

1971 Sectional Tournament...

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Little Giant Golfers Bag Sectional Title

The search is over.

Ross golf coach Charlie Baker and his squad have ended their search for a golf trophy in the Little Giant trophy case. They ended their mission by winning the Class AAA sectional championship trophy at Fremont Country Club yesterday.

"I've done a lot of looking but have never been able to find a golf trophy in that case," Baker said. "The fellows on the team have also looked but haven't found anything."

But Jim Decker, Bob and Bill Moll and Lee Curtiss have made sure the Ross team will be properly represented in the future. They finished in a 301 score, three strokes better than Ashland, the second place finisher.

Sandusky, which had beaten Ross twice in dual meets and finished higher than the Little Giants in the conference meet, placed third at 338.

The top three teams advance to next week's district tournament at the Findlay Golf Course.

"I was expected to win," Baker said. "I thought we had a chance to win just like we had in the Buckeye. But I thought we would be hurt by playing three sophomores."

The sophomores, who are playing their first year of varsity golf came through, however. Decker carded a six-over-par 78 and was Ross' medalist. Bob Moll checked in with an 84 and Curtiss fired an 86.

Bill Moll, the elder statesman in the Ross entry — he's a senior — fired an 84.

"Everybody played about as I expected," Baker said.

Decker had a little bit of a mental upset on the 10th hole and I think it shook him up a little. If he hadn't had that problem I believe he would have shot about a 76. Jim has been hitting the ball real well."

Decker made the turn in two-over-par 38. After bogeying the first three holes, he played par golf on the fourth, fifth and six holes before picking up a birdie four on the par five, 322-yard sixth hole. He finished the first nine with three consecutive pars.

After another golfer hit his ball on the 10th hole, Decker bogeyed that hole and also the 11th. He then parred the next five holes before bogeying the final two.

The 78 represented Decker's lowest round of the season at the Country Club. His previous best was a 77.

As a result of the Ross team's fine performance well on its home course this season, in 1971, the Little Giants have only one victory on the par 72, 6,441-yard layout.

"We have been playing better on the road," Baker said. "I believe that when a golfer starts out well he's going to finish well on his home course. But when he starts out poorly he begins to feel bad and it's hard to get back. The golfers here are as the course and knows where he can and can't pick up strokes. I think that has been our biggest problem so far."

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Bill Moll toured the front nine in 42 and came back in 39.

"Bill could have played better but he didn't play poorly," Baker said. "It wasn't a bad round but he knows that he can improve."

Bob Moll shot a pair of 42s.

"Bob is starting to play consistent golf — something he wasn't doing earlier in the season," Baker said. "He's doing a very respectable job in the third position."

Curtiss, who just returned to the starting lineup after being benched for the fourth position last week, used 45 blows on the front side and 44 on the back 18.

"We were back to him because of the improvement he had shown in practice and what he did earlier in the season," Baker said. "I know he's a very fine golfer who is still capable of taking a few more shots off his scorecard."

The fourth-year coach believes every member of the squad has shown more improvement but he's hoping for more in the next few weeks.

"I think we're over our early season jitters and are more relaxed when we go out on the course," Baker said. "The fellows were a lot calmer today than when we played the Buckeye Conference tournament on the same course a week ago. These fellows have a tremendous desire to win."

FREMONT ROSS — Jim Decker, 38-40 — 78; Bill Moll, 43-39 — 84; Bob Moll, 42-42 — 84; Lee Curtiss, 45-43 — 86; TOTAL — 301.

ASHLAND — Dave Castor, 41-40 — 81; Jerry Miller, 42-41 — 83; Kevin Straub, 43-41 — 84; Robin Kreider, 44-43 — 86; TOTAL — 338.

SANDUSKY — Jim Kirner, 40-41 — 81; Tim McKenna, 44-39 — 83; Dan Spraul, 45-42 — 84; Jeff Mancilla, 43-45 — 88; TOTAL — 326.

TIFFIN COLUMBIAN — Ron Bland, 41-39 — 80; Dave Porter, 41-41 — 82; Brett Bozarth, 43-45 — 90; Jim DeBussman, 47-41 — 91; TOTAL — 343.

PORT CLINTON — Glenn Weigle, 42-41 — 83; Mark Heenan, 44-40 — 84; John Gill, 41-46 — 87; Bob Gardner, 44-49 — 93; TOTAL — 347.

TOLEDO CENTRAL CATHOLIC — Don Helvey, 44-37 — 81; Mike Strull, 45-40 — 85; Robert Joseph, 43-43 — 86; Gary Bax, 44-41 — 85; TOTAL — 346.

BOWLING GREEN — Roger Schenck, 46-39 — 85; Dave Simon, 40-39 — 85; Dave Donzel, 41-47 — 88; Steve Wyatt, 44-47 — 81; TOTAL — 332.

MAUMEE — Jeff Laudenlager, 42-39 — 81; Jim O'Neal, 41-40 — 81; Jim Brebberman, 45-42 — 92; Jeff Friel, 54-46 — 102; TOTAL — 335.

DEBLER — DeWayne Timmons, 47-41 — 88; Don Wright, 45-43 — 88; John Koehley, 43-46 — 89; Jay Ball, 49-47 — 96; TOTAL — 361.

TOLEDO WAITE — Doug Richardson, 43-41 — 84; Mark Breval, 48-48 — 96; Tim Kneale, 50-46 — 96; Martin Hemecek, 64-50 — 114; TOTAL — 390.

COLUMBUS — Jim Wright, 45-47 — 92; Rex Johnson, 58-47 — 97; Dan Haisley, 48-49 — 97; Dan Huss, 50-53 — 105; TOTAL — 391.

TOLEDO WOODWARD — Dave Pelechaty, 55-46 — 101; Marty Smith, 67-54 — 101; Jim LeMaitre, 57-50 — 107; Dale Bak, 54-58 — 112; TOTAL — 421.



AAA SECTIONAL CHAMPS — Fremont Ross captured the Class AAA sectional golf championship at Fremont Country Club yesterday. The Little Giant foursome fired a 301 score. Coach Charlie Baker is shown with Jim Decker (behind

Baker), Lee Curtiss, Bill and Bob Moll. Decker was medalist with a six-over-par 78. The victory assured Ross of a berth in next week's district tournament at Findlay. (News-Messenger Photo)

Standings

National League
East Division

W. L. Pet. G.B.

New York 20 10 .667 —

Dishonk 18 16 .562 —

Royals' Bullpen Collapses

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The Wright move was the

wrong one for Kansas City

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