

1990 District Meet...



SHANE HILL of Fremont Ross takes off on the second leg of the 4x800-meter relay at Friday's

Division I District Track and Field Meet after receiving the baton from Jim Parker (right).

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Ross wins district title

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TOLEDO — Fremont Ross won the Division I boys track and field championship Friday at Start High School.

The Little Giants compiled 86½ points to 85 for runner-up Sandusky.

"We thought if things went really well, we would have a shot at it," Ross coach John Elder said. "The kids we put in different races had to run like we figured they would and they did."

Elder's plan included keeping Hector Rodriguez fresh by taking him out of the 100-meter dash and entering Tim Nesbitt in the 1600 run instead of both the 1600 and 3200 events.

"Even though (Nesbitt) didn't qualify (for regional competition) in the 1600, it worked out for us," Elder said. "We were taking a chance taking him out of different events and the other kids came through for us."

Rodriguez, who qualified for next week's regional meet at Oak Harbor in the long jump Wednesday, finished second in the 200 dash and anchored the Little Giants' 4x100 relay team, which placed second.

Shunnar Gamble, meanwhile, stepped up and qualified for the regional with a third-place finish in the 100 dash.

Norm Crawford, who teamed with Gamble, Tyrone Williams and Rodriguez in the 4x100 relay, won the 110 hurdles with a personal best time of 14.9 and finished second in the 300 hurdles.

John Liggins qualified for the regional, which begins Thursday, with a third-place finish in the 400 dash.

Ross's 4x800 relay team of Jim Parker, Shane Hill, Phil Missig and Nesbitt, and the 4x400 relay of Williams, Nesbitt, Parker and Liggins both placed third.

Lakota's Bahadar wins 100 dash

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FOSTORIA — Ed Bahadar won the 100-meter dash in a wind-aided 10.9 seconds Friday at the Division II district track and field meet, advancing to next week's regional meet at Bucyrus.

Bahadar also placed second in the 200 dash.

Ryan Beam, who placed fourth in the 110 hurdles, will join Bahadar and shot putter Ken Null at the regional meet.

The Raiders placed fifth of 19 teams at the district with 45½ points. Fostoria won the district title with 62 points.

Lakota's girls' team did not qualify anyone for regionals.

Sandusky placed second in the 4x400 relay, but that wasn't enough to overtake Ross.

"We led most of the way, and that held the lead for us," Elder said. "I don't know how we'll do in regionals, but this shows a lot of other people what our program has been doing lately."

Port Clinton's Scott Thomas won a district championship in the 1600-meter run, duplicating last year's Division II regional berth, but this spring he will be joined at the regional meet by six teammates.

Thomas, who also qualified for the regional with a second-place finish in the 800 run, ran a season best 4:26.1 in the 1600.

The Redskins also qualified hurdler Jason Weeks and the 4x100 relay team of Scott Chap-

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JADA PRICE of Fremont Ross clears a hurdle during the 300-meter event Friday at the Division I District Track and Field Meet.

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man, Mike Sorg, Joe Rhodes and Cully Elmes.

Weeks finished third in the 110 hurdles, while the relay squad also placed third.

The top four finishers in each event advanced to regionals.

In girls' district competition, Amy Ritzman led Ross qualifiers with a district championship in the 3200 run.

Ritzman, who came from 30 meters back in the last 100 meters to edge Findlay's Leah Cobb and Kristina Taylor, broke her own school record with a time of 11:59. Her old record of 12:11 was set earlier this spring.

"She kicked it in and nailed it," Elder said. "She really ran well; it was a great race."

Ritzman also teamed with Kaylene Bartson, Stephanie McGee and Deb Lilley for a fourth-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

Bartson qualified for the regional meet with a fourth-place finish in the 800 run.

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and saw them crossing the plate against some pretty good pitchers. I knew I had to be sharp," Black said.