

2005 Season Review...

Ross's Aseltine has winning summer

Ross's Andrew Aseltine has a good answer when his teachers ask, "What did you do over summer vacation."

Aseltine played in more than 20 tournaments over the summer, winning four in three different states. He won Toledo and Lake Erie Junior Golf tournaments, a PGA Junior tournament at State College, Pa., and the Golf Course Owners' Association Tournament at Foxfire in Columbus — the site of this year's state tournament.

"We're kind of hoping he gets back there for state," said his father, Chris, the pro at the Fremont Country Club.

Aseltine will start his senior year at Ross, and said that he hopes to go to college for engineering. He's not sure if he'll continue his golf career in college.

"I'd like to, but that's not the most important thing," he said.

NOTEWORTHY

SJCC shoots 309 to win Gibsonburg Open

St. Joseph Central Catholic won the Gibsonburg Open at Sycamore Hills Golf Course on Monday with a five-person score of 309. Fremont Ross finished second, and Ross's Andrew Aseltine was the medalist with a score of 68 on the par-70 course.

Ross takes Swanton invite

Fremont Ross shot 306 as a team to win the Swanton Invitational.

Jordan Hepler carded a 75 as Woodmore finished the event in sixth with a 321. Keith Giesler and Charles Wooten each added an 81, and Derek Warren carded an 84 for the Wildcats.

"Compared to last year we didn't know what to expect coming in," Little Giant coach Mark Miesle said. "We lost some talent and need to find a fourth to go with the three returners. (Thursday) was very encouraging. We had some kids step up, particularly Adam Foos. I'm excited."

Andrew Aseltine fired a 73 to lead Ross to a ninth place finish in a strong field at the Medina Kickoff Classic on Wednesday.

GOLF

Aseltine medalist

Andrew Aseltine took medalist honors by four strokes as the Little Giants won the 10-team Fremont Ross Invitational with a team score of 320.

Willard finished second with a 323 at the Fremont Country Club.

Aseltine fired a 69 (35-34) and Scott King carded a 73, which matched the second-best individual score. Spencer Schabel shot an 86 for the Little Giants.

Kyle Ball matched King's 73 as Bellevue finished ninth with a 361.

Brent Hiser paced Gibsonburg with a 91 as the Golden Bears wound up 10th at 407.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF: FREMONT ROSS 157, SJCC 159

Streaks keep it close during 'rebuilding year'

Underclassmen at SJCC picking up some slack

By MATTHEW HORN
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St. Joseph Central Catholic senior Cory Swaisgood anticipated a rebuilding year for the Crimson Streaks golf team.

After leading Fremont Ross to the state tournament last year, seniors Andrew Aseltine, Spencer Schabel and Scott King had no intentions of allowing their team to take a step back.

If Wednesday's tournament at Fremont Country Club was any indication, each program can feel quite secure that its goals for the current campaign are attainable. Ross beat SJCC, 157-159. Aseltine medaled with a 35 and Swaisgood was one stroke behind.

Swaisgood, who no longer plays in the shadow of graduated Will Woodruff, bounced back from a 43 on Monday against Kalida.

"He struggled a little and was down," SJCC coach Greg Kohler said. "It was nice to see him come back and reestablish himself. The younger kids look at him as a leader and I think he's taken that to heart and is enjoying it. The spotlight is on him."

SJCC has won two tournaments, including topping Ross by 14 strokes to take the Gibsonburg invite this season. The Little Giants have won two tournaments and defeated highly-regarded Sylvania Northview.

"Last year as a team we were better than this year," Swaisgood said. "We had two good seniors last year but couldn't put it together at sectionals. This year we're younger. I thought this would be the rebuilding year."

But Swaisgood has been pleasantly surprised by the play of his younger teammates. Last season marked the first time in eight years the Crimson Streaks failed to advance to districts.

"Coming in, I thought I'd have to do well every tournament for us to be in a po-



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SJCC'S CORY SWAISGOOD chips on the first green during a match Wednesday between the Crimson Streaks and Ross. The Little Giants won, and Swaisgood led his team, shooting 36.

sition to win," he said. "But the freshmen and sophomores worked so hard that I know they can come in with good numbers and I don't feel pressure."

Schabel shot a 37, King a 40 and Adam Foos a 45 for Ross. Long after the completion of the match, Foos was still working on his game with Chris Aseltine, Andrew's father and professional at the Country

Club.

Sophomore Kyle Horvath carded a 40, senior Nick Peiffer a 41 and sophomore Mike Kistler a 42 for SJCC.

Like Swaisgood, Aseltine also said he and his senior teammates feel little pressure. They said the real pressure falls on the shoulders of whoever picks up their play to move into the team's fourth scoring spot.

"I think we have a shot to

go to state again," Schabel said. "We just have to be consistent. We can get out of sectionals. We just need that fourth and fifth guy. I'd love to go (as a team) again."

Whereas last year's Little Giants almost had too much talent when it came time to determine the players in each match, this year's group is still trying to figure out exactly what it

has and some of the players could be pressing a bit.

"There is more pressure on them than on us," King said. "They're trying too hard."

Augmenting the Little Giants' prospects of again advancing to state may be the fact that districts are played at Red Hawk. The Ross senior trio is each long off the tee, making the course favorable to their games.

"We're all capable of shooting under par at districts," said King, who has shaved three strokes off his average.

Aseltine is capable of shooting under par anywhere. He said he could live with not shooting the low score at his home course, but didn't have to entertain such feelings on Wednesday.

"I don't think about what I'm going to shoot," he said. "I just think about how many good shots I'm going to make. I don't go for a number."

Kohler could be contending with a problem similar to that of the Little Giants' Mark Miesle from a year ago by the end of the current season — too much depth. In addition to Wednesday's scorers, senior Eric Kirwen, junior Danny Boyd, sophomore Jordan Furlong, and freshmen Jordan Frank and Max Yellstrom should all see varsity time.

"We have a lot more depth," Kohler said. "Last year, our Nos. 1 and 2 men had to score for us. Now I have seven or eight kids that can shoot in the low 40s or high 30s every day. Seven of the top averages are freshmen and sophomores so it's just a matter of getting their feet wet and understanding what's going on."

"We'll get some experience and definitely be somebody to be reckoned with at the end of the year."

Ross obviously has the same objective. And after finishing second in the Greater Buckeye Conference to Findlay their first three years, the seniors would love to go out with a league title.

"Get back (to state) and place higher," King said. "That's the goal."

Aseltine is medalist

Andrew Aseltine carded a 70 but Fremont Ross finished one stroke back of winner Norwalk at the Bellevue Invitational.

Norwalk shot a 310 to the Little Giants' 311.

Scott King added a 76 for Ross.

The host Redmen finished sixth at 329 as Kyle Ball fired a 72.

Jordan Hepler paced Woodmore with a 79 for the ninth-place Wildcats (336).

Andrew Bolinger had a 79 as Margaretta wound up 11th at 344.

Marion Harding Invite
Marion CC (par 72)
Friday

1. Ross 329

Ross results

Andrew Aseltine	72 (medalist)
Scott King	79
Spencer Schabel	84
Adam Foos	92

Napoleon Invitational
Napoleon Municipal GC (par 72)
Saturday

1. BG 303

Ross 305

Ross results

Andrew Aseltine	70 (medalist)
Scott King.....	72 (T-second)
Spencer Schabel	79
Adam Foos	84

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Little Giants win Genoa Invitational

News Messenger reports

Andrew Aseltine fired a 1-over 72 to finish three strokes off medalist honors as Fremont Ross won the Genoa Invitational with a team score of 300 on Saturday.

Spencer Schabel carded a 73 for the Little Giants at Chippewa Golf Course. Aseltine and Schabel were named to the all-tournament team.

"We're counting on Andrew to play his consistent round of good golf," Ross coach Mark Miesle said. "Spencer has turned things around the last two or three rounds and Scott (King) has been consistent all year. Our key will be finding that quality fourth score. (Adam) Foos has definitely been picking it up. If we can get 79s out of Adam I think we can walk away with a big piece of hardware."

Kyle Ball carded a 73 to make the all-tournament team as Bellevue finished 12th at 359.

King shot a 76 and Foos added a 79 for Ross.

"The thing I'm noticing is we're starting to peak a little bit," Ross coach Mark Miesle said. "Over the past week or so we've turned in some better scores. We have our conference tournament Tuesday and it's nice to have posted two or three nice scores in a row headed into that."

Ross will play in the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships at Marion Country Club on Tuesday.

"It's coming down to a two team race between Ross and Findlay," Miesle said. "Sandusky has been consistent all year and Marion has an advantage hosting."

