

1974 Sectional Meet



LARRY LIGGINS OF ROSS FINISHED THIRD IN LOW HURDLES
... Ross hurdler "flies" over hurdle at Perrysburg. (N-M photos by Dick Donnan)

Ross third at sectional

PERRYSBURG — Buckeye Conference schools dominated the Northwestern Ohio "AAA" Sectional Track Meet at Perrysburg Saturday. Findlay, Sandusky, and Fremont Ross finished one, two, three, with the Trojan triumph coming as an upset.

The Blue Streaks of coach Jim Johnson had dominated this particular sectional for the last three years but were outclassed by an aroused Findlay team. With still one event to run (the pole vault was canceled because of poor runway and landing pit conditions and was run at 11 a.m. this morning), the Trojans hold a 93-79 lead over the Blue Streaks.

Ross finished with 58 points while qualifying four individuals and the two relay teams for the district test next week. The mile relay team of Terry Shearon, Jim Heidelberg, Sam Starks, and Tim Smith, turned in a 3:30.4 to win the event over Findlay, Bowling Green, and Port Clinton. Paul Fahrbech leaped his way into the district high jump competition with a 6-0 effort while finishing second. Randy Robertson was third in the 100 with a 10.4 while Smith took second in the 440 with a 51.5. Larry Liggins finished third in a very close 180-yard low hurdles race. He was timed in 21.3.

The 890-yard relay team of Robertson, Scott Barman, Harry Liggins, and Heidelberg, turned in 1:33.5 for third and a trip to the districts next week in Bowling Green.

Probably the biggest and most pleasant surprise for Ross coach Ron Brant and his assistants was the fourth place finish of sophomore miler Sam Starks. The former Little Giant sprinter turned distance runner turned in a 4:34.4, only a couple seconds off the school record.

Port Clinton finished the meet with 36 points and eighth spot. The Redskins will send Steve Hickman in the shot, Don Jackson in the high hurdles, Dick Zach and Dirk Schumaker in the 800 and the half mile relay team to the district.

Sectional team finishes

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JIM HEIDELBURG OF ROSS IN THE LEAD

... Heidelberg has lead in second leg of mile relay. Ross won the event

Miglietta is singles champ; Norwalk pair wins doubles

Top seeded Charlie Miglietti of Huron walked away with the top singles prize in

and Gary Dell in the semi-finals to reach the championship match.

Sectional team finishes and district qualifiers

"AAA" at Perrysburg

X-TEAM STANDINGS: Findlay 93, Sandusky 79, Ross 58, St. John's 50, Bowling Green 39¹/₂, Defiance 39, Napoleon 38, Port Clinton 36, Waite 20, Clay 13¹/₂, Sylvania 5, Anthony Wayne 1

X-Pole vault not figured into team standings. Event ran at 11 a.m. today.

Ross district qualifiers

Paul Fahrback, high jump; Randy Robertson, 100-yard dash; Sam Starks, mile run; Tim Smith, 440-yard dash; Larry Liggins, 180-yard low hurdles; Mile relay team (Terry Shearon, Jim Heidelberg, Sam Starks, Smith); 880-yard relay team (Robertson, Scott Barman, Harry Liggins, Heidelberg)

Port Clinton district qualifiers

Steve Hickman, shot put; Don Jackson, 120-yard high hurdles; Dick Zach, 880-yard run; Dirk Schumacher, 880-yard run; 880-yard relay team (Jackson, David Cox, Joe Gonya, Pat Montgomery)

"AAA" at Wynford

TEAM STANDINGS: Mansfield Malabar 74, Galion 51, Marion Harding 50¹/₂, Lima Senior 46, Mansfield Madison 44, Bellevue 34¹/₂, Lima Shawnee 33, Celina 32, Tiffin Columbian 22, Ashland 18, Wapakoneta 10

Bellevue district qualifiers

Kent Eisenhauer, shot put; Keith Eisenhauer, shot put; Shawn Beamer, pole vault; Greg Milkie, discus

"AA" at Ottawa Hills

TEAM STANDINGS: Fostoria 95, Huron 73, Sandusky Perkins 50, Margaretta 49, Woodmore 45, Clyde 41, Oak Harbor 35, Eastwood 32, Lakota 32, Fairview 14, Otsego 10

Woodmore district qualifiers

Jon Giesler, shot put and discus; Steve Kontak, high hurdles; John Bringman, low hurdles; Pat Lavigne, mile run; Steve Hernandez, two-mile run; Mile relay team (Mark Runion, Dean Agert, Terry Murphy, Kontak)

Clyde district qualifiers

Bob Miller, discus; Jim Schrickel, 100 and 220-yard dashes; John Gregg, 180-yard low hurdles

Lakota district qualifiers

Matt Wise, high jump; Jeff Kline, mile run; Greg Cline, two-mile run

Margaretta district qualifiers

Denny Phillips, 120-yard high hurdles; Jim Bard, pole vault; Larry Knauer, mile run; Marty Kuns, and John Murphy, 440-yard dash; Myron Rosebrook, 880-yard run; Mile relay team (Murphy, Rosebrook, Tom Kennedy, Kuns)

Oak Harbor district qualifiers

Jerry Wittman, pole vault; Jon Grieger, 880-yard run; Mike Sandwisch, two-mile run; 880-yard relay team (Jeff Gaines, Chuck Benner, Jerry Wittman, Steve Rickner)

"AA" at Lucas County

Recreation Center

TEAM STANDINGS: Swanton 89, Perrysburg 80, Lake 63, Bryan 49, Wauseon 45¹/₂, Cardinal Stritch 31, Archbold 28, Springfield 27, Delta 26¹/₂, Genoa 22, Rossford 4, Evergreen 0

Genoa district qualifiers

Tom Skees, pole vault, Rob Marko, pole vault.

"A" at Sandusky

TEAM STANDINGS: Buckeye Central 92, New London 72, Plymouth 54, Monroeville 43¹/₂, Gibsonburg 41, Western Reserve 33, Ottawa Hills 32¹/₂, Seneca East 19¹/₂, Lucas 19, St. Wendelin 15, Old Fort 14, Hopewell-Loudon 10, Northwood 10, Norwalk St. Paul 6, Danbury-Lakeside 3¹/₂, South Central 0

Gibsonburg district qualifiers

Jon Sage, high jump, 120-yard high hurdles; Kurt Michael, 180-yard low hurdles; Denny Sanches, 880-yard run; Mile relay team (Sage, Denny Carnicom, Sanchez, Michael)

Old Fort district qualifiers

Gary Fry, pole vault; Charles Priddy, 880-yard run.

Jeff Opelt, Gowitzka in tournament

BOWLING GREEN — Jeff Opelt and Steve Gowitzka finished one-two for Ross in the delayed pole vault of the "AAA" sectional track meet. The event had been delayed from last Saturday when the runway and the landing pit were deemed unfit at the Perrysburg field where the other field and running event were held.

With Opelt and Gowitzka finishing in the top two spots, the Little Giants picked up 18 points to make their final meet total, 76, three and one-third points behind runner up Sandusky.

Opelt won the event with a 13-3 while Gowitzka vaulted 13-0 for second. Both Little Giant vaulters will advance to the district meet next Saturday.