

At Marion Harding

Veterans Dot Little Giants' Opening Day Track Lineup

Fremont Ross track and field coach Ron Brant will field a veteran lineup when the Little Giants open the 1971 season at Marion Harding's all-weather track Thursday.

Brant will have 14 lettermen in the lineup from last year's squad that compiled a 5-3 dual meet record, placed fourth in the Buckeye Conference meet and won the annual Fremont Night Relays.

The list of returnees includes 10 seniors — Bill Burkett, John Heidelberg, Chuck Miller, Tom Nighswander, Chuck Price, Mike Ruland, Bruce Schneider, Earl Smith, Mike Tooman and Al Widman.

Also in the lineup will be four juniors — Chuck Celek, Tom Liggins, Kim Michael and Kirt Stout — who lettered as sophomores.

"Our veterans have displayed real good leadership in

practice," Brant said Wednesday. "It helps to have 75 per cent of our boys back from last season. We are hoping for a good year."

"The meet with Harding is important. They beat us 86-41 last season. A good showing is awful important for us if we hope to achieve some of our goals this season."

Ross will have at least one veteran in every event but the 120-yard high hurdles and long jump. Winning berths on the high hurdles team for the opening meet are three sophomores — Tom Price, Ken Price and Julius Simms.

"Those three have looked good in practice and turned in some good times," Brant said. "I hope they can keep doing the same in actual competition."

Other sophomores who have earned opening day assignments

are Rob Lytle, Steve Young, Tom Pitts, Rob Stierwalt, Dave Damschroder and Bob Koebel.

The Little Giants appear to be especially strong in the field events. Two shot putters, Miller and Liggins, competed in the regional meet last year. Discus thrower Tom Nighswander also traveled to the regional meet.

Miller also competes in the discus. Koebel will be the third entrant in the shot put and discus.

The pole vault and high jump also have two veterans. Tooman and Schneider will be joined by John Werling in the pole vault and Michael and Celek will compete in the high jump with Pitts.

Competing in the long jump will be seniors John Lewis and Dave Kridler and junior Chris Widman.

"I think we should be able to

do fairly well in the field events," Brant said. "Those veterans have a year of practice and the sophomores have been turning in some good efforts in practice."

Ross also has its bright spots in the track events. Big things are expected from senior Earl Smith in the 880-yard run. Smith, who placed eighth in the state meet last spring, holds the Harmon Stadium record for the event and already cracked it in practice this year.

In most of the running events, Ross will field at least two letterwinners. The mile relay team has only one change from last season. Chris Widman, the newcomer, will join Bill Burkett, Claude Price and Smith.

The tentative starting lineup:

TRACK EVENTS

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — Tom Price (Soph), Ken Price (Soph) and Julius Simms (Soph).

100-YARD DASH — Tom Liggins (Jr.), Rob Lytle (Soph) and John Heidelberg (Sr).

MILE RUN — Joe Widman (Sr), Chris Widman (Jr) and Steve Young (Soph).

880-YARD RELAY — John Heidelberg (Sr), Rob Lytle

(Soph), Tom Liggins (Jr) and Al Sewell (Sr).

440-YARD DASH — Bill Burkett (Sr), Claude Price (Sr) and Tom Pitts (Soph).

180-YARD LOW HURDLES — Mike Ruland (Sr), Mark Shimer (Sr) and Julius Simms (Soph) or Ken Price (Soph).

880-YARD RUN — Earl Smith (Sr), Joe Widman (Sr) and Rob Stierwalt (Soph).

220-YARD DASH — John Heidelberg (Sr), Rob Lytle (Soph) and Al Sewell (Sr).

TWO MILE RUN — Al Widman (Sr), Kirk Stout (Jr) and Dave Damschroder (Soph).

MILE RELAY — Bill Burkett (Sr), Chris Widman (Jr), Claude Price (Sr) and Earl Smith (Sr).

FIELD EVENTS

SHOT PUT — Chuck Miller (Sr), Tom Liggins (Jr) and Bob Koebel (Soph).

DISCUS — Tom Nighswander (Sr), Chuck Miller (Sr) and Bob Koebel (Soph).

POLE VAULT — Mike Tooman (Sr), Bruce Schneider (Sr) and John Werling (Sr).

HIGH JUMP — Kim Michael (Jr), Chuck Celek (Jr) and Tom Pitts (Soph).

LONG JUMP — John Lewis (Sr), Dave Kridler (Sr) and Chris Widman (Jr).

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Ross Thinclads Notch Win No. 1

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OUT AT HOME — Gibsonburg catcher Ladd Beck tags Fremont Ross' Jeff Parkinson as the Little Giant outfielder attempted to score from third in last night's game at Gibsonburg.

Umpire is Paul King. Ross won the contest, 10-4, to stretch its record to 2-0. (News-Messenger Photo)

Hetrick, Arndt, Lowery Homer

Little Giants Rap Bears

GIBSONBURG—A seven-run fourth inning boosted Fremont Ross to a 10-4 victory over Gibsonburg Thursday afternoon.

It was the second win of the season for the Little Giants, who entertain Lorain Admiral King in a doubleheader Saturday starting at 10 a.m. Gibsonburg was playing its first game.

Ross entered the fourth tied, 2-2.

Two errors and a single loaded the bases. Pitcher Alan Ahle walked Jeff Parkinson to tie the game. Another Gibsonburg error gave Ross a 5-3 lead. After an out and fielders' choice, Roger Hetrick slammed a three-run homer to boost Ross to an 8-3 lead.

Randy Arndt, the next batter, followed Hetrick's feat. Arndt, a senior third baseman, homered over the left field fence.

Ross' final run also came via homer. Mike Lowery hit a shot to left center in the sixth inning.

The Little Giants took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Al Davis, the leadoff batter walked. After an out, Hetrick singled. Arndt then doubled one run home and the second scored on a Gibsonburg error.

Gibsonburg tied the contest in the third. Ladd Beck started the rally with a single. Frank LaSalvia then walked. Tom Jurski reached base on a fielders' choice to load the bases.

Pitcher Dale Shoemaker got the next batter on a strikeout. But two runs scored when Ross second baseman Chuck Lindsey booted Jim Shull's ground ball. The next two batters bounced back to the pitcher to end the rally.

The third Gibsonburg run scored in the fifth on a single by Shull. Two Ross errors helped Gibsonburg tally its final run in the seventh.

Ross employed four pitchers in the contest. Dale Shoemaker, who relieved starter Mark Harlan, was credited with the win. Also taking a turn on the mound were junior lefthander Lee Winkle and a sophomore righthander Bob Brudzinski.

The four hurlers allowed Gibsonburg six hits, walked three and fanned eight batters. Winkle recorded three strikeouts in two innings of work.

The loss was charged to Gibsonburg starter Carl Balsizer. He had relief help from Ahle and Jurski.

The first Ross game Saturday will be played at Anderson Field at 10 a.m. At the same time the Little Giant reserves will play Admiral King on the high school field. The second varsity game will be played at the high school field. Fremont St. Joseph will play Port Clinton at Anderson Field starting at 1 p.m.

Head coach Tom Dorman announced Friday that Denny Shearon will start the first game. Jim Fausey will get the call in the second contest. Winkle and Brudzinski are scheduled for relief duty.

Ross will play four straight days next week. Monday the Little Giants are at Oregon Clay. They return home Tuesday for a game with Genoa. Wednesday the Little Giants play at Tiffin Columbian. Findlay will be the Ross guest at Anderson Field Thursday. All games start at 4 p.m.

Widman Establishes Record In Two-Mile

MARION — Fremont Ross gained revenge.

The Little Giant track and field team which was humiliated on Marion Harding's all-weather track last season by the Prexies returned yesterday.

The result was a little different.

Instead of Marion Winning, Ross took the victory. Sparked by fine performances in the field events and some brilliant running on the part of Al Widman, Claude Price and Earl Smith, the Little Giants carved out a 67-60 win over Harding here yesterday.

Last spring Harding won by a 67-60 count.

Ross held a 31-14 lead over Harding at the end of the field events. In two classes — shot put and pole vault — Ross scored a 9-0 advantage.

Tom Liggins led the way in the shot put with a put of 49.3. Sophomore Bob Koebel placed second and Chuck Miller, a regional contestant last year, finished third.

In the pole vault John Werling and Mike Tooman tied for first with vaults of 11-6. Bruce Schneider was third. Werling's vault was the best of his career.

Other Little Giant winners in the field events included Tom Nighswander (discus) and Chuck Celek (high jump). Junior Kim Michael finished second in the high jump.

Marion competitors swept the long jump.

Widman set a new school record in the two mile run with a 10:10.1 clocking. It eclipsed the previous mark of 10:10.2 which Widman established last season.

Smith, an eighth place finisher in the 880 of the state meet last spring, appeared to be in mid-season form, winning his specialty with a 1:58.3. That established a new Marion track record. The time was only 1.2 seconds off Smith's time in the state competition.

The only other first place finisher for Ross in the track events was Price. He won the 440-yard dash with a :51.5 time, a tenth of a second better than the second place finisher from Marion.

Although the number of first places was small, Ross made up the point advantage with six second places and six third places.

Sophomore Rob Lytle, competing in his first varsity competition, placed second in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Another sophomore, Julius Simms, was second in the high hurdles.

Joe Widman was second in the mile run and Mike Ruland took the runnerup spot in the low hurdles.

Pitts also had two third places — high hurdles and 440. Also finishing third were Liggins (100), Joe Widman (880), John Heidelberg (220) and Kirk Stout (two mile).

"I was pleased with the effort of our kids," Ross head coach Ron Brant said. "It's always good to win the first one and this one means a little more."

"Marion had about 75 per cent of their boys returning from last year's squad. I think we surprised them. Going into the meet I figured it was going to be a tossup."

"We (the coaching staff) were happy with the work of the kids in the field events and also the job turned in by Smith, Price and Al Widman. They had outstanding efforts for this time of the season. That was the best time Price has ever had in that event."

Ross was without the services of senior standout Bill Burkett, who sustained a pulled muscle in practice Wednesday and was kept out of the competition. He's expected to be in the lineup for the home opener against Bowling Green at Harmon Stadium Tuesday, however.

The summary:

Ross 67, Marion 60

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. T. Haycox (M); 2. Julius Simms (R); 3. Tom Pitts (R); 15.5

100-YARD DASH—1. Huddle (M); 2. Rob Lytle (R); 3. Liggins (R); 10.4

MILE RUN—1. J. Haycox (M); 2. Joe Widman (R); 3. Burris (M); 4:38.1

880-YARD RELAY—1. Marion; 1:33.1

440-YARD DASH—1. Claude Price (R); 2. Hachten (M); 3. Tom Pitts (R); 51.5

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—1. T. Haycox (M); 2. Mike Ruland (R); 3. Smith (M); 21.2

880-YARD RUN—1. Earl Smith (R); 2. Dickerson (M); 3. Joe Widman (R); 1:58.3

220-YARD DASH—1. Cochaan (M); 2. Rob Lytle (R); 3. John Heidelberg (R); 23.4

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Al Widman (R); 2. Sankey (M); 3. Kirk Stout (R); 10:10.1

MILE RELAY—1. Marion; 3:32.1

Field Events

SHOT PUT—1. Tom Liggins (R); 2. Bob Koebel (R); 3. Chuck Miller (R); 49.3

DISCUS—1. Tom Nighswander (R); 2. Imbody (M); 3. Brady (M); 146.2

POLE VAULT—1. Jim Werling and Mike Tooman (R); 2. Bruce Schneider (R); 11-6

HIGH JUMP—1. Chuck Celek (R); 2. Kim Michaels (R); 3. Hill and Johnson (M); 5-10

LONG JUMP—1. Johnson (M); 2. Slater (M); 3. Wood (M); 20.5

Clyde Cindermen Still Seeking First Victory

CLYDE — Clyde's inability to score consistently in the field events prevented the Fliers from winning their first track meet of the season Thursday.

Willard out-scored the Fliers, 34-11, in the five field events and snared a 66-61 verdict. Clyde had a 50-32 edge in the running events.

Clyde had only one first place in the field events. Bruce Penn hurled the discus 128 feet 11 inches to win that event.

Penn also finished third in the shot put. Other field event point winners were Choya Hawn, third in the long jump, Terry Beebe, second in the high jump, and, Dallas Patrick, third in the pole vault.

Clyde had four individual winners in the running events and

also picked up two relay victories.

Rocky Moore won the mile run with a 4:54.6 clocking. Beebe

Willard 66, Clyde 61

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—1. Dave Coe (W); 2. Tim Craig (C); 3. Neal Buckingham (W); 17.2

100-YARD DASH—1. Randy Moore (W); 2. Jim Schrickel (C); 3. Gene Weaver (W); 12.0

MILE RUN—1. Rocky Moore (C); 2. Bob Frederick (W); 3. Doug Bingham (C); 4:54.6

880-YARD RELAY—1. Clyde (Denny Craig, Choya Hawn, Jim Schrickel and Terry Beebe); 1:39.1

440-YARD RUN—1. Randy Moore (W); 2. Rich Hackenberg (C); 3. Keith Bonnington (C); 54.4

180-YARD LOW HURDLES—1. Terry Beebe (C); 2. Dave Coe (W); 3. John Dove (W); 22.2

880-YARD RUN—1. Jim Barnes (C); 2. Rocky Moore (C); 3. Jeff Hardy (C); 2:09.9

220-YARD DASH—1. Randy Moore (W); 2. Rich Hackenberg (C); 3. Jim Schrickel (C); 24.6

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Greg Smart (C); 2. Ewald Luna (W); 3. Rich Kindred (C); 11:10.9

placed first in the 180-yard low hurdles with a time of :22.2. 2:09.9 gave Jim Barnes first place in the 880-yard run. Gre Smart placed first in the two-mile run with an 11:10.9 showing.

Two of the individual winner — Moore and Smart — are on freshmen. Beebe and Barnes are seniors.

The 880-yard relay team turned in a 1:39.1 for first place. The winning quartet was composed of Denny Craig, Choya Hawn, Jim Schrickel and Beebe.

Hawn, Keith Bonnington Barnes and Beebe formed the winning foursome in the mile relay. They toured the oval in 3:46.1.

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Findlay Next **Little Giants Bow, 78-49**

ELYRIA — A sweep in the long jump and high hurdles provided the spark for Elyria to go on and beat Fremont Ross, 78-49, in track and field yesterday at Ely Stadium.

The Little Giants (1-1) captured first places in only five events. Tom Nighswander was first in the discus, Mike Tooman won the pole vault, Earl Smith took the 880, Al Widman bested the field in the two-mile and the mile relay team completed the list of winners.

In winning the pole vault, Tooman, a senior, tied the Ross school record. His winning vault was 13-6 which tied the mark set by Dan Linder in 1969. Tooman tried to set a new mark after winning the event but was unable to cross the bar.

The mile relay team came within eight-tenths of a second of the school mark. Bill Burkett, Claude Price, Tom Pitts and Earl Smith recorded a 3:32.8. The record of 3:32 was set during the years when Rod Lash coached the Little Giants.

Nighswander tossed the discus 147-2. Smith recorded a 2:02.1 in winning his speciality. Widman's winning time was 10:22.4.

"Tooman and Nighswander had their best efforts of the year," Little Giant head coach Ron Brant said. "The score was pretty lopsided, but I was proud of our kids, especially in the last two events when we out-scored Elyria 13-1.

"The fellows could have just given up, but they ran in those two races like the outcome of the meet was still in doubt."

Tom Liggins (shot put), Pitts (high hurdles), Joe Widman (mile run), Price (440), Rob Lytle (220) and Kirk Stout (two-mile) notched second place points for the Little Giants.

Third place points were recorded by Bruce Schneider (pole vault), Liggins (100), Burkett (440) and Al Widman (880).

Elyria held a 29-16 edge over the Little Giants at the conclusion of the field events.

Next outing for Ross is Tuesday when it hosts Findlay at Harmon Stadium. It will be the first home meet of the campaign for Ross, which was rained out of its scheduled home opener against Bowling Green Tuesday.

"The meet with Findlay should be a real barn burner," Brant said. "If comparative scores mean anything the two clubs are almost even. We beat Marion in our opening meet, 67-60, and last Tuesday Findlay beat Marion by 68-59."

After the Findlay engagement, the Little Giants will begin preparations for the annual night relays at Harmon Stadium scheduled for next Friday. The Little Giants will play host to five other schools.

ELYRIA 78, ROSS 49

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Burnhart (E); 2. Pitts (R); 3. Oliver (E); 15.5.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Nelson (E); 2. Maxwell (E); 3. Liggins (R); 10.1.

MILE RUN — 1. Oster (E); 2. J. Widman (R); 3. Couture (E); 4:42.

800-YARD RELAY — 1. Elyria (Harris, Love, Moore and Maxwell); 1:34.

440-YARD DASH — 1. Nelson (E); 2. Price (R); 3. Burkett (R); 51.6.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Jones (E); 2. Oliver (E); 3. Burnhart (E); 21.2.

880-YARD RUN — 1. Smith (R); 2. Oster (E); 3. C. Widman (R); 2:02.1.

220-YARD DASH — 1. Harris (E); 2. Lytle (R); 3. Maxwell (E); 23.3.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1. A. Widman (R); 2. Stout (R); 3. Sharpnack (E); 10:22.4.

MILE RELAY — 1. Ross (Burkett, Pitts, Price and Smith); 3:32.8.

Field Events

SHOT PUT — 1. Robinson (E); 2. Liggins (R); 3. Kobel (R); 49-8.

Discus — 1. Nighswander (R); 2. Gnizak (E); 3. Griffin (E); 147-2.

POLE VAULT — 1. Tooman (R); 2. Susak (E); 3. Schneider (R); 13-6 (ties Ross school record set by Dan Linder, 1969).

HIGH JUMP — 1. Perkins (E); 2. Beckett (E); 3. Michaels (R); 5-9.

LONG JUMP — 1. Love (E); 2. Moore (E); 3. Maxwell (E); 21½.



RECORD SETTER—Earl Smith crosses the finish line of the 800-yard run in last night's Fremont Ross-Findlay dual meet at Harmon Stadium.

Stadium. Smith set a stadium record with a clocking of 1:58, breaking his old mark of 2:01.8 set last season.

Fegley's Initial Career Victory Sparks Woodmore

CLYDE—Wayne Fegley never won a high school race—until yesterday when it counted.

Fegley, who has labored in the shadow of his more famous brother, Dave, earned the first victory of his high school career last night and it sparked Woodmore to a 69½-57½ dual meet

winning leap in the long jump was 19.4 and he cleared the high jump bar at 5-10.

Other members of the mile relay team which was clocked in 3:35.1 included Mark Slates, Dan Druckenmiller and Larry Haubert.

Ross Throttles Trojans, 74-53

Record-setting performances by Earl Smith and Tom Nighswander sparked Fremont Ross to a surprisingly easy 74-53 track and field victory over Findlay at Harmon Stadium yesterday.

Smith set a new stadium record in the 800-yard run and Nighswander broke a long-standing mark in the shot put.

Smith toured the Harmon Stadium course in 1:58 which eclipsed his old mark of 2:01.8 set during the 1970 campaign.

Nighswander threw the discus 151-7. That broke the old mark of 150-9½ set by Archie Biggs during the 1962 season.

"Those two boys did an outstanding job," Little Giant head coach Ron Brant reported.

"Earl's time is especially impressive. It's awful hard to run on the Harmon Stadium track. Nighswander seems to be rounding into form."

Several other performances also drew the praise of the coach.

Tom Liggins led the Little Giants to a sweep in the shot put with a throw of 51-1. It was the best put of Liggins' career.

Sophomore Rob Lytle also drew special mention. He won the 100 with a 10.2 time and finished third in the 220, where the Little Giants' John Heidelberg turned in a 23.1, which was also a career low.

"The performances of Lytle and Heidelberg mean we are getting plenty of help in the dashes where we weren't sure what to expect this season," Brant said. "Those two fellows have been coming on since the first meet of the season. I just hope they continue to improve like they have been in the last three weeks."

Al Widman won the two-mile run with a 10:18.1 time. That was also his best effort of the young campaign.

Other individual winners for the Little

Giants were Claude Price (440) and John Werling and Mike Tooman, who shared honors in the pole vault.

Price ran a 51.9 in the 440. Werling and Tooman each vaulted 12-feet and had the same number of misses.

The number of misses prevented Chuck Celek from notching a victory in the high jump. He and Findlay's Frank Smith each finished at 5-11 but Celek had more misses overall.

Both Little Giant relay teams recorded victories. The mile relay unit composed of Price, Bill Burkett, Smith and Tom Pitts recorded a 3:53.2. They have already done a 3:32.1 this season but that was at Marion's all-weather track.

The 800-yard relay unit was made up of Heidelberg, Lytle, Ned Sewell and Liggins. They finished with a 1:34.

"Optimistically I thought we might be able to get 11 first places," Brant said. "We had 10 so I guess I don't have room to complain."

"In most instances this was our best effort of the season. But I don't think we peaked tonight. There are a lot of areas where we still need to improve."

One other stadium mark fell in the balmy weather. Findlay's Jim Barnes won the mile with a 4:32.6 time. That's nearly two seconds better than the old stadium mark of 4:35 set by Dan Gdoviak of Lakeside in 1968.

Ross now begins preparing to defend its Fremont Night Relays title. The 11th annual event, which is sponsored by the American Legion, is scheduled for Harmon Stadium Friday.

Field events will begin at 5 p.m. Running events get underway at 7 p.m. Teams in the field include Parma Padua, Bowling Green, Pontiora, Findlay, Port Clinton and the Little Giants.



MIKE TOOMAN CLEARS BAR
Little Giant Tied For First

Ross 74, Findlay 53
Track Events
120-YARD HIGH JUMP: 1. Schall (F); 2. Paul (F); 3. T. Pitts (R); 15.3
(400-YARD DASH: 1. Lytle (R); 2. Heidelberg (R); 3. G. G. G. (R); 10.4
(F); 2. Paul (F); 3. Shiner (R); 23.8
880-YARD RUN: 1. Smith (R); 2. Hochmeister (F); 3. Barnes (F); 1:58
(new Harmon Stadium record) breaks old mark of 2:01.8 set by Smith, 1970)
Field Events
SHOT PUT: 1. Liggins (R); 2. Miller (R); 3. Robt (R); 21.1
DISCUS: 1. Nighswander (R); 2. Komer (R); 3. Heidelberg (F); 151.7
(new Harmon Stadium record) breaks old mark of 150-9½ set by Archie Biggs, 1962)



FOSBURY FLOP—Fremont Ross' Kim Michael demonstrates the Fosburg Flop as he clears high jump bar in last night's dual meet

between Little Giants and Findlay. Michael placed third in the event. His best jump was 5-8. (News-Messenger Photo)

Al Widman Double Winner

Fremont Ross Cindermen Score 13 First Places

CLYDE — Fremont Ross won 13 of 15 events enroute to a 96½-30½ track and field victory over Clyde here yesterday afternoon.

Clyde's only first places came in the 880-yard relay and 120-yard low hurdles. Jim Craig, Jim Schrickel, Rich Hackenburg and Terry Beebe composed the 880 team. Beebe also won the low hurdles with a 22.2 time.

Ross had a 31½-7½ lead after the field events. The Little Giants swept the shot put and discus.

Junior Tom Liggins led the way in the shot with a put of 51-8½, his best effort of the year. Chuck Miller placed second and Bob Kobel was third.

Tom Nighswander, a senior, led the way in the discus. He won the event with a throw of 150-5½. Sophomore Bob Kusmer was second and Miller finished third.

Chuck Celek won the high jump with a 5-10 effort. Beebe's 5-8 jump was good for second and Ross' Kim Michael and Dallas Patrick of Clyde tied for third.

The Little Giants took first and third in the pole vault. Bruce Schneider won the event with a 12-6 effort. Patrick took second and John Werling was third.

Mike Tooman and Dave Kridler placed first and second,

The results:

Field Events

SHOT PUT — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Miller (R); 3. Kobel (R); 51-8½.
DISCUS — 1. Nighswander (R); 2. Kusmer (R); 3. Miller (R); 150-5½.
HIGH JUMP — 1. Celek (R); 2. Beebe (C); 3. Patrick (C) and Michael (R); 5-10.
Pole Vault — 1. Schneider (R); 2. Patrick (C); 3. Werling (R); 12-6.
LONG JUMP — 1. Tooman (R); 2. Kridler (R); 3. Hawn (C); 18¾.

Track Events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Pitts (R); 2. Price (R); 3. Craig (C); 17.1.
100-YARD DASH — 1. Lytle (R); 2. Liggins (R); 3. Hackenburg (C); 10.7.
MILE RUN — 1. J. Widman (R); 2. Barnes (C); 3. C. Widman (R); 4:44.6.
880-YARD RELAY — 1. Clyde (Craig, Schrickel, Hackenburg and Beebe); 1:36.9.
440-YARD DASH — 1. Price (R); 2. Burkett (R); 3. Pitts (R); 53.0.
180-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Beebe (C); 2. Ruland (R); 3. Shimer (R); 22.2.
880-YARD RUN — 1. J. Widman (R); 2. Barnes (C); 3. Hardy (C); 2:08.7.
220-YARD DASH — 1. Heidelberg (R); 2. Lytle (R); 3. Beebe (C); 23.9.
TWO-MILE RUN — 1. A. Widman (R); 2. Moore (C); 3. Stout (R); 10:18.5.
MILE RELAY — 1. Ross (C. Widman, Pitts, Burkett and Price); 3:41.9.

respectively, for the Little Giants in the long jump. Third place went to Choya Hawn, a Clyde freshman.

Ross swept only one track event — 440-yard dash. Claude Price was first and he was followed to the tape by Bill Burkett and Tom Pitts.

Pitts won the high hurdles. Price was second and Clyde's Tim Craig took third.

Rob Lytle and Liggins also gave the Little Giants a one-two finish in the 100-yard dash. Lytle won the event with a 10.7 clocking. Liggins was only a tenth of a second slower. Third place went to Hackenburg.

Ross collected a first and third

in the mile run. Joe Widman won the event in 4:44.6. His brother, Chris, was third. Second place went to Jim Barnes of Clyde.

Joe Widman was the meet's only double winner. He also took first in the 880-yard run. Barnes was second and another Flier entry, Jeff Hardy, was third.

Earl Smith, who usually runs the 880 for Ross and was an entrant in the state meet last year, did not make the trip. Smith has a cold and was ordered to rest by Ross head coach Ron Brant.

John Heidelberg and Lytle finished first and second, respectively, for Ross in the 220. Beebe was third.

Winner in the two-mile run was

Al Widman with a 10:18.5 time. Clyde's Rocky Moore was second and Kirt Stout of Ross finished third.

The Ross mile relay team won its event easily. The Little Giant quartet was clocked in 3:41.9 compared to Clyde's 3:50. Chris Widman, Pitts, Burkett and Price ran for Ross.

Brant now begins preparing the Little Giants for two relay events this weekend. Ross will participate in the Marion Night Relays Friday and the Blade AAA Relays Saturday at Lucas County Recreation Center, Toledo.

The Little Giants now have a 3-1 mark in dual meets.

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Nighswander Smashes Mark For Ross Discus Throwers

TOLEDO—Tom Nighswander set a new Fremont Ross High School discus record for the third time this spring and led the Little Giants to a tie for seventh place in the Blade Relays for big schools at Lucas County Recreation Center Saturday.

Nighswander, a senior, heaved the disc 163-9, which was good for second place behind Sandusky's powerful Mark Deming. Nighswander set the old Ross record in the Fremont Night Relays April 23 when he got off a toss of 158-7 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Earlier in the same week he had cracked the old mark of 150-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ set in 1952 by Archie Biggs.

"We are real pleased with the way Tom has been coming along," Little Giant head coach Ron Brant said Sunday. "He has shown improvement in practically every meet we have participated in."

Besides Nighswander, the Little Giants had three other place winners in the meet. Earl Smith took a third in the 880 and Bruce Schneider and Chuck Celek finished fourth in the pole vault and high jump, respectively.

Smith, who set a school 880 record at the Marion Relays in placing second Friday, ran a 2:02.5. Louis DeFreeze, last year's state champion from Cleveland Glenville, and Dudley Roski of Cleveland Heights finished in front of the Ross senior.

DeFreeze's winning time was 1:59.7, which was considerably slower than his winning state time. All the distance runners were hampered by a strong wind, however. Smith was clocked in 1:56.9 at Marion.

Schneider went out of the pole vault competition at 12-0. A 13-6

effort by Sandusky's Bob Crabb won the event.

Celek's best leap in the high jump was 5-10. Jerry Davies from Toledo Woodward won the event with a final jump of 6-2.

"Overall, I was fairly pleased with our showing," Brant said. "I told the kids before we got off the bus that if we finished in the top 10 of the 28 schools entered I would be pleased."

"We had some stiff competition Friday at Marion and then didn't get back here until after midnight. We met again early Saturday morning to leave for the Blade meet."

"Tom Liggins has been having some trouble with his leg so we didn't enter him in any of the sprints. We also scratched our 880 relay team."

"The only northwestern Ohio schools to finish in front of us were Sandusky and two Toledo schools. I think we gave a good showing, but I don't know if we'll ever run in two big meets back-to-back like we did this weekend. That's asking for a lot from the kids."

Cleveland Glenville won the meet with 38 points. Cleveland Heights (29), Sandusky (28), Toledo Libbey (24), Cleveland Rhodes (14) and Toledo DeVilbiss (12) also finished ahead of the Little Giants, who were tied with Cleveland John Adams. The Ross delegation compiled 11 points.

The event kicked off a murderous week of competition for the Little Giants. They were slated to travel to Tiffin Columbian today for a 4 p.m. dual meet. Sandusky, which has one of its best teams in years, invades Harmon Stadium Wednesday for a 4 p.m. dual meet. Saturday Ross participates in the rugged Buckeye Conference meet at Sandusky's Strobel Field.



Ross Batters Columbian

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross battered Tiffin Columbian, 82-45, in a scholastic track and field meet at Columbian Stadium yesterday. It was the first time Ross has beaten the Tornados in six years.

Ross, which now has a 4-1 dual meet record, accumulated 10 first places, eight seconds and eight thirds.

Junior Tom Liggins was a double winner for the Little Giants. He threw the shot 50-6 to win that event and recorded a 10.3 to lead the field in the 100.

Liggins led Ross to sweeps in both events. Second and third in the shot put were taken by Bob Koebel and Chuck Miller, respectively.

Rob Lytle finished second in the 100 and John Heidelberg was third.

Other individual winners for the Little Giants were Tom Nighswander (discus), Chuck Celek (high jump), Mike Tooman (pole vault), Al Widman (mile), Claude Price (440) and Heidelberg (220).

Nighswander's winning throw

was 141-2½. Miller took third place in the event.

Celek won his speciality with a leap of 5-10½. It was the best effort of the season for the Little Giant junior. Kim Michael of Ross was second with a 5-6 effort.

Tooman's winning vault was 12-6. Third place in the pole vault went to the Little Giants' John Werling.

Widman's winning time in the mile was 4:35.5. Tiffin runners finished second and third.

Price was clocked in 52.9, two-tenths of a second faster than Columbians' Ken Mast. Ross' Tom Pitts was third.

Heidelberg's winning time of 24.6 in the 220 was 1.1 seconds faster than the second place finish of Columbian's Bill Spencer. Al Sewell of Ross took third place.

Both Ross relay teams also recorded victories. The 880 relay composed of Heidelberg, Earl Smith, Sewell and Tom Liggins ran a 1:39.4. Pitts, Bill Burkett, Price and Smith turned in a 3:36 in the mile relay.

Ross, which has three straight victories, faces its stiffest challenge of the spring Wednesday. The Little Giants will entertain powerful Sandusky at Harmon Stadium. Field events start at 4 p.m. with the running events slated to get underway at 4:30 p.m.

The results:

Field Events
SHOT PUT — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Koebel (R); 3. Miller (R); 50-6.
DISCUS — 1. Nighswander (R); 2. Nobil (T); 3. Miller (R); 141-2½.
LONG JUMP — 1. Mast (T); 2. Wilson (R); 3. C. Widman (R); 19-5½.
HIGH JUMP — 1. Celek (R); 2. Michael (R); 3. Hanna (T); 5-10½.
POLE VAULT — 1. Tooman (R); 2. G. Young (T); 3. Werling (R); 12-6.
Track Events
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Thompson (T); 2. Pitts (R); 3. Hanna (T); 15.1.
100-YARD DASH — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Lytle (R); 3. Heidelberg (R); 10.3.
MILE RUN — 1. A. Widman (R); 2. Sendelach (T); 3. Wetlerlaw (T); 4:35.5.
880-YARD RELAY — 1. Ross (Heidelberg, Smith, Sewell and Liggins); 1:39.4.
440-YARD DASH — 1. Price (R); 2. Mast (T); 3. Pitts (R); 52.9.
180-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Thompson (T); 2. Shimer (R); 3. Price (R); 21.6.
880-YARD RUN — 1. Booher (T); 2. A. Widman (R); 3. Martin (T); 2:05.6.
220-YARD DASH — 1. Heidelberg (R); 2. Spencer (T); 3. Sewell (T); 24.6.
TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Jumper (T); 2. Stout (R); 3. Ridell (T); 9:58.2.
MILE RELAY — 1. Ross (Pitts, Burkett, Price and Smith); 3:36.

In Lakeshore Test

Otsego Hurler Stops Woodmore On 3 Hits

TONTOGANY—Otsego pitcher Larry Heymen limited Woodmore to three hits in leading his squad to a 5-0 victory over the Wildcats in Lakeshore Conference play yesterday.

Heyman walked only one batter and struck out 12. Jeff Little was tagged with the loss. He pitched the first five innings and got relief help from Bob Perkins in the sixth.

Otsego went ahead 1-0 in the second. Heyman walked but was forced at second. The next batter, Gordon Wing, reached base on an error. He moved to second on an infield out and scored on Mike Bernricher's single.

The winners added two more runs in the fourth inning and two in the fifth.

The victory gives Woodmore a 2-2 record in league play. The Wildcats are 4-4 overall. Woodmore was scheduled to meet Lake in the Class AA sectional at Woodville this afternoon. Wednesday the Wildcats play at Lakeside in another Lakeshore Conference contest.

Woodmore	000	000	0-0	3	1
Otsego	010	220	x-5	6	1
RBI—Moser, Bernricher. 2B—Grolle. Sac—Rospert. LOB—Woodmore 6, Otsego 8.					

	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Heymen (W)	7	3	0	1	12
Little (L, 2-3)	5	5	5	2	7
B. Perkins	1	1	0	0	2

Fourth Inning Rally Sparks Gibsonburg

GIBSONBURG—A four-run fourth inning powered Gibsonburg past Sandusky St. Mary's, 5-3, in a Sandusky Bay Conference baseball game played here yesterday.

The Golden Bears had a 1-0 advantage at the start of the fourth. Key hits in the frame were run scoring singles by Gary Schlea and Ladd Beck. Gibsonburg had only three hits in the inning but received assistance from the St. Mary's defense which was charged with four errors.

singled with two out and scored with Gary Stevenson's double.

St. Mary's cut its deficit to 5-1 in the fifth. The Panthers scored two more times in the seventh.

Tom Jurski was the winning pitcher. He was relieved in the fifth inning by Balsizer. The loss was charged to Tom Brady.

St. Mary's	000	010	2-3	3	5
Gibsonburg	010	400	x-5	6	3
RBI—Beck, Balsizer, Stevenson, Schlea. 2. Roth. 2B—Stevenson, Roth. SB—Smith, Roth, Pitzer, Brady. LOB—Gibsonburg 5, St. Mary's 7.					

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Brant: 'Happiness Is Beating Sandusky'

Little Giant Thinclads Sting Blue Streaks

By MARK CARLSON

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Happiness is... a 94-93 Fremont Ross track victory over Sandusky.

If you don't believe it, just ask Ross head coach Ron Brant. "I'd take a victory against Sandusky over any other win," the Little Giant head coach said after his squad stunned the Blue Streaks at Harmon Stadium last night. "This is just unbelievable. I never expected it."

Ross went into the contest to prepare for the Buckeye Conference meet at Sandusky's Strobel Field Saturday.

"I told the kids our big meet this week was the Buckeye," Brant said. "That's what we were preparing for. Naturally, we wanted to beat Sandusky but I never dreamed we would."

"Sandusky has an excellent track team. They will be favored to win the conference meet. We needed a couple breaks to beat them, but I'll take a victory over them anyway we can get it."

Ross received two major breaks during the meet and got another one during Sandusky's Tuesday practice session.

At the start of the 800-yard relay, Sandusky's leadoff runner, Ray Scott, pulled up with a hamstring tear as he entered the first turn. He walked off the course and all Ross' foursome of John Heidelberg, Tom Liggins, Al Sewell and Rob Lytle did was trot through the race.

Then, in the 180-yard low hurdles, the Blue Streaks' Bob Crabb had a five-yard lead on the field as he started over the last hurdle. But, his back foot dragged and he fell to the cinders. Crabb got back up and crossed the finish line. By that time, however, two Ross competitors had passed him.

And, in Sandusky's warm-up practice Tuesday, Osmond Pearson, their top-notch miler, who will be favored to win in

the conference meet, stubbed his toe. He couldn't run well yesterday and was scratched from the competition.

"Certainly those breaks helped us," Brant said. "But my kids gave one heck of an effort. Nothing can be taken away from them. Everyone was digging into the bottom of his gut barrel."

The difference in the meet wasn't in the number of first places. Instead, it was decided in the number of seconds and thirds. Ross had just six firsts compared to Sandusky's nine. But, the Little Giants picked up nine seconds and seven thirds.

"Those second and third places are what did it for us," Brant said. "Our fellows could have quit when those Sandusky kids got in front but they didn't."

The Little Giants made just one significant change for the contest and that was only for training purposes. Earl Smith, who has become the "People's Choice" as far as Ross fans are concerned, ran in the mile instead of his specialty, the 800.

"We only did it to get him some over-distance work," Brant said. "We wanted to strengthen his endurance for the conference meet. The 800 is Earl's race and we don't have any plans to change him."

The move paid off, however. Smith won the mile with a 4:38.2 clocking. Al Widman placed second after leading for the first three laps. The two seniors duelled for first place while racing step-for-step down the backstretch.

"That's one of the nicest sights in sports — to see two fellows battling stride-for-stride as they head to the finish line," Brant said. "It's especially nice when your coach for both fellows."

"We knew Earl had a good kick. But he really didn't know how to run the mile. Before the race he asked me what to do. I told him to stay with the leader for the first three laps

and then begin his kick when he got by the scoreboard on the last lap."

Smith provided Brant with some anxious moments, however. When the last lap started he was in the fourth position and nearly 20 yards behind Widman.

Also earning first places for the Little Giants were Rob Lytle (100), Claude Price (440), Ken Price (low hurdles) and Tom Liggins (shot put).

"Our runners are the ones who won it for us," Brant said. "This was one of our worst meets of the season in the field events. We trailed 30-15 when they were completed."

Lytle's victory and a second place finish by Liggins in the 100 sparked the Blue Streaks.

"It gave us momentum," Brant said. "After that race, Smith and Widman teamed up in the mile. We out-scored Sandusky 8-1 in those two events and then we won the 800-yard relay."

"After that Claude Price came on strong in the 440-yard dash and Ken Price won the low hurdles."

Other second places in the running events were earned by Mark Shimer (low hurdles), Joe Widman (880), John Heidelberg (220) and Al Widman (two mile).

Al Widman set a new Ross school record with a 9:59.3 clocking. It broke his own record of 10:05.4 set last Friday at the Marion Relays.

"For two years Al has been working to get that two mile time under 10 minutes," Brant said. "He has kept plugging away. He was so happy when I told me his time he couldn't believe it."

Winner in the two mile was Sandusky's Bob Fair with a 9:57.4 time.

Ken Price (high hurdles), Bill Burkett (440) and Lytle (220) scored third place points in the running events.

Liggins pushed the shot put 50-3/4. Stan Johnson, a Sandusky freshman was second at 46-7/8 and Ross' Chuck Miller placed third.

In the other field events, Sandusky's Mark Deming won the discus, Crabb took the pole vault and Velma Evans was the meet's only double winner with first in the long and high jumps.

Crabb set a new Harmon Stadium record with a 14-0 vault. In the same event, Ross' Mike Tooman, the second place finisher, tied the school record with a vault of 13-6. It tied the mark of Dan Linder set in 1969.

Chuck Celek earned second place in the high jump with a 5-4 effort. Number of misses was the difference between Celek and Sandusky's Scott May, the third place finisher.

Although the outcome was pleasing for everyone concerned with the Ross track program it will be remembered for a long time by the seniors.

"It was the last home meet of their career," Brant said. "This will be something they'll never forget."

The loss was the first of the season for Sandusky. Ross now has a 5-1 dual meet mark.

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FIELD EVENTS
SHOT PUT — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Johnson (S); 3. Miller (R); 50-3/4.
DISCUS — 1. Deming (S); 2. Rogers (S); 3. Nighswander (R); 164-9.
POLE VAULT — 1. Crabb (S); 2. Tooman (R); 3. Schneider (R); 14-0 (new Harmon Stadium record, breaks old mark of 13-4 set by Shelby, Tiffin Columbian, 1970).
TRIMBLE FINISHED AT 13-4 TO TIE ROSS RECORD SET BY DAN LINDER, 1969.
LONG JUMP — 1. Evans (S); 2. May (S); 3. Wilcox (R); 20-10 1/2.
HIGH JUMP — 1. Evans (S); 2. Celek (R); 3. May (S); 6-2.
TRACK EVENTS
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Fanning (S); 2. T. Felt (R); 3. R. Price (R); 15.1.
180-YARD DASH — 1. Lytle (R); 2. Liggins (R); 3. Harris (S); 19.3.
MILE RUN — 1. Smith (R); 2. J. Widman (R); 3. Koch (S); 4:38.2.
400-YARD RELAY — 1. Ross (Heidelberg, Liggins, Sewell and Lytle); 2:18.
400-YARD DASH — 1. Price (R); 2. Ferguson (S); 3. Burkett (R); 51.6.
100-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Price (R); 2. Shimer (R); 3. May (S); 21.9.
800-YARD RUN — 1. Fairer (S); 2. J. Widman (R); 3. Koch (S); 2:04.8.
220-YARD DASH — 1. Jordan (S); 2. Heidelberg (R); 3. Lytle (R); 23.0.
TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Fair (S); 2. A. Widman (R); 3. Wilcox (S); 9:57.5 (Widman finished with 9:59.3 for new Ross record, breaking his own mark of 10:05.4 set last Friday at Marion Relays).
MILE RELAY — 1. Sandusky (Fanning, Tyler, Jackson and Kartz); 3:31.



LOW HURDLERS CLEAR FIRST BARRIER—Sandusky and Fremont Ross

competitors clear first barrier in 180-yard low hurdles competition at Harmon Stadium

yesterday, Ross' Ken Price (extreme right) won the event after Bob Crabb (second from

right) fell going over the last hurdle. (News-Messenger Photo)

Woodmore Tabbed In Lakeshore Duel

OTTAWA HILLS—Woodmore High School will be the favorite when the Lakeshore Conference conducts its annual track meet at Ottawa Hills High School Friday.

But Woodmore head coach Jim Smithley cautions observers not to overlook Otsego even though Woodmore won a recent dual meet with the Knights by a 93-34 score.

"I've worried about Otsego since last year's meet ended," Smithley said Wednesday. "They have a lot of seniors who want to win in the worst way."

"Our dual meet score isn't a good indication of the difference between the two teams. Ken Sears wasn't running for them that night and he would have scored several firsts."

Sears will compete in the 100, 220, long jump and anchor the half-mile relay. He's the defending champion in the 100.

Three other champions return. Gary Michaels of Otsego will defend his crown in the two-mile. Dan Orange of Northwood won the high jump last spring and Woodmore's Tim Sampson led the field in the 800-yard run.

Orange is the defending state champion in the high jump. He won the Class A title last year with a leap of 6-5. He has also cleared the 6-6 mark in his career.



NOT ENOUGH—Kim Michael of Ross doesn't have enough height as he attempts to clear bar in last night's dual meet between the Little Giants and Sandusky at

Harmon Stadium. Ross upset the Blue Streaks, 64-63. It was the first Ross win over Sandusky in track in more than a decade. (News-Messenger Photo)

Ross Cindermen Romp, 97-30

PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross won first places in 11 of the 15 events and waltzed to a 97-30 victory over Port Clinton in a scholastic track meet here yesterday.

The meet was the final dual competition of the season for the Little Giants. They finished with a 7-1 record.

Tom Liggins, who will compete in the AAA district meet at Bowling Green Saturday, nailed down wins in the 100 (10.3) and shot put (49-11½).

Other Ross winners included Tom Nighswander (discus), Chuck Celek (high jump), Ken Price (high hurdles), Joe Widman (mile), Claude Price (440),

Tom Pitts (low hurdles), Earl Smith (880), Kirk Stout (two-mile) and the mile relay team.

Bill Burkett, Pitts, Claude Price and Smith formed the winning mile relay. They will also participate in the AAA competition.

Nighswander, Chuck Miller, Rob Lytle and Smith are also scheduled to participate in individual events.

The results:

FIELD EVENTS

SHOT PUT — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Miller (R); 3. Kobel (R); 49-11½.

DISCUS — 1. Nighswander (R); 2. Miller (R); 3. Ontlo (PC); 142-10.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Celek (R); 2. Michael (R); 3. Quisno (PC); 5-10.

LONG JUMP — 1. Tucker (PC); 2. Wilson (R); 3. C. Widman (R); 19-0.

POLE VAULT — 1. Basinger (PC); 2. Schneider (R); 3. Werling (R); 12-0.

TRACK EVENTS

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. K. Price (R); 2. Pitts (R); 3. Basinger (PC); 15.8.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Liggins (R); 2. Heidelberg (R); 3. Lytle (R); 10.3.

MILE RUN — 1. J. Widman (R); 2. A. Widman (R); 3. Zack (PC); 4:43.6.

880-YARD RELAY — 1. Port Clinton, 1:37.4.

440-YARD DASH — 1. C. Price (R); 2. Whittington (PC); 3. Lunsford (PC); 54.2.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Pitts (R); 2. Shimer (R); 3. Price (R); 21.1.

880-YARD RUN — 1. Smith (R); 2. J. Widman (R); 3. Walker (PC); 2:05.1.

220-YARD DASH — 1. Tucker (PC); 2. Heidelberg (R); 3. Fisher (PC); 22.7.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Stout (R); 2. C. Widman (R); 3. Damschroder (R); 10:52.

MILE RELAY — 1. Ross (Burkett, Pitts, C. Price and Smith), 3:34.7.

Burkett Wins Baron-Sherman Trophy For Senior Athletes



BARON-SHERMAN WINNER—Bill Burkett accepts congratulation from Ross athletic director Dick Sherman after the senior football and track star was named as the winner of the Baron-Sherman trophy. The

award is presented annually to the outstanding senior Ross athlete by the families of Jack Baron and Tom Sherman, former Ross athletes, who died at an early age. (News-Messenger Photo)

Fausey, Smith, Spriggs, Moll Named As MVPs

Bill Burkett is the winner of the Baron-Sherman Trophy at Ross High School for 1971.

Presentation of the award, which annually goes to the top senior athlete at Ross, highlighted the Spring Sports Award Night program Tuesday.

Burkett participated in football and track during his Ross career. He won two letters in each sport. He's also president of the senior class, a member of student council, senior cabinet, Hi-Y, F Club and secretary for the Key Club.

The trophy is given by the families of Jack Baron and Tom Sherman, two former Ross athletes, who died at an early age. Previous winners include Terry Bork (1966), Mike Hetrick (1967), John Zink (1968), Dan Linder (1969) and Russ Zimmerman (1970).

Awards were also given to participants in track, baseball, golf and tennis.

For the second consecutive spring, Earl Smith, top-notch 880 performer for the Little Giant thinclads, was named most valuable in that sport. Smith, who has been beaten only twice this spring, will participate in the AAA competition at Columbus this weekend. He will compete in the 880 and also anchor the mile relay team.

Other individuals who won most valuable awards in their respective sports were Jim Fausey (baseball), Doug Spriggs (tennis) and Bill Moll (golf).

Spriggs and Moll also had the distinction of being named honorary captain for their squads. Gary Butdorf and Denny Shearon shared the honorary captain honors in baseball. Claude Price was picked as the honorary captain for track.

The most valuable and honorary captain awards were based on the vote of team members from each squad.

Special awards in baseball went to Denny Smith, for finishing the regular season with the best defensive average, and to Randy Arndt, who carried the top batting average.

Tom Nighswander and Al Widman were picked for special track honors. Nighswander, the owner of the school record in the discus, received a trophy for being the most valuable performer in the field events. Widman was picked as the most valuable runner.

Presentations in each sport were made by the head coaches — Tom Dorman (baseball), Ron Brant (track), Charles Baker (golf) and Jim Wade (tennis).

Henry Miesle, assistant baseball coach, aided Dorman with the baseball awards. Brant was joined on the dais by his assistant coaches, Norm Bray, Tom Armstrong and Jim Pasch.

Brant concluded his part of the program by presenting Ross principal Duane Wamsley with the first place trophy from the Fremont Night Relays. Baker gave Wamsley the sectional golf trophy won by the Little Giant linksters.

Members of the coaching staff and the athletes in attendance gave special recognition to Wade, who has resigned from the Ross staff and will join the Army at the close of the current school year.

The letter winners:

BASEBALL

SENIORS — Randy Arndt, Gary Butdorf, Jeff Parkinson, Dennis Shearon, Dennis Smith, Jim Blakeman and Chuck Serfozo.

JUNIORS — Al Davis, Jim Fausey, Roger Hetrick, Scott Berlekamp, Denny Knipp, Chuck Lindsey, Dale Shoemaker and Lee Winkle.

SOPHOMORES — Bob Brudzinski, Greg Burr and Mike Lowery.

TENNIS

SENIORS — Steve Shively, Doug Spriggs and John Mittermaier.

JUNIOR — Scott Hilty.

SOPHOMORES — Ron Kanan, Larry Shilling and Jeff Tschumy.

GOLF

SENIORS — Bill Moll, Dave Maddox and Ted Hilty.

SOPHOMORES — Lee Curtiss, Jim Decker and Bob Moll.

TRACK

SENIORS — Bill Burkett, Barry Hawk, John Heidelberg, Chuck Miller, Tom Nighswander, Claude Price, Mike Ruland, Bruce Schneider, Alan Sewell, Mark Shimer, Earl Smith, Mike Tooman and Dave Kridler.

JUNIORS — Chuck Celek, Tom Liggins, Kim Michael, Kirk Stout, John Werling, Al Widman, Joe Widman, Chris Widmar and Tom Wilson.

SOPHOMORES — Bob Koebel, Rob Lytle, Tom Pitts and Ken Price.



MOST VALUABLE PERFORMERS—Earl Smith, left, (track), Bill Moll (golf), Jim Fausey (baseball) and Doug Spriggs (tennis) were named the most valuable players in their respective sports at the Ross High

School Spring Sports Awards Night Tuesday. Smith won the honor for the second consecutive year. Moll and Spriggs were also named honorary captains for their teams. (News-Messenger Photo)

For Open Championship

Local Qualifiers Over

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Phil Rogers of La Jolla, Calif., put together a 69 and a blistering 63 for a 36-hole total of 132 for the lowest score Tuesday in the windup of local qualifying competition for the U.S. Open Golf Championship next month.

Beach, Calif., was runnerup to Rogers with a 68-66-134.

Johnny Mahaffey, former U. of Houston golfer who recently turned pro, shot rounds of 68-68 for a six-under-par 136 to lead the qualifiers in Houston. Bruce Lietzke, a Houston sophomore from Beaumont, was second at

greater Philadelphia area with a 141.

Veteran pro, E. J. "Dutch" Harrison of Little Rock, Ark., led 23 qualifiers in St. Louis with a three-over-par 145 at the Glen Echo Country Club.

Otto Greiner of Tenafly, N.J. and Jav Morelli of Belle

