

1994 Season Review...

PREP TRACK PREVIEW

BOYS

ROSS

The Little Giants have more than enough distance runners, but although sophomore Jason Lather is a top sprinter, coach John Elder says sprinting depth will have to develop.

Sprinter Tyrone Price and hurdler Efrain Moreno graduated, but the biggest loss for the Little Giants is Tony Franks, who is now throwing the weights at Bowling Green State University.

"Our returning lettermen are strong," Elder said. "I expect them to do a lot."

Tim Leeth and Jeff Pasch are 400 and 800 specialists, while the distance corps includes Dane Snyder and sophomore Jeremiah Wagner.

Sean Sprouse is the top hurdler returning, and Brandon Willer is the main man in the shot put and discus with Franks gone. Nate Rhodes will support Lather in the long jump, with Melvin Rusch competing in the pole vault.

Top newcomers to the team include four freshmen as well as hurdler Jerry Catcher.

The freshmen are field event specialist Josh Claybaugh, middle-distance runner Kurt Snyder, pole vaulter and high jumper Shawn Tooman and sprinter Eric Miller.

"Last year we were Great Lakes League co-champs with Bedford (Mich.)," Elder said. "This year, it will be tougher. Our goal is to develop depth but also to take our individuals as far as they can go."

GIRLS

ROSS

The Little Giants finished fifth in the Great Lakes League a year ago, and coach John Elder says he expects them to finish higher this year.

"We have good individuals to lead our team, and an excellent group of freshmen who will step in and help," he said.

"I'm very excited about our girls' chances. The freshmen work hard and our returning lettermen are very positive and serious about being successful."

Hurdler Michelle Jenkins, sprinter Shante Flores, distance runners Carey Gill and Grace Durnel, middle-distance runner Heather Mears and jumper Lisa Elder lead Ross.

Other letterwinners include Sara Williams in the middle-distance events, Tirzah Hale in the shot put and discus and distance runner Aqua Yost.

Joining Durnell, who moved in from California and led the Ross cross country team last fall, as newcomers are freshmen Shannon Heidelberg, Tonya Elder, Marcy Reinbolt and Annie Mears.

ST. JOE

The SJCC girls program could continue to emerge led by sophomore Sarah Yeager, who placed seventh in the state meet last year in the 400 dash.

With Jamie Chapman and Nanci Luc, the Crimson Streaks are strong in the distance events.

Coach Eddie Colon says the Streaks are also strong in the sprints and relays, which are

Little Giants sweep Sandusky

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross swept Sandusky Tuesday in track and field.

The Ross boys defeated the Blue Streaks 79-44 in a meet at the Ross High School track while the Ross girls won 72-55.

Jason Lather won the 100- and 200-meter dashes for Ross and the Snyder brothers, Dane and Kurt, won the 1600 and 800 runs, respectively. Lather posted an 11.29 in the 100 and a 23.3 in the 200. Dane Snyder won in four minutes, 51.4 seconds.

Michelle Jenkins and Grace Durnell won two events each for the Ross girls. Jenkins took the 100 and 300 hurdles and Durnell pulled off the iron-runner double, taking the 1600 and 3200 runs.

In other meets:

Port Clinton triangular

Port Clinton won the boys meet and Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic the girls at True-Lay Stadium.

The Redskins boys had 65½ points, five more than St.

Sprint showdown Thursday at Ross

News-Messenger reports

Three of the top sprinters in Sandusky County will square off Thursday in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes at Fremont Ross High School.

Sophomore Jason Lather of Ross, senior Kevin Huntley of Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and senior Jason Barr will face each other when the Little Giants host a triangular track and field meet.

Tuesday, Huntley ran the 100 in 10.9 seconds, Barr was clocked in 11.2 seconds and Lather finished in 11.3.

Mary's. St. Joe, with Kevin Huntley winning the 100 dash and 110 hurdles, had 28.

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Ross-79 Sandusky-44

Field events

High jump: 1-Josh Claybaugh (R) 5-8, 2-Parschart (S) 5-4; Discus: 1-Alexander (S) 151-4, 2-Brandon Willer (R); Long jump: 1-W Durrah (S) 20-3, 2-Jason Lather (R) 20-0; Pole vault: Cancelled; Shot put: 1-Brandon Willer (R) 39-10³/₄, 2-Ohlemacher (S) 38-11¹/₂;

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross 9:00.7; 110 hurdles: 1-P Mines (S) 16.2, 2-M Mines (S) 17.1; 100: 1-Jason Lather (R) 11.3, 2-D Mooke (S) 11.4; 1600: 1-Dane Snyder (R) 4:51.4, 2-Doug Jibilan (R) 4:58.6; 4x100: Ross 49.1; 400: 1-Nate Rhodes (R) 54.2, 2-Tim Leeth (R) 55.0; 300 hurdles: 1-Sean Sprouse (R) 44.5, 2-Jason Strayer (R) 45.6; 800: 1-Kurt Snyder (R) 2:13.4, 2-Clint Hill (R) 2:13.5; 200: 1-Jason Lather (R) 23.3, 2-L Moore (S) 23.4; 3200: 1-Jereminah Wagner (R) 10:45, 2-Dane Snyder (R) 11:05; 4x400: Sandusky 4:09.8.

Ross 72, Sandusky 55

Field events

Shot put: 1-Collins (S) 34-9, 2-Tirzah Hale (R); Long jump: 1-Harris (S) 14-51/4, 2-Marcy Reinbolt (R) 13-7¹/₂; High jump: 1-Roberts (S), 2-Lisa Elder (R); Discus: 1-Collins (S) 136-5, 2-Tirzah Hale (R) 75-2.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross 10:58.3; 100 hurdles: 1-Michelle Jenkins (R) 17.5, 2-Kim Culbert (R) 18.6; 100: 1-Price (S) 14.44, 2-Madrigal (S) 14.6; 4x100: 1-Ross; 1600: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 5:40.51, 2-Mills (S) 5:53.22; 4x100: 1-Sandusky 54.93; 400: 1-Sara Williams (R) 1:07, 2-Martha Huffman (R) 1:09.25; 300 hurdles: 1-Michelle Jenkins (R) 54.63, 2-Roberts (S) 55.59; 800: 1-Heather Mears (R) 2:42.01, 2-Carey Gill (R) 2:46.03; 200: 1-Price (S) 28.9, 2-Kille (R) 30.47; 3200: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 12:53, 2-Mills (S) 13:01; 4x400: Ross 10:58.3.

TRACK & FIELD

Lather sets Ross record in 100

■ Second place:

Despite his record-setting dash, the Ross sophomore ran behind Fostoria's James Estrada.

News-Messenger reports

Jason Lather set a Fremont Ross school record in the 100-meter dash Thursday, but it wasn't good enough for first place as Fostoria's James Estrada caught Lather from behind and finished first by a tenth of a second.

Lather's finish in 10.6 seconds was better than Steve Parker's 1968 time of 10.8, which was the 100 meter equivalent of his 9.8 in the 100-yard dash.

Estrada also ran past Lather in the 200 dash, finish in 21.9 to Lather's 22.7.

"Estrada's best event is the 200," Ross coach John Elder said. "Jason knows he's not quite there at the end."

Elder said Lather ran a wind-aided 10.7 last year in the Great Lakes League meet.

Ross beat Fostoria 90-42. The Little Giants took the top three places in four events — the 3200, 1600 and 800 runs as well as the shot put.

Dane Snyder won the 1600 and 800 in 4:56 and 2:12, respectively.

"I knew they weren't strong in the distance events," Elder said, "and they weren't as strong as they might have been in other events."

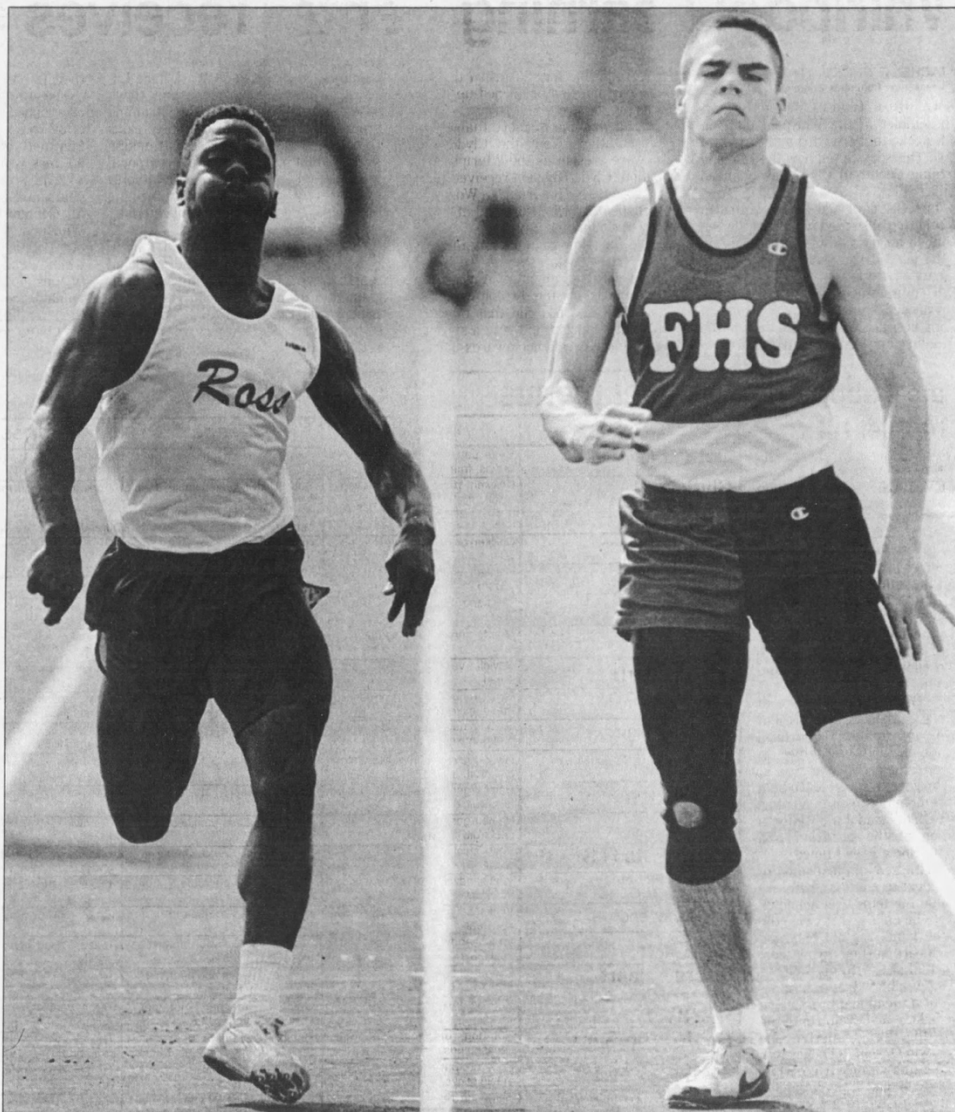
Fostoria's Damon Moore, a long jumper, and 400-meter specialist Jermaine Cousins missed the meet.

In the girls meet, Ross defeated Fostoria 80-51 despite losing both sprint relays.

"When you lose those relays, it's hard to win a meet," Elder said, "but the distance kids all ran well."

Ross took the top three places in the 1600 and 800 and the top two in the 3200. Grace Durnell won the 1600 and 3200, finishing in 5:45 and 12:45, respectively.

The Little Giants also got a pair of first-place finishes from hurdler Michelle Jenkins, who finished the 100 hurdles in 16.8 and the 300 in 52.3.



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

JAMES ESTRADA (right) of Fostoria barely beats Jason Lather of Fremont Ross to the finish line in the 100-meter dash Thursday during a dual meet between the Great Lakes League schools at Ross. Estrada's time of 10.5 seconds was a tenth of a second better than Lather's school-record 10.6

■ More track, B3

High School Boys

Ross 90, Fostoria 42

Field events

Shot put: 1-Brandon Willer (R) 42-4, 2-Keith Decker (R) 41-1; Discus: 1-Josh Clabaugh (R) 123-8, 2-Brandon Willer (R) 122-10; High jump: 1-Guerra (F) 5-10, 2-Josh Clabaugh (R) 5-6; Long jump: 1-Estrada (F) 22-0, 2-Jason Lather (R) 20-9; Pole vault: 1-Melvin Rusch (R) 12-8, 2-Doogs (F) 12-6.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross (Dane Snyder, Kurt Snyder, Jeremiah Wagner, Jeremiah Smith) 10:41, 2-Fostoria 11:0; hurdles: 1-Galloway (F) 15.84, 2-Jeremiah Cutcher (R) 16.47, 100: 1-Estrada (F) 10.5, 2-Lather (R) 10.6, 1600: 1-D. Snyder (R) 4:56, 2-Clint Hill (R) 5:00.8, 4x100: 1-Fostoria 45.9, 2-Ross 48.78; 400: 1-Nate Rhodes (R) 53.6, 2-Tim Leeth (R) 56.75, 300 hurdles: 1-Galloway (F) 42.5, 2-Sean Sprouse (R) 44.06; 800: 1-D. Snyder (R) 2:12, 2-Smith (R) 2:13, 200: 1-Estrada (F) 21.9, 2-Lather (R) 22.69; 3200: 1-Wagner (R) 10:55, 2-Doug Jibilian (R) 11:23, 4x400: 1-Ross (Sprouse, Leeth, Lather, Rhodes) 3:41, 2-Fostoria

High School Girls

Ross 80, Fostoria 51

Field events

Shot put: 1-Tirzah Hale (R) 30-5 1/4, 2-Duckett (F) 29-10; Discus: 1-Katie Hirt (R) 88-5, 2-Duckett (F) 88-3 1/4; High jump: 1-Shannon Heidleburg (R) 5-0, 2-Lisa Elder (R) 4-10; Long jump: 1-Myers (F) 14-11, 2-Marci Reibolt (R) 14-8.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross (Heather Mears, Aqua Yost, Grace Durnell, Sarah Williams) 10:49, 2-Fostoria 11:45, 100 hurdles: 1-Michelle Jenkins (R) 16.68, 2-Harley (F) 17.66; 100: 1-Barfield (F) 12.63, 2-Tucker (F) 13.31; 1600: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 5:45, 2-Carey Gill (R) 6:03.75; 4x100: 1-Fostoria 53.1, 2-Ross 53.74; 4x200: 1-Fostoria 1:54, 2-Ross 1:54.39; 400: 1-Fairley (F) 1:06, 2-Heather Mears (R) 1:06.57; 300 hurdles: 1-Michelle Jenkins (R) 52.3, 2-Annie Mears (R) 53.35; 800: 1-Sara Williams (R) 2:39, 2-Carey Gill (R) 2:43.03; 200: 1-Barfield (F) 26.7, 2-McComber (F) 27.22; 3200: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 12:45, 2-Monica Wood (R) 13:43; 4x400: 1-Ross (Williams, Gill, Reinbolt, Mears) 4:27.75, 2-Fostoria 4:28.28.

Ross boys win Hendricks Invitational

■ Margaretta 1st:

The Polar Bears took a girls title at Clyde High School.

By DUANE SMITH
Staff correspondent

CLYDE — An Ashland mishap allowed the Fremont Ross boys track and field team to repeat as champion of the A.W. Hendricks Track Invitational Saturday at Clyde High School.

Ross trailed Ashland by four points in the Division I team standings entering the final event — the 4x400 relay.

The Arrows' number two runner bumped the Ross runner, dropping the baton. The miscue kept Ashland from scoring in the event, while the Little Giants placed third to win the team title with 76 points to Ashland's 74.

"I can't complain at all. I'll take it," Ross coach John Elder said. "I'd like to have beaten Ashland head to head (in the relay) but that's (the dropped baton) part of track."

New London in Division II also repeated as champ as did Margaretta in the Division II girls meet. The lone new champion was Toledo Central Catholic, which replaced Sandusky as champ in girls Division I.

"I was impressed with our two-milers," Elder said. "They had to go right into the wind for eight laps. It (the wind) was a killer. The kids had to stand outside in it...then having to run in it...it takes a lot out of you."

Jeremiah Wagner finished second for Ross in the 3200 run. His time of 10:52.6 trailed only Zach Allen of Tiffin Columbian.

Grace Durnell, meanwhile, highlighted the efforts of the Ross girls by winning the 3200 in 12:23.9.

Individually, a Little Giant also repeated as the outstanding performer in boy's Division I. Jason Lather earned the honor after breaking his own meet record by a half second in the 200-meter dash (22.2 seconds) and tying the 100-meter dash record of 10.9 set last year by Clyde's Jason Barr.

Lather also scored points in the long jump, taking fourth.

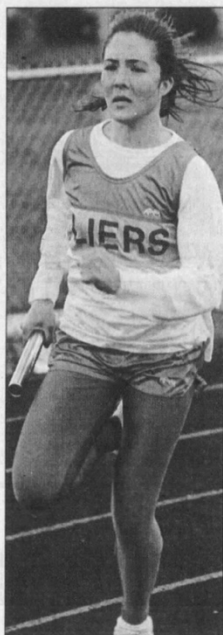
Last season, Tyrone Price of Ross shared the outstanding performer award with Clyde's Andy Madell.

Barr, second to Lather in the 100 this year, won the 400 dash in 54.7. It was the first time Barr has run the 400 in competition, and he beat Nate Rhodes of Ross by sixth tenths of a second.

"We put Barr in the 400 dash, and we figured he'd score for us," Clyde coach Mark Martin said.

Barr also placed third in the 200 and anchored Clyde's winning 4x100 relay, which also included Gregg Aldrich, Brian Myers and Aaron Wilson, as the Fliers placed fifth among Division I boys teams with 52 points.

Clyde's girls, meanwhile, placed second in the girls Division



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

DANE SNYDER (right) of Fremont Ross leads the field through the 1600-meter run Saturday at the A.W. Hendricks Invitational at Clyde High School. Snyder finished third in the event with a time of 4:54.4, but the Little Giants won the Division I team championship. Wendy Thompson (above) of Clyde runs the first leg of the 4x200 relay. Thompson helped the Fliers finish second to Sandusky in the event with a time of 1:57.2. Clyde finished second to Toledo Central Catholic in the team standings in Division I.

sion I standings. The Fliers' 76 points trailed Central Catholic by 30.

Lisa Keegan and Shanna Gill led the Fliers. Keegan won the high jump by clearing 4 feet, 10 inches. Gill, with a time of 1:08, tied for first place in the 400 dash with Angel Collins of Toledo St. Ursula.

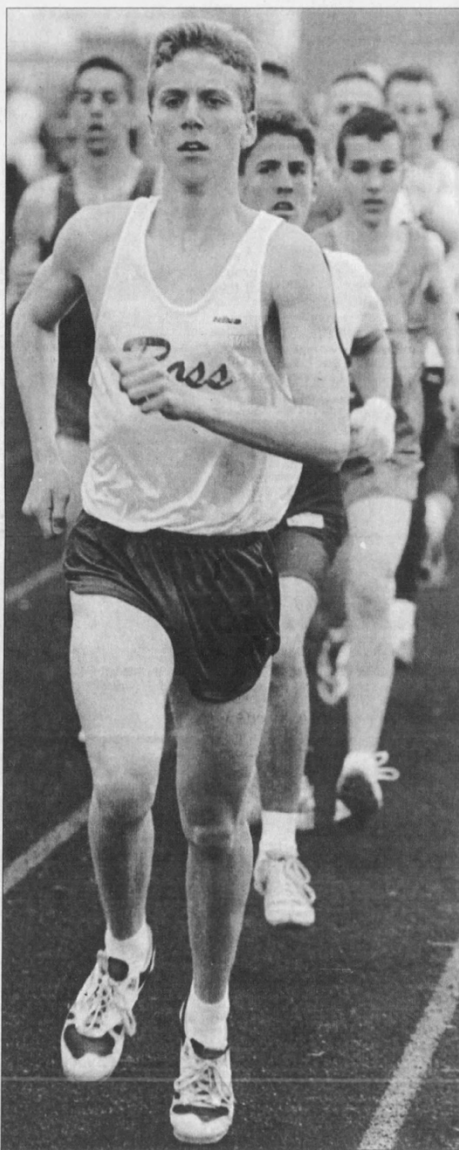
Led by outstanding performer Andrea Lindsley, Margaretta won the Division II girls meet with 74 points.

Lindsley won the 100 hurdles (15.7), anchored the winning 4x100 relay, took first in the 300 hurdles (50.0) and won the 200 dash (25.8).

Woodmore compiled 48 points for second place.

Rachel Harder of Woodmore ran second to Lindsley in the 100 hurdles.

Central Catholic's Stephanie Heidt was named outstanding performer in Division I after jumping 16-6 to set a meet record in the long jump. Michelle Schnurr of Clyde set the previous record of 16-1' in 1988.



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

Woodmore's Gardner makes one jump count, for top performer award

By DUANE SMITH
Staff correspondent

CLYDE — The fourth time was charmed for Woodmore's Trent Gardner in the long jump Saturday at the A.W. Hendricks Invitational at Clyde High School.

"Trent was first in the long jump and I was kind of surprised because he had fouls in his first three jumps," Woodmore coach Mark Yoder said. "In the fourth jump he took off a foot and a half from the board. The board is about eight inches (across). If he'd have hit the board just right, he could've carried another two feet."

Gardner's jump of 20 feet, one-half inch was two inches longer than the best by runner-up Wayne Durrah of Sandusky.

The award for Gardner's efforts? The award for being the outstanding performer among Division II boys.

Gardner also placed second in the 300 hurdles, finishing in 44.1 seconds to place behind Nick Pinski of Toledo Central Catholic.

Woodmore finished a distant second to Division II team champ New London, which amassed 71 points. The Wildcats finished with 20.

Track

High School Boys

A.W. Hendricks Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS

Division I		Division II	
Ross	76	New London	71
Ashland	74	Woodmore	20
Columbian	63	Eastwood	15
Sandusky	55	Margaretta	14
Clyde	52	Cardinal Stritch	6
C. Catholic	31	St. Wendelin	2
Shelby	17		

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Field events

High jump: 1-Anthony Ott (TC) 6-3 1/2, 2-Josh Claybaugh (R) 6-0, 3-Hans Smith (TC) 5-10, 4-(tie) Mike Lantz (Sh) and Wes Burroughs (C) 5-8, 6-Aaron Hall (C) 5-8.

Long jump: 1-Trent Gardner (W) 20-1/2, 2-Wayne Durrah (Sa), 19-10 1/2, 3-Jameson Miller (E) 19-10, 4-Jason Lather (R) 19-10, 5-Haris Smith (TC) 19-6 1/2, 6-Milton Mines (Sa) 19-2.

Shot put: 1-Jon Overmyer (A) 48-9 1/2, 2-Adam Roeder (NL) 46-7, 3-Phil Daniels (NL) 46-2, 4-Mike Santus (E) 43-10, 5-Jarrad Jones (Sh) 42-9 1/2, 6-Shane Fox (Sa) 42-7 1/2.

Discus: 1-Adam Roeder (NL) 156-5, 2-Jon Overmyer (A) 150-1, 3-Ed Alexander (Sa) 138-8, 4-Jon Kline (TC) 130-2, 5-Andy Bonnette (C) 130-1, 6-Mike Santus (E) 126-9.

Pole vault: 1-Jeremy Lynch (TC) 13-6, 2-Greg Steelt (A) 13-0, 3-Scott Papay (Sh) 12-6, 4-Brian Perrine (TC) 12-0, 5-Jared Overmyer (W) 11-6.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ashland 8:43.8, 2-New London 8:44.5, 3-Ross 8:47.0, 4-Clyde 8:53, 5-St. Wendelin 9:09, 6-Shelby 9:34.

110 hurdles: 1-Matt Davidson (NL) 15.3, 2-Phil Mines (Sa) 15.5, 3-Aaron Wilson (C) 16.0, 4-Jeremy Lynch (TC) 16.1, 5-Jerry Cutcher (R) 16.3, 6-Jamie Howard (M) 16.8.

100: 1-Jason Lather (R) 10.9, 2-Jason Barr (C) 11.0, 3-Steve Howard (M) 11.1, 4-Rudy Mathews (CC) 11.2, 5-Gregg Aldrich (C) 11.3, 6-Leandre Moore (Sa) 11.3.

1600: 1-Shawn Fick (A) 4:46.6, 2-Abe Dvorak (NL) 4:53.3, 3-Dane Snyder (R) 4:54.4, 4-Jason Whitesel (A) 4:56.3, 5-Keith Landis (NL) 4:58.3, 6-Ramin Razavi (TC) 4:59.2.

4x100: 1-Clyde 46.2, 2-C. Catholic 46.8, 3-Sandusky 47.0, Columbian 47.8, 5-Margaretta 47.9, 6-New London 48.8.

400: 1-Jason Barr (C) 54.7, 2-Nate Rhodes (R) 55.3, 3-Greg Peugeot (Sa) 55.4, 4-James Miller (E) 55.5, 5-Joe Gioffredo (M) 56.3, 6-Tim Leeth (R) 56.4.

300 hurdles: 1-Nick Pinski (CC) 42.7, 2-Trent Gardner (W) 44.1, 3-Justin Hutchins (A) 44.2, 4-Sean Sprouse (R) 45.5, 5-Matt Davidson (NL) 45.7, 6-Derrick Rumschlog (TC) 46.4.

800: 1-Bobby Hunter (NL) 2:10.4, 2-Karl Simpleton (A) 2:11.9, 3-Frank Liller (CS) 2:12.0, 4-Kelth Landas (NL) 2:15.7, 5-Kurt Snyder (R) 2:15.9, 6-Nathan Buzard (Sh) 2:16.5.

200: Jason Lather (R) 22.2, 2-Leandre More (Sa) 22.4, 3-Jason Barr (C) 22.8, 4-Gregg Aldrich (C) 23.1, 5-Steve Howard (M) 23.2, 6-Rudy Mathews (CC) 23.4.

3200: Zach Allen (TC) 10:45.8, 2-Jeremiah Wagner (R) 10:52.6, 3-Dave Anderson (A) 10:54.6, 4-David Proano (A) 10:55.2, 5-Nate Huss (TC) 11:05.8, 6-Jim Baies (M) 11:09.6.

4x400: 1-Sandusky 3:48.9, 2-C. Catholic 3:51.7, 3-Ross 3:52.2, 4-Shelby 3:56, 5-New London 3:58.3, 6-Columbian 3:58.9.

High School Girls

A.W. Hendricks Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS

Division I		Division II	
C. Catholic	106	Margaretta	74
Clyde	76	Woodmore	48
Sandusky	65	Stritch	10
Columbian	44	Eastwood	6
Ross	30	St. Wendelin	2 1/2
Shelby	18	New London	0
St. Ursula	11 1/2		
Ashland	1		

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Field events

High jump: Lisa Keegan (C) 4-10, 2-(tie) Lisa Elder (R) and Dana Windisch (M) 4-8, 4-(tie) Amber Roberts (Sa) and Christa Couch (M) 4-8, 6-Shannon Heidelberg (R) 4-8.

Long jump: 1-Stephanie Heldt (CC) 16-6, 2-Jaime Walters (CS) 15-5 1/2, 3-Kim Jameson (CC) 15-2 1/2, 4-Amanda Roberts (Sa) 15-1/4, 5-Jenny Lidke (M) 14-9 1/2, 6-Jamie Gearheart (M) 14-9 1/2.

Shot put: 1-Roberta Collins (Sa) 40-1/2, 2-Brandi Potter (Sh) 36-7, 3-Lisa Keegan (C) 36-5, 4-Barbie Metzger (Sh) 32-11, 5-Robin Schreiner (CC) 31-4 1/2, 6-Tirzah Hale (R) 30-2 1/2.

Discus: 1-Roberta Collins (Sa) 115-8, 2-Robin Schreiner (CC) 106-7, 3-Sarah Hamilton (M) 100-5, 4-Gabby Highlander (M) 97-7, 5-Lisa Keegan (C) 97-0, 6-Brandi Potter (Sh) 96-8.

Track events

4x800: 1-C. Catholic 10:19.4, 2-Columbian 10:28.3, 3-Woodmore 10:36, 4-Clyde 10:48, 5-Eastwood 10:59.2, 6-Margaretta 11:01.9.

100 hurdles: 1-Andrea Lindsley (M) 15.7, 2-Rachel Harder (W) 16.5, 3-Tara Wilson (C) 16.9, 4-Mandy DeMonte (TC) 16.9, 5-Denise Robinson (C) 16.9, 6-Michelle Jenkins (R) 17.1.

100: 1-Lynette Price (Sa) 12.7, 2-Alysia Madrigot (Sa) 12.8, 3-Kathryn Earley (CC) 13.2, 4-Katie Hoffman (M) 13.3, 5-Shannon Heidelberg (R) 13.4, 6-Beth Thalman (Sh) 13.5.

4x200: 1-Sandusky 1:56.1, 2-Clyde 1:57.2, 3-Woodmore 1:57.7, 4-C. Catholic 1:58.7, 5-Margaretta 2:01.0, 6-St. Ursula 2:01.2.

1600: 1-Lindsay Cook (TC) 5:41.3, 2-Kelly Taylor (C) 5:43.5, 3-Christine Weiher 5:44, 4-Stacy Heins (W) 5:49, 5-Lindsay Hamilton (W) 5:53.5, 6-Breanna Hendricks (CC) 5:56.4.

4x100: 1-Margaretta 54.1, 2-Sandusky 54.6, 3-C. Catholic 54.7, 4-Shelby 55.5, 5-Ross 55.6, 6-Clyde 56.0.

400: 1-(tie) Shanna Gill (C) and Angel Collins (SU) 1:08, 3-Kelly Skeels (C) 1:08.5, 4-Stacy Foster (TC) 1:08.7, 5-Elle Kanipe (W) 1:09, 6-Angie Michael (W) 1:10.3.

300 hurdles: 1-Andrea Lindsley (M) 50.0, 2-Gail Walton (CC) 52.9, 3-Amber Roberts (Sa) 53.3, 4-Rachel Harder (W) 53.8, 5-Tara Wilson (C) 54.2, 6-Eric Coleman (SW) 54.5.

200: 1-Andrea Lindsley (M) 25.8, 2-Stephanie Heldt (CC) 25.9, 3-Kim Jameson (CC) 27.2, 4-Lynette Price (Sa) 27.3, 5-Kelly Kamann (CS) 27.4, 6-Beth Burre (A) 27.5.

800: 1-Gretchen Weikes (CC) 2:36.8, 2-Cathy Blondo (CC) 2:45, 3-Liz Snyder (E) 2:46, 4-Sara Williams (R) 2:47.8, 5-Stacy Heins (W) 2:48.2, 6-Andrea Jensen (W) 2:48.3.

3200: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 12:23.9, 2-Kelly Taylor (C) 12:26.4, 3-Lindsay Hamilton (W) 12:51, 4-Becky Riggle (M) 12:52.2, 5-Brittany Faris (TC) 12:58, 6-Mandy Muren (CC) 13:06.5.

4x400: 1-C. Catholic 4:35.6, 2-Columbian 4:37.7, 3-Woodmore 4:43, 4-Clyde 4:45, 5-St. Wendelin 4:47.8, 6-St. Ursula 4:47.8.

Durnell breaks Ritzman's mark in 3200

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — It was Grace Durnell's turn to set a Fremont Ross record Saturday. The senior distance runner ran the 3200 in 11 minutes, 50.5 seconds at the Bill Krause Relays in Tiffin to lower Amy Ritzman's 1990 record by 8.5 seconds.

The Little Giants placed fifth, matching a fifth-place finish by the Ross boys. The girls compiled 82 points to trail team champ Sandusky Perkins by 35, while the boys had 59 points to trail team champ Worthington Kilbourne by 59.

The Ross girls high jump team of Shannon Heidelberg, Tori Kille and Lisa Elder finished first with a combined effort of 14-4. The Little Giants' other first was by Sara Williams, who ran the 800 in 2:29.4.

"It was a good meet for the girls," Ross coach John Elder said. "Much better than last week (at the A.W. Hendricks at Clyde)."

Jason Lather, who set the Ross record in the 100 earlier this season, set a meet record in the event Saturday with the same time of 10.6.

Lather later added a victory in the 200 dash, combined with Dana Walker and Nate Rhodes for a fourth-place finish in the long jump, and ran the third leg on the third-place 4x400 squad.

"Jason, as usual, put in an ironman effort," Elder said. "He is running great."

Lather ran the 200 in 22.4, and the long jump trio totaled 56 feet, 3 1/4 inches. Sean Sprouse, Tim Leeth and Rhodes combined with Lather to finish in 3:33.

Jeremiah Wagner, meanwhile, added a personal best in the 3200, finishing third in 9:54.1.

Little Giants lose first boys dual meet

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Toledo Whitmer's boys outscored Fremont Ross 32-1 in a pair of field events and two running events and handed the Little Giants their first dual meet loss 71-61 Tuesday at the Ross High School track.

Ross, 5-1 and 4-1 in the Great Lakes League, fell short in the pole vault, high jump, 110 hurdles and 4x100 relay. The Panthers took the top three spots in the high jump, pole vault and the hurdles and won the 4x100.

"We can't win doing that," Ross coach John Elder said, "but in the other areas, it was a good meet for us."

The Little Giants swept one event, the 3200 run, as Jeremiah Wagner won in 16:17. Dane Snyder was second and Doug Jibilian third for Ross.

Jason Lather won the 100 and 200 dashes for Ross to go with a third in the long jump.

In the girls meet, Whitmer won the final event, the 4x400 relay,

to nip Ross 67-61. The loss dropped the Little Giants to 4-2 and 3-2 in the GLL.

"It was a great dual meet," Elder said.

Grace Durnell and Michelle Jenkins were doubles winners for Ross. Durnell doubled up in the distance events, while Jenkins won the hurdles events. Durnell won the 1600 in 5:30.7 and took the 3200 in 12:06.

In other meets: Lakota defeated Northwood 101-27 in a girls Suburban Lakes League meet, while the Raiders won the boys meet 73-59.

The Lakota girls won 12 of the 16 events, including Christina Rickard's wins in the 100 and 400 dashes. The Raiders swept the top three spots in the 100 and 300 hurdles and the high jump.

Ben Quaintance and Kurt Billow won twice each for the Lakota boys. Quaintance led the 100 and 200 and Billow won the shot put and discus.

Track and Field

Ottawa County Meet

Oak Harbor boys and girls track teams retained their stronghold on the Ottawa County Championship Traveling Trophy Tuesday with their 12th straight team championship at the 83rd Annual Ottawa County Track and Field Meet.

Oak Harbor won the boys'

events with 92 points, followed by Port Clinton with 69, Genoa 42 and Danbury 41. The Rockets' girls had 98 points while the Redskins had 69 and Danbury and Genoa 42; and 30⁺, respectively.

The meet champion is determined by combining the boys and girls scores. Oak Harbor finished with 190, Port Clinton 138, Danbury 83⁺ and Genoa 72⁺.

Oak Harbor's Kelly Harder

was also a double winner in the girls' meet, taking the 200 and 400 dashes. She also ran on the Rockets' winning 4x400 relay team.

Double winners among boys included Oak Harbor's Nate Noggle in the 110 and 300 hurdles.

Woodmore-Otsego

Woodmore's girls rolled to a 101-26 victory in the SLL meet.

Rachel Harder won the 100 and 300 hurdles plus the 400 dash for

the Wildcats. Angie Michael took the long jump and 300 hurdles, also for Woodmore.

The Wildcat boys topped the Knights 72-60.

Jared Overmyer set a school and Woodmore field record, highlighting the win with a pole vault of 13-7.

Trent Gardner won the long jump and 300 hurdles for Woodmore.

Sandusky beats Ross in sectional

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Sandusky rocked Ryan Smith for 10 runs on nine hits in 3⁺ innings and defeated Fremont Ross 12-9 Tuesday in a Division I sectional tournament game at Sandusky's Jaycee Park.

Ross, 6-9, led 7-6 when Sandusky, 5-9, scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth and two in the fifth.

The Little Giants collected 14 hits, including three each by Shane Moran and Tyler Tooman, but committed five errors.

Ryan Shively drove in four runs for Ross, and Smith had a home run among two hits and scored three runs.

Todd Kaufman earned a complete-game victory.

Sandusky will meet second-seeded Ashland Friday for the sectional title.

Cavs fall in overtime

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with two minutes left in overtime of what turned out to be the last game at Richfield Coliseum. The Cavs are moving to an arena adjacent to the Cleveland Indians' Jacobs Field next season.

"If we had our big guns, I think we would have won the series," Mills said. "Tonight, all the guys just gave it their all."

"They had a lot of height on us."

them up 83-75 with seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, but they went scoreless for the final four minutes, letting Cleveland tie it on Mills' two free throws with 1:45 left.

The Cavaliers thought they had it won in regulation when Wilkins got pushed out of bounds by Pete Myers with three-tenths of a second left on the clock.

High School Boys

Whitmer 71, Ross 61

Field events

Shot put: 1-Keth Decker (R) 41-10¹/₄, 2-Brandon Willer (R) 41-1/2, 3-Cutcher (W) 40-2; Discus: 1-Josh Clabaugh (R) 140-2¹/₂, 2-B. Willer (R) 130-2, 3-Cutcher (W) 124-3; High jump: 1-Williams (W) 6-2, 2-Gardner (W) & Harmon (W) 6-0; Long jump: 1-Williams (W) 19-1¹/₂, 2-Walker (R) 18-10, 3-Jason Lather (R) 18-10; Pole vault: 1-Wiskochow (W) 13-0, 2-Ringlein (W) 12-6, 3-Mlynerek (W) 12-6.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross 8:25.28, 2-Whitmer 8:29.0; 110 hurdles: 1-Gardner (W) 15.8, 2-Wiskochy (W) 15.81, 3-Harmon (W) 16.53; 100: 1-Lather (R) 11.25, 2-Smith (W) 11.47, Williams (W) 11.63; 1600: 1-Johnson (W) 4:39, 2-Dane Snyder (R) 4:40, 3-Krumnow (R) 4:49; 4x100: 1-Whitmer 44.97, 2-Ross 47.43; 400: 1-Lehaney (W) 53.0, 2-Nate Rhodes (R) 53.1, 3-Tim Leeth (R) 53.62; 300 hurdles: 1-Harmon (W) 42.34, 2-Oliver (W) 43.00, 3-Sean Sprouse (R) 43.28; 800: 1-Mishka (W) 2:05.07, 2-Kurt Snyder (R) 2:05.8, 3-Calfee (W) 2:08.53; 200: 1-Lather (R) 23.03, 2-Smith (W) 23.72, 3-William (W) 23.75; 3200: 1-Jeremiah Wagner (R) 10:17.0, 2-D. Snyder (R) 10:28.0, 3-Doug Jibilian (R) 10:41.0; 4x400: 1-Ross 3:37.0, 2-Whitmer 3:44.0.

High School Girls

Whitmer 67, Ross 61

Field events

Shot put: 1-Gurrell (W) 38-4 3/4, 2-Tirzah Hale (R) 33-4, 3-Jakubowski (W) 30-7.
Discus: 1-Gurrell (W) 119-7, 2-Pietras (W) 94-0, 3-Jackabuski (W) 88-10; High jump:
1-Sulzer (W) 5-2, 2-Sabecki (W) 4-10, 3-Tori Kille (F) & Shannon Heidelberg (R); Long
jump: 1-Lisa Elder (R) 14-8, 2-Stafker (W) 13-10 1/4, 3-Wagner (W) 13-3.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross 10:29.03, 2-Whitmer 10:36.0; 100 hurdles: 1-Michelle Jenkins (R)
17.81, 2-Stalker (W) 18.25, 3-Kristen Eppley (R) 18.31; 100: 1-Wagner (W) 13.75, 2-
Heidelberg (R) 13.87, 3-Martha Huffman (R) 14.32; 4x200: 1-Ross 1:52.2, 2-Whitmer;
1600: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 5:30.7, 2-Benner (W) 5:53.0, 3-Duszynski (W) 6:00.0;
4x100: 1-Whitmer 52.91, 2-Ross 52.94; 400: 1-Huffman (R) 1:05.7, 2-Raz (W)
1:08.37, 3-Leslie Hasselbach (R) 1:08.75; 300 hurdles: 1-Jenkins (R) 51.9, 2-Craw-
ford 52.97, 3-Gladieux (W) 53.75; 800: 1-Sara Williams (R) 2:38.7, 2-Ledzianowski
(W) 2:40.37, 3-Currie (W) 2:40.97; 200: 1-Garcia (W) 27.41, 2-Shante Flores (R)
28.38, 3-Sabecki (W) 29.25; 3200: 1-Durnell (R) 12:06.0, 2-Gill (R) 12:34.0, 3-Collben
(W) 12:55.0; 4x400: 1-Whitmer 4:25.0, 2-Ross 4:27.0.

Ross boys, girls second at Galion

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Fremont Ross placed second in the boys and girls divisions of the Galion Invitational Friday night.

Lexington edged the Boys 97-94, while the girls scores 117 points to trail team champion Mansfield by six.

Jason Lather won the 100-meter dash for Ross in 11 seconds, with teammate Nate Rhodes finishing second in 11.2.

Lather, though, cramped up after the race and Ross coach John Elder held him out of the rest of the meet.

Jeremiah Wagner won the 3200 run for Ross in 10 minutes, 6.5 seconds.

The Little Giants also won the 4x800 relay in 8:32.1, and their 4x100 relay placed second with a personal best time of 46.4.

Grace Durnell won two events for the Ross girls, taking first in the 1600 run in 5:31.5 and winning the 3200 in 12:08.8.

Lisa Elder added a first-place finish in the long jump, leaping 16 feet, 2¹/₄ inches.

The Ross girls also fared well in the relays, winning the 4x200

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in 1:52.2 and placing second in the 4x100 and 4x800.

In one other meet:

Old Fort triangular

Old Fort's boys scored 74 points to 70¹/₂ for Danbury and 16¹/₂ for Bettsville.

In the girls meet, Danbury scored 72¹/₂ points, Old Fort had 57 and Bettsville had 30¹/₂.

The Stockaders won 10 events in the boys meet, including two by Brock Cleveland (1600 and 3200), Scott Rohlf (110 and 300 hurdles), Keith Franklin (100 and 200) and Scott Wilkinson (shot put and discus).

Greg Byrne won the long jump for the Stockaders, who also took first in the 4x800 relay.

Bettsville's Beth Riley won three events in the girls meet, finishing first in the 800, 1600 and 3200.

Old Fort got wins from Clara Caudill in the long jump, Jenni Meeker in the 100 and Bridget Seigley in the 200.

The Stockaders also won the 4x100 relay.

Galion Invitational

Team standings

1-Lexington 97, 2-Ross 94, 3-Galion 84, 4-Marion 44, 5-Ashland 13.

Field events

Shot put: 1-M. Simmons (L) 48-5, 2-Jon Court (G) 46-1, 3-Nate Keib (G) 45-9;
Discus: 1-N. Keib (G) 151-0, 2-Josh Clabaugh (R) 135-11, 3-Brandon Willer (R) 132-7;
Long jump: 1-Ben Jewell (A) 20-1, 2-Dana Walker (R) 19-10, 3-M. Hoffman (L) 18-4;
High jump: 1-M. Mekkelson (Mar) 6-2, 2-C. Collier (L) 6-0, 3-Clabaugh (R) 5-10;
Pole vault: 1-J. Buckley (L) 12-0, 2-M. Seevers (G) 12-0, 3-J. Webb (Mar) 12-0.

Track events

4x800: 1-Ross 8:32.1, 2-Lexington 8:35.0, 3-Galion 8:45.6; 110 hurdles: 1-M. Logan (Mar) 15.3, 2-B. Oktavec (L) 15.6, 3-M. Mikkelsen (Mar) 15.9; 100: 1-Jason Lather (R) 11.0, 2-Nate Rhodes (R) 11.2, 3-A. Thorne (L) 11.5; 1600: 1-J. Kindell (G) 4:34.5, 2-Dane Snyder (R) 4:38.9, 3-J. Hiatt (G); 4x100: 1-Lexington 45.0, 2-Ross 46.4, 3-Galion 47.4; 400: 1-P. Simmons (L) 51.0, 2-M. Ault (G) 51.5, 3-Rhodes (R) 52.5; 300 hurdles: 1-M. Mikkelsen (Mar) 40.3, 2-G. Timmer (L) 42.2, 3-Sean Sprouse (R) 42.5; 200: 1-Lyons (G) 23.0, 2-Simmons (L) 23.6, 3-Hoffman (L) 23.6; 800: 1-J. Kindell (G) 2:00.9, 2-Kurt Snyder (R) 2:05.3, 3-J. Jordan (Mar) 2:06.2; 3200: 1-Jeremiah Wagner (R) 10:06.5, 2-Hiatt (G) 10:08.7, 3-Domyan (L) 10:14.1; 4x400: 1-Lexington 3:30.4, 2-Ross 3:30.4, 3-Galion 3:35.2.

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Team standings

1-Mansfield 123, 2-Ross 117, 3-Lexington 111, 4-Galion 65, 5-Marion 43, 6-Ashland 28.

Field events

Shot put: 1-Lavonda Nettles (Man) 32-7, 2-Trisha Coning (L) 32-4, 3-Tirzah Hale (R) 32-2; Discus: 1-Jill Ernsberger (L) 111-5, 2-Jenny Lemke (G) 97-3, 3-Coning (L) 96-0; Long jump: 1-Lisa Elder (R) 16-2, 2-C. Caldwell (Man) 15-8, 3-Joi Reinking (G) 14-8; High jump: 1-Cari Early (G) 4-10, 2-Elder (R) 4-10, 3-Shannon Heidelberg (R) 4-8.

Track events

4x800: 1-Lexington 10:09.2, 2-Ross 10:21.6, 3-Ashland 10:31.5; 100 hurdles: 1-Stacey Keosh (L) 16.2, 2-Jaime Wells (G) 16.9, 3-Michelle Jenkins (R) 17.1; 100: 1-Teaka Davis (Man) 13.0, 2-Kelly Slone (L) 13.3, 3-Heidelberg (R) 13.3; 4x200: 1-Ross 1:52.3, 2-Mansfield 1:52.3, 3-Ashland 1:54.0; 1600: 1-Grace Durnell (R) 5:31.5, 2-Allison Hohenberger (Man) 5:33.7, 3-Amy Gilewicz (Mar) 5:38.7; 4x100: 1-Mansfield 50.7, 2-Ross 52.5, 3-Lexington 53.4; 400: 1-Jessica Musche (L) 1:04.4, 2-Natalie Brewer (L) 1:04.7, 3-Dameka Howard (Man) 1:06.9; 300 hurdles: 1-Jaime Wells (G) 47.7, 2-Pooh Jackson (Mar) 49.0, 3-Jenkins (R) 50.5; 200: 1-Davis (Man) 26.3, 2-Jones (Man) 27.0, 3-Slone (L) 27.2; 800: 1-Gilewicz (Mar) 2:22.9, 2-Link (Man) 2:24.6, 3-Kleike (L) 2:29.4; 3200: 1-Durnell (R) 12:08.8, 2-Hokenberger (Man) 12:13.2, 3-Gill (R) 12:20.5; 4x400: 1-Mansfield 4:17.0, 2-Lexington 4:19.5, 3-Fremont 4:21.9.

Ross topples Northview twice

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Jason Barr won the 100 and 200, and Andy Bonnette took first in the shot put and discus for Clyde. The Fliers also swept the relays.

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Lakota triangular

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4 athletes win Ross honors

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Aaron Smith, Jason Lather, Grace Durnell and Aleks Ripple won most valuable honors at the Fremont Ross Spring Sports Award Program Tuesday night.

Members of the baseball, boys and girls track and field teams and the boys tennis team were honored. The date of the awards program for the softball team is yet to be set.

Smith, a senior, won the MVP for coach Dan Fought's baseball team. The most

improved player was senior Jeremy Aldrich, junior Gary Rakes won the gold glove award as the best defensive player and junior Tyler Tooman and sophomore Tim Rakes won the coaches award.

Lather and Durnell were named the most valuable performers for the track teams. Lather is a sophomore and Durnell a senior.

For the boys track team, coach John Elder presented the most improved performer award to junior Nate Rhodes while freshman Josh Clabaugh was named the outstanding performer in field events.

The outstanding runner was senior Tim Leeth, who also received a captain's award along with Melvin Rusch.

For the girls, Carey Gill was most improved and Tirzah Hales won the outstanding performer award in the field events. Senior Michelle Jenkins was named the outstanding runner and she also received a captain's trophy along with Heather Mears.

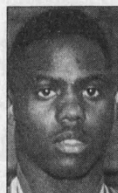
Ripple, a senior, won the MVP honor in tennis. He also received a captain's trophy along with Nathan Sachs, and coach Craig Kachmarik presented the most improved award to Sachs.



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