be played on the Ohio State University courses in Columbus Oct. 20 and 21.

Mark Gottron of Fremont Ross will play in the Division I district at Mohawk Golf Club in Tiffin.