

Harding, Tiffin win Ross Relays

Marion Harding's boys won seven events and Tiffin Columbian's girls took six on their way to winning the team titles at the 23rd Ross Relays here Saturday.

Marion scored 98 points to easily outdistance runnerup Columbian by 23 in the boys event. Bowling Green took third with 62 points, followed by Maumee 45, Port Clinton 43, Ross 33 and Oregon Clay 18.

In the girls meet, Columbian tallied 88 points for the title. In second place was Maumee with 69, followed by Marion Harding, 62, Oregon Clay 43, Ross 40, Bowling Green 23 and Port Clinton 14.

Harding's boys team, which Ross Coach Norm Bray calls "the class of the Buckeye Conference," took titles in the long jump, high jump, 400-meter relay, shuttle hurdles, sprint medley, 800-meter relay and 1600-meter relay.

Columbian (discus and shot put) and Bowling Green (distance medley and 3200-meter relay) each won two events while Port Clinton (pole vault) took the remaining one.

Ross's best finish came in the 800-meter relay. The Little Giant quartet of Gene Simmons, Wade Parker, Todd Beatty and Rick Heidelberg ran a 1:35.98 to finish second to Marion Harding's 1:31.9.

Ross also got a third-place finish from the shot put trio of Mike Bobay, Beatty and Tom Schaffer. That group totaled 124-2 1/2. Columbian won the event with a 143-5 composite, followed by Harding with a 125-9 1/2.

The Little Giants added four fourth-place finishes and three sixth-place finishes to their total.

"I thought we would do better than that," said Bray. "I thought maybe we could finish third or fourth, so I was disappointed from that standpoint."

Ross girls Coach Harold Zienta also felt his squad could have done better than its fifth-place finish, but not much.

"We probably could've taken fourth if we hadn't got disqualified in the shuttle hurdles," said Zienta. "Our time was third-best in that event, but one of our girls left too soon. If that wouldn't have happened, it would've pushed us up to fourth place (in the team standings)."

The bright spots for Zienta came in two events from the same trio of girls. The events were the discus and shot put and the girls were Ann Cooper, Gwen Minich and Melissa Mamula.

Those girls came in second in the shot with a composite toss of 82-7 1/2. Clay won that event with a total of 91-9.

In the discus, the Lady Little Giants came in third (258-0) to tilt Clay (277-7) and runnerup Maumee (264-2). Cooper and Mamula each tossed personal-bests.

"Those three girls did a great job," said Zienta. "I was really pleased with them."

Ross's only other third-place finish came in the long jump. The trio of Tonya Tucker, Darlene Starks and Lisa Luman jumped 41-7 to finish behind champion Columbian 43-8 and runnerup Clay 43-6.

Columbian's other championships came in the high jump, 400-meter relay, 3200-meter relay, distance medley and 800-meter relay.



GENE SIMMONS of Ross strains in his effort to keep the lead in his leg of the 400-meter relay during the 23rd Ross Relays Saturday. The Little Giants team came in fourth in the race at the Ross High School all-weather track.

Ross loses 2 to Bowling Green

Bowling Green set Ross back two steps in high school baseball action Saturday.

The Bobcats defeated the Little Giants 5-4 and 7-2 with both games going eight innings. The losses dropped Ross to 1-3 while Bowling Green climbed to 5-1.

In other Saturday games, Gibsonburg split with Van Buren, winning the first game 12-4 but losing the night cap 16-15. Genoa won two, taking Cardinal Stritch 7-6 before handing Toledo Central Catholic its first loss 11-4. Woodmore dropped a pair in Cleveland, losing to Central Catholic 4-3 and St. Edward 6-4. Port Clinton split with Fostoria, losing 7-1, and defeating Bellevue 9-6.

Ross missed a chance to win the first game in the bottom of the seventh. Fred Hepp walked and was sacrificed to second by Jim Hufford. Doug Gallagher walked but on Chris Simmons's grounder into the hole between first and second, Gallagher was hit.

Bowling Green tied the game with two in the seventh before winning it in the eighth. In the bottom of the inning, Matt Hiser and Steve Ebert singled but after one out, Scott Link was out on the infield fly rule and the Ross runner was out at second while trying to advance when Link's fly was dropped.

In the second game, Bowling Green scored five runs in the top of the eighth on three hits, three Ross errors and two walks.

Ross tied the game in the seventh on Hepp's single, Hufford's sacrifice, a stolen base and Simmons's single.

GIBSONBURG 12-15, VAN BUREN 4-16

The Golden Bears exploded for 39 hits but managed to come up with only a split at Van Buren.

In the opener, the Bears pounded out 17 hits to easily rout the Black Knights. Brian Nagy and Jim Zeller led the assault with three hits each. Nagy also had four RBIs.

In the nightcap, Gibsonburg blew a six-run lead in the seventh inning and a one-run lead in the eighth to fall to VB in extra innings.

With the help of a nine-run third inning and a five-run sixth, Gibsonburg moved out to a 14-8 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh.

But Van Buren tallied six runs on four hits, one walk and an error to tie the game 14-14. In the top of the eighth, Sneider drove in Kirby Keen with a single for the go-ahead run. But in the bottom of the eighth, VB's Chuck Clark tagged Sneider with a two-run single to end the game.

CLEVELAND CC 4, WOODMORE 3

LAKEWOOD ST. ED 6, WOODMORE 4

The Wildcats went east Saturday but came away empty-handed, dropping two close ones to some tough competition.

In the first game, Woodmore tied the game 3-3 with a run in the top of the seventh only to lose when CCC scored once in the bottom of the eighth. The Wildcats tied it when Jeff Perkins singled, stole second and then scored on an error by the CCC second baseman on a ball hit by Tim Blake.

Perkins had two hits in the CCC game.

In the St. Ed game, Woodmore outthit the Eagles



DOUG GALLAGHER, left, talks with Ross Coach Chuck Lindsey, center, after the Ross hurler was touched for two runs in the second inning of the first game. Catcher Dave Eicher listens in on the conference.

White Sox stop Tribe on Dotson's mixture

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the first few innings, 24-year-old Richard Dotson was the star in the fourth



ROSS HURDLER Pam Lenz clears a hurdle during the shuttle hurdles race during the Ross Relays Saturday. The team, however, was disqualified when a runner left too early on one of the legs.

Track

Ross Relays

Boys

TEAM STANDINGS

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| Marion Harding | 98 | Port Clinton | 43 |
| Tiffin Columbian | 70 | Ross | 33 |
| Bowling Green | 62 | Oregon Clay | 18 |
| Maumee | 45 | | |

RUNNING EVENTS

Long jump: 1 — Marion (Alexander, Ross, Hill) 58-9; 2 — Clay 52-4 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3 — Bowling Green 51-8; 4 — Columbian 50-2; 5 — Port Clinton 49-9.

Shot put: 1 — Columbian (Griffis, Harbaugh, Moyer) 143-5; 2 — Marion 125-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 — Ross 124-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 — Port Clinton 119-10; 5 — Clay 117-3.

Pole vault: 1 — Port Clinton (Robert Garza, Dennis Voss, Al Garza) 32-0; 2 — Columbian 21-6; 3 — Maumee 21-6; 4 — Ross 11-0.

Discus: 1 — Columbian (Moyer, Richardson, Harbaugh) 375-1; 2 — Marion 370-1; 3 — Maumee 367-0; 4 — Bowling Green 331-1; 5 — Port Clinton 327-7.

High jump: 1 — Marion (Hill, Mayes, Steven) 17-11; 2 — Maumee 17-2; 3 — Port Clinton 17-0; 4 — Clay 16-9; 5 — Bowling Green 11-9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

400-meter relay: 1 — Marion (Green, Jackson, Ross, Jones) 44.0; 2 — Columbian 45.4; 3 — Bowling Green 45.45; 4 — Ross 45.47; 5 — Port Clinton 46.1.

3200-meter relay: 1 — Bowling Green (Whitman, Wicks, Smith, Boutelle) 8:24.2; 2 — Marion 8:28.59; 3 — Maumee 8:30.4; 4 — Columbian 8:37.07; 5 — Port Clinton 9:03.33.

Shuttle hurdle relay: 1 — Marion (Hill, Jones, Mayes, Pittman) 1:00.9; 2 — Bowling Green 1:04.3; 3 — Columbian 1:04.59; 4 — Ross 1:07.19; 5 — Maumee 1:08.05.

Sprint medley: 1 — Marion (Green, Hill, Jones, Pittman) 1:26.9; 2 — Bowling Green 1:38.81; 3 — Columbian 1:40.44; 4 — Ross 1:43.03; 5 — Maumee 1:43.31.

Distance medley: 1 — Bowling Green (Kisselle, Wicks, Smith, Boutelle) 10:57.7; 2 — Columbian 10:58.87; 3 — Maumee 11:18.94; 4 — Marion 11:22.9; 5 — Port Clinton 12:07.

800-meter relay: 1 — Marion (Ross, Jackson, Pittman, Green) 1:31.9; 2 — Ross 1:35.98; 3 — Port Clinton 1:36.5; 4 — Columbian 1:37.7; 5 — Maumee 1:39.29.

1600-meter relay: 1 — Marion (Jones, Jackson, Mayes, Ross) 3:24.9; 2 — Bowling Green 3:35.66; 3 — Port Clinton 3:37.9; 4 — Maumee 3:41.02; 5 — Columbian 3:41.19.

Girls

TEAM STANDINGS

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| Tiffin Columbian | 88 | Ross | 40 |
| Maumee | 69 | Bowling Green | 23 |
| Marion Harding | 62 | Port Clinton | 14 |
| Oregon Clay | 43 | | |

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1 — Clay (Lind, Dayton, Pokornik) 91-9; 2 — Ross 82-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 — Columbian 80-11; 4 — Maumee 80-10; 5 — Port Clinton 77-9.

High jump: 1 — Columbian (Widman, Spenseller, Graham) 14-1; 2 — Clay 13-10; 3 — Marion 13-0; 4 — Maumee 9-0; 5 — Bowling Green 8-8.

Long jump: 1 — Columbian (Kramer, Zoeller, Paul) 43-8; 2 — Clay 43-6; 3 — Ross 41-7; 4 — Marion 39-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5 — Bowling Green 38-11.

Discus: 1 — Clay (Lind, Dayton, Dombkowski) 277-7; 2 — Maumee 264-2; 3 — Ross 258-0; 4 — Port Clinton 246-11; 5 — Marion 235-8.

RUNNING EVENTS

400 — meter relay: 1 — Columbian (Dryfuse, Albert, Zoeller, Scherer) 53.7; 2 — Marion 53.7; 3 — Maumee 53.7; 4 — Ross 54.8; 5 — Clay 55.1.

3200-meter relay: 1 — Columbian (Cessna, Iannantuono, Vera, Simpkins) 10:16.8; 2 — Maumee 10:25.81; 3 — Marion 11:06.1; 4 — Bowling Green 11:11.74; 5 — Ross 11:39.78.

Shuttle hurdles: 1 — Marion (Walker, Reinwald, Green, Pereira) 1:11.6; 2 — Columbian 1:11.7; 3 — Maumee 1:16.52; 4 — Clay 1:20.87; 5 — Port Clinton 1:22.30.

Sprint medley: 1 — Maumee (Ahreudt, Rodenhauser, Reed, Snyder) 1:59; 2 — Marion 2:02.53; 3 — Columbian 2:02.58; 4 — Ross 2:04.60; 5 — Bowling Green 2:11.84.

Distance medley: 1 — Columbian (Gardner, Trapp, Cessna, Simpkins) 14:03.5; 2 — Bowling Green 14:31.29; 3 — Marion