

1986 Fremont Relays...

Ross girls rally for Relays title

Mistake in 800 relay costs Little Giants the boys team crown

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The pieces fell into the right places in the final two events for the Ross girls, but a snafu cost the boys in the 26th Fremont Relays Saturday at the Ross High School track.

The Ross girls won the meet after wiping out a slim Bowling Green lead with two events remaining. The Little Giants finished with 81 points to Bowling Green's 74.

Third went to Marion Harding at 71 while Toledo Start finished fourth with 61.

In the boys division, Bowling Green won with 74, six better than Ross. Third was Toledo Start with 55 in the closely contested meet. Harding finished fourth with 53, Columbian fifth at 51 and Port Clinton sixth with 48.

Pam Pitts, shaking off the effects of knee injuries earlier in the meet, spurred the Ross girls to the win.

"When she came back and got second for us in the 800, that was a big event for us," Ross Coach Harold Zienta pointed out about Pitts after she was edged while running the 800 anchor leg. "She ran well in spite of the injury."

Pitts will be sore, but should not miss any action, Zienta said.

Going into the 800, Ross trailed Bowling Green 66-65 but picked up eight points for second as the Bobcats could do no better than sixth. Start set a record in the 800 with a 1:47 to edge Ross by a half-second.

The Little Giants locked up the meet time in the final event, winning the 1600 relay in 4:14.2. That quartet was made up of Shelly Hines, Jennifer Rollins, Missy Provard and Shannon Carter.

In other events, Ross accounted for a pair of records. The team of Rollins, Jenny Zienta, Tammy Schiets and Carter ran a 1:07.3 to set a new shuttle hurdles mark. Jessica Jefferson, Provard, Pitts and Carter knocked nearly four seconds off the sprint medley record, winning in 1:51.3.

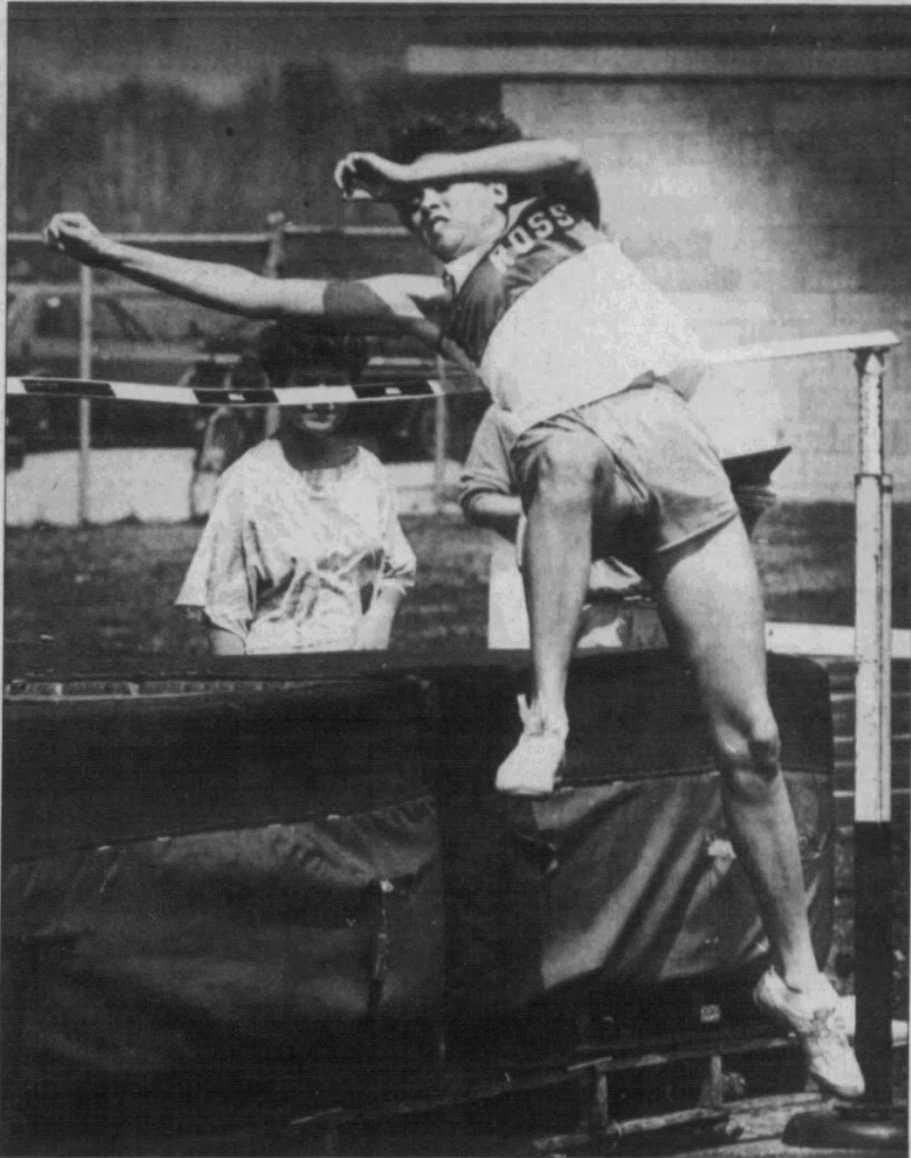
Zienta also praised the efforts of Jefferson and Provard, who along with Pitts, came back to perform in back-to-back events: the 400 relay and the sprint medley. Ross was second in the 400.

Ross also tied for first with Marion Harding in the high jump. That team was made up of Natalie Albert, Pitts and Heather Fought.

While the Ross girls coach was smiling, boys coach Norm Bray had a pained expression on his face.

"I felt we should have won it," he said.

A costly mistake in the 800 wiped out the Little Giants' chances.



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HEATHER FOUGHT of Ross glances down at the bar while on her way up during the high jump

event Saturday. Fought cleared the bar and helped her team tie for first.

On the first leg of the event, Ross failed to pass the baton and did not finish the event.

"We just did not hand off," Bray said. "It was our own mistake and that cost us. We just did not finish up."

"But you cannot say we lost the meet in that one event," he said, "because there were a few other events where we did not perform well."

One was the sprint medley in which Ross got just two points for a fifth-place finish.

"I thought we would have at least placed second," Bray said.

The Ross boys took first in the 3200 relay with the team of Brian Doty, Scott Nossaman, Kevin McDonald and Pat Hetrick running an 8:21, the 400 meter team of Trent Brown, Scott Provard, Kevin Crawford and Kevin Hively winning in 44.5 and

the 1600 quartet of Hively, Doty, Crawford and Hetrick posted a 3:31.06.

The high jump team, with Dave Kovaleski clearing 6-6, won with a combined effort of 17-9. Crawford and Troy Druckenmiller teamed up with Kovaleski.

The Thurston-Zwir Post of the American Legion co-sponsored the event.

Boys

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TEAM STANDINGS

Bowling Green	74	Tif. Columbian	51
Ross	68	Port Clinton	48
Toledo Start	55	Oregon Clay	22
Mar. Harding	53		

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: 1-Tiffin Columbian (Beard, Smith, Nord) 370-11¼, 2-Marion Harding 360-8¼, 3-Ross 352-8¼, 4-Bowling Green 324-0, 5-Port Clinton 277-0¼, 6-Toledo Start 262-8¼.

Long jump: 1-Toledo Start (Taylor, Rasford, Lee) 56-4, 2-Marion Harding 54-7, 3-Oregon Clay 52-8, 4-Bowling Green 52-6, 5-Tiffin Columbian 49-9¼, 6-Ross 48-8.

Shot put: 1-Tiffin Columbian (Hubsh, Smith, Nord) 138-9½, 2-Bowling Green 122-2, 3-Port Clinton 120-6¼, 4-Marion Harding 120-5¼, 5-Ross 117-11, 6-Toledo Start 110-11.

Pole vault: 1-Bowling Green 30-6, 2-Ross 28-6, 3-Port Clinton 22-0, 4-Marion Harding 21-0, 5-Oregon Clay 11-0, 6-Tiffin Columbian 10-0.

High jump: 1-Ross (Dave Kovalski, Kevin Crawford, Troy Druckenmiller) 17-9, 2-(tie) Bowling Green and Tiffin Columbian 17-0, 4-Toledo Start 16-3, 5-Port Clinton 15-9, 6-Oregon Clay 10-3.

RUNNING EVENTS (all relays)

3200: 1-Fremont (Brian Doty, Scott Nossaman, Kevin McDonald, Pat Hetrick) 8:21.0, 2-Bowling Green 8:24.78, 3-Tiffin Columbian 8:32.33, 4-Port Clinton 8:43.83, 5-Marion Harding 8:54.38, 6-Toledo Start 8:59.0.

Shuttle hurdles: 1-Marion Harding 1:01.7, 2-Toledo Start 1:02.75, 3-Port Clinton 1:06.4, 4-Bowling Green 1:06.45, 5-Oregon Clay 1:06.83, 6-Ross 1:08.11.

400: 1-Ross (Trent Brown, Scott Provard, Crawford, Kevin Hively) 44.5, 2-Marion Harding 45.22, 3-Bowling Green 45.3, 4-Port Clinton 46.11, 5-Toledo Start 46.19, 6-Tiffin Columbian.

Sprint medley: 1-Toledo Start (Roshing, Williams, Hampton, Griffin) 1:37.7, 2-Marion Harding 1:38.67, 3-Oregon Clay 1:39.21, 4-Tiffin Columbian 1:40.7, 5-Ross 1:41.71, 6-Bowling Green.

Distance medley: 1-Bowling Green (Farnsworth, Tucker, Fearnside, Harris) 11:09.2, 2-Ross 11:26.62, 3-Port Clinton 11:33.77, 4-Tiffin Columbian 11:34.8, 5-Toledo Start 11:36.05, 6-Marion Harding.

800: 1-Bowling Green (Gregory, Bautista, Callmeyer, Emmatty) (no time), 2-Toledo Start, 3-Port Clinton, 4-Oregon Clay, 5-Tiffin Columbian.

1600: 1-Ross (Hively, Doty, Crawford, Hetrick) 3:31.06, 2-Toledo Start 3:32.59, 2-Toledo Start 3:32.59, 3-Port Clinton 3:37.43, 4-Tiffin Columbian, 5-Bowling Green 3:41.49, 6-Oregon Clay 3:41.79.

Girls

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TEAM STANDINGS

Ross	81	Tif. Columbian	26
Bowling Green	74	Port Clinton	16
Mar. Harding	71	Oregon Clay	15
Toledo Start	61		

FIELD EVENTS

High jump: 1-(tie) Ross (Natalie Albert, Pam Pitts, Heather Fought) and Marion Harding (Winger, Rieke, Steven) 14-4, 3-(tie) Bowling Green and Toledo Start 14-0, 6-Port Clinton 12-4.

Shot put: 1-Marion Harding (Hopkins, Blevins, Snow) 90-9 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2-Tiffin Columbian 85-0, 3-Bowling Green 84-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4-Port Clinton 81-5, 5-Ross 79-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, 6-Toledo Start 77-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Discus: 1-Bowling Green (Kaufman, Vannett, Weaver) 271-11, 2-Marion Harding 269-3, 3-Ross 256-5, 4-Toledo Start 247-7, 5-Oregon Clay 232-3, 6-Tiffin Columbian 216-83.

Long jump: 1-Marion Harding (Winger, Redmain, Row) 45-4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2-Toledo Start 44-0 $\frac{1}{4}$, 3-Bowling Green 43-0 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4-Ross 42-5, 5-Tiffin Columbian 41-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6-Port Clinton 37-5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

RUNNING EVENTS (all relays)

3200: 1-Bowling Green (McCavitt, Hiltner, Keoley, Schultes) 10:18.4, 2-Ross 10:40.42, 3-Marion Harding 10:50.82, 4-Port Clinton 11:11.5, 5-Toledo Start 11:14.29.

Shuttle hurdles: 1-Ross (Jennifer Rollins, Jenny Zienta, Tammy Schiets, Shannon Carter) 1:07.3, 2-Toledo Start 1:09.81, 3-1:13.4, 4-Marion Harding 1:15.68, 5-Port Clinton 1:20.67.

400: 1-Toledo Start (Watkins, Grostetton, Watkins, Mosley) 49.7 (New record. Old record of 51.9 set by Ross in 1985), 2-Ross 51.45, 3-Bowling Green 54.31, 4-Oregon Clay 55.25, 5-Port Clinton 56.32, 6-Tiffin Columbian.

Sprint medley: 1-Ross (Jessica Jefferson, Missy Provard, Pitts, Carter) 1:51.3 (New record. Old record of 1:55.0 set by Bowling Green in 1980), 2-Toledo Start 1:51.99, 3-Bowling Green 1:57.78, 4-Marion Harding 1:58.0, 5-Oregon Clay 1:59.79, 6-Tiffin Columbian.

Distance medley: 1-Bowling Green (Newman, McCavitt, Tuneberg, Schultes) 14:03.0, 2-Marion Harding 14:05.89, 3-Ross 14:12.96, 4-Tiffin Columbian 14:47.24, 5-Port Clinton 14:59.58, 6-Toledo Start.

800: 1-Toledo Start (Grostetton, Watkins, Harston, Mosley) 1:47.0 (New record. Old record of 1:48.6 set by Start in 1984), 2-Ross 1:47.5, 3-Marion Harding 1:54.37, 4-Oregon Clay 1:54.91, 5-Tiffin Columbian 1:57.1, 6-Bowling Green.

1600: 1-Ross (Shelly Hines, Rollins, Provard, Carter) 4:14.2, 2-Bowling Green 4:19.0, 3-Marion Harding 4:25.25, 4-Toledo Start 4:32.11, 5-Tiffin Columbian 4:34.69, 6-Oregon Clay.