

1969 Season review...

Brant To Head Ross Thinclads

The man who has engineered the rebirth of cross country at Ross high school has been named the new head track coach at that school. He will replace Rod Lash, who resigned the school system recently to become Fremont city safety-service director.

The comeback of cross country closely paralleled the rebirth of track fostered by Lash. The two sports have shown radical improvement in the last three years under these two men. Brant, who has been in the Fremont School system seven years, has served as an assistant track coach all those seasons. The first two years he worked in the junior high program. He then handled the varsity sprinters for three years and the past three years has been in charge of the distance men.

The appointment of Brant was announced Thursday by Duane Wamsley, Ross high school principal. Wamsley also revealed a policy change in the creation of one position to head track and cross country. Brant will be the first coach to handle both sports in recent years. The principal said this policy should lead to better coordination of the two running programs.

The new head coach is a graduate of Somerset, Pa., high school and Oklahoma State University. He still holds the school records of his high school in the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes. At college he participated as a member of the track team his freshman year, when he reached a 100-yard dash low of :09.8.

Brant at the present time is awaiting doctor's permission to return to teaching and coaching duties after major surgery. He said current plans call for



RON BRANT
Track Coach

equipment distribution Monday and practice no later than Wednesday. The track team has been working on conditioning drills since January.

Brant indicated that Norman Bray will continue as an assistant handling weight men. Bray will be in charge in Brant's absence, if doctor's permission to resume activity is delayed. Other varsity assistants will be Norv Skinner, pole vault; Steve Frontz, sprinters. All but Frontz are holdovers from Lash's staff. Frontz, a new member to the Ross teaching staff this year, was an assistant track coach at Clyde high school. Bruce Smith will serve as junior high coordinator. Others on the junior high track program staff include Alex Clark, Richard Canode and Joe Myers.

Between College and his association with Ross, Brant coached track at Cardinal high school in northwestern Ohio. At this school he developed a state champion 880-yard runner.

Ross Track Squad Boasts 15 Lettermen

The big man on the far side of the field cocked his body and exploded like a spring. The 12-pound iron ball sailed through the air to a spot where it sank in the soft ground, 51 feet, seven inches from the spot it was tossed. It was a final practice throw before the start of the season for Ross' giant shot-putter Dave Rhodes. It also was a demonstration of one of Ross' strengths on the eve of a new

track and field season. Big Dave Rhodes, a 250-pound senior, this Spring has been consistently putting the shot over the 50-foot mark.

Shot put will be one of the Little Giants' strengths because Rhodes is not alone, but backed by two other lettermen, all capable of tosses in the vicinity of 45 feet.

When Ross thinclads take the track Thursday afternoon at

home against Fostoria, it will mark the debut of coach Ron Brant. Brant takes over the head job after serving as head cross country coach and an assistant in track specializing in the distance runners. Brant still works with the distance boys and in this department is another strength.

Brant's first team after taking over for Rod Lash, who resigned from the school system

to become Fremont safety-service director, is built around 15 lettermen. Strong points among those lettermen are distance runners Bob Ballenger, Tom Hoffman, Randy Karg, Tom Thomson, Chuck Cheek, Mel Hoffman and Roger Nelson; weight men Rhodes, Brian Cooley, Dennis Billman and Doug Ebert; sprinters Jon Schwartz, Len Ferguson and Larry Sheffield; hurdles Tom

Nahn, Kerry Pitts, Steve Tooman.

Lettermen are Ballenger, Ferguson, Karg, Nahn, Dennis O'Brien, Pitts and Sheffield, juniors; Billman, Keith Chapin, Cheek, Cooley, Ebert, Dan Linder, Rhodes and Schwartz, seniors.

Linder could be a surprise in the pole vault where he is pushing the 12-6 mark in his second year of working with the event. O'Brien specializes in the long jump and high jump, where he works behind Sheffield and Schwartz in the long jump, Jim Werling and Keith Chapin in the high jump.

Other key performers from whom Brant expects depth are juniors Scott Goodwin, pole vault; Bill Shaffer, hurdles; Gordon Frost, high jump; Mark Shuman, hurdles, and Mike Tooman, pole vault.

This year's track team has a big hole to fill in the absence of sprinter Steve Parker. Parker was good for first places in every event from 100 to 440-yard run, plus insurance as a relay anchor man. Parker won the right to compete in the state meet twice and last year won

the Buckeye Conference, sectional and district 440-yard runs.

A great part of the sprint responsibility will rest on the shoulders of Schwartz. He will get help in the two dashes from footballers Ferguson and Sheffield, both of whom possess good speed.

Brant appraises "we are going to hold our own" in rating Sandusky and Findlay as the toughest competition to be faced this season. Also helping to fill the Parker-left gap in the springs and dashes will be sophomores Bill Burkett, Ed Pendry and Mike Ruland. Boys such as these prompt Brant to point to depth as one of the Little Giant strengths. Other strong points according to the coach are shot and the distances. Rhodes is taking aim on the school shot put record, 54-0, which was set in the 1940 Mansfield Relays by Bob Shaw. Rhodes put the shot 53-8 last year in the Marion Relays.

Assisting Brant with this year's track team are coaches Richard Cannode, high jumpers; Steve Frontz, sprinters, hurdlers and long jumpers; Norm Bray, weightmen.

Building Year For Baseball

Sophomores Hold St. Joe Hopes

"Wait until they get a look at my Pony League All-Stars," Coach Dennis Fearnow jokingly referred to his young St. Joseph baseball team. There will be new uniforms and a new look of youth when St. Joseph takes the field for the first time later this week. The team will be young with only pitcher-shortstop Jim Yeager earning a letter last year.

When Yeager, a junior, is on the mound he will be backed by a defense of at least seven sophomores. It is strictly a

the Crimson Streaks, but the coach is pleased with the early development of his team. The search is still on for backup pitching and some heavy hitting. Early indications are the Crimson Streaks will have to rely on a running brand of baseball.

Yeager last year was the ace of the pitching staff with a 4-2 record and 2.62 earned run average. He gained additional experience in the summer when he played shortstop and third base for the American Legion

mound the pitching should fall on Al Schabel and possibly sophomore Scott Ash. Fearnow is now working on converting Ash, primarily a first baseman-outfielder. Ash did do some Little League pitching before high school. Schabel, also a sophomore, is a left-hander with Knothole League pitching experience. Yeager and Ash are right-handers.

Fearnow is counting on junior George Hoffman at second base to provide leadership. He also looks to Hoffman as being

when not pitching will be at shortstop, spelled by Pat Waggoner, another sophomore, when Yeager's on the mound. Waggoner or Moyer will be at third base.

Fearnow lists the outfield as "where we are hurting." Only Don Rusch in centerfield. Fearnow says he is a strong defensive player and brother of Jim Rusch, the team's top hitter a year ago. Others battling for outfield spots are Marty Eberly, Steve Yellstrom, Henry Szabo

Beat Fostoria 102-25

Ross Thinclads Romp In Opener

The caliber of the competition told little about the Ross high school track team in its Thursday debut, except the Little Giants were the whole show. If Fostoria's Spencer Fairley had missed the bus to Fremont, the visiting Redmen would not have won an event at Harmon Field on a cold, gusty Thursday afternoon. Fairley was a triple winner in both hurdles and the high jump as his Fostoria team fell to Ross, 102-25.

So complete was the Little Giant domination in the debut of Coach Ron Brant that the local team won 12 of 15 events, took 12 of a possible 13 second places and swept three events. The sweeps of all three places came in the 100-yard dash, discus and two-mile run. In addition, Ross captured both relays with ease.

Fairley was the class of the hurdlers but number of misses gave him his third first place

in high jump. The Fostoria athlete, Ross' Keith Chapin and Gordon Frost all cleared 5-6, but Fairley had the least number of misses. Fairley with a third in the broad jump earned 16 of Fostoria's 25 points.

Ross had two double winners in seniors Dave Rhodes and Jon Schwartz, plus junior Earl Smith who won the broad jump and ran a leg on both winning relays. Rhodes dominated the weight events and Schwartz fin-

ished first in 100-yard dash and 440-yard sprint. On his second throw Rhodes showed he has taken aim on the school shot put record of 54-0 held by Bob Shaw since 1942. Rhodes put the shot over the 50 foot mark all attempts and his second toss was measured at 52-9.

Rhodes next attempt at the record will come Saturday when he competes in the Mansfield Relays. Coach Brant indicated

after Thursday's meet that Rhodes would likely be his team's only entry at Mansfield.

SUMMARY
120 HIGH HURDLES—Fairley (F), Nahm (R), Danner (F), 15.8.
100—Schwartz (R), Sheffield (R), Ferguson (R), 10.75.
MILE—Karg (R), Thompson (R), Garrison (F), 4:56.7.
DISCUS—Rhodes (R), Billman (R), Nighswander (R), 133-1-8.
880 RELAY—Ross (Smith, Ferguson, Sheffield, S. Tooman), 1:39.2.
LONG JUMP—Smith (R), Schwartz (R), Fairley (F), 18-4.

440—Schwartz (R), Burkett (R), Feught (F), 55.85.
180 LOW HURDLES—Fairley (F), Ruland (R), Nahm (R), 22.0.
880—Cheek (R), M. Hoffman (R), Bodie (F), 2:11.8.
HIGH JUMP—Fairley (F), Chapin (R), Frost (R), 5-6.
220—Sheffield (R), Ruland (R), Creeger (F), 25.15.
MILE RELAY—Ross (Smith, Burkett, Ferguson, S. Tooman), 3:50.4.
SHOT PUT—Rhodes (R), Miller (R), Filiater (F), 52-9.
POLE VAULT—Linder (R), Stroman (F), Tooman (R), 12-3.
TWO MILE—T. Hoffman (R), Ballenger (R), Melson (R), 10:50.45.

Clyde Is Victim

Ross Golfers Win

John Decker shot a 41 Thursday at Fremont Country Club for medalist honors to lead Ross high school golf team to its first victory of the season. The Little Giants bounced back from an opening loss the day before to trim Clyde, 7½-1½.

Decker, John Hepner and Mark Smith all swept two points from their Clyde opponents. Only Clyde points came in the number two match when Jeff McMurtrie shot a 42 to take a point and one-half from Ross' John Waggoner. The match was not decided until the final hole as Waggoner shot a 43. Ross won the team total point with 173 strokes to 184 for Clyde.

In a reserve match Ross won a 7-2 victory as Terry Daily was medalist for the Little Giants with a 42.

VARSITY

John Decker (R), 41, over Randy Keegan (C), 44, 2-0.
Jeff McMurtrie (C), 42, over John Waggoner (R), 43, 1½-½.
John Hepner (R), 43, over Ted Mason (C), 46, 2-0.
Mark Smith (R), 46, over Dave Sanford (C), 52, 2-0.

Little Giant Net Team Is Blanked

FINDLAY — Opportunity for indoor facilities to prepare for the season showed Thursday as Findlay displayed a finely tuned tennis team in a 6-0 opening victory over Ross high school. The visiting Little Giants extended their Findlay opponents to three sets in only one match. This was in the number three singles where Dave Burr of Findlay nipped Ross' Dave Abbott, 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Ross Coaches are Norman Paeth and Paul Goszyk. The losing coaches pointed to the accurate service of Findlay players as crucial in the match. Ross tries again for its first victory Tuesday at Marion.

SINGLES

Dan Somers (F) over Dave Deemer (R), 6-1, 6-3.
Keith Bookwalter (F) over Tom Kokai (R), 6-4, 6-1.
Dave Burr (F) over Dave Abbott (R), 6-2, 6-8, 6-3.
Rod Wywkoop (F) over Jeff Keeler (R), 6-0, 6-0.
Dave Stealey (F) over Steve Klay (R), 6-2, 6-0.
Exhibition—Paul Fairchild (F) over Dave Schatt (R), 6-1, 6-1.

DOUBLES

Sommers-Burr (F) over Deemer-Abbott, 6-3, 8-6.
Bookwalter-Fairchild (F) over Kokai-Keeler (R), 6-0, 6-1.

Who speaks softly and carries a big kick?



STEVE TOOMAN HANDS BATON TO ROSS MATE LARRY SHEFFIELD Midway Point In Little Giant 880-Yard Relay Win Over Fostoria

Eight Records Fall In Mansfield Relays

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Eight records were shattered and Cleveland John Kennedy High School won its second straight championship in the 38th annual Mansfield Relays over the weekend.

The Cleveland school amassed 18 points to win by a six-point margin over runnersup Detroit Redford Union and Ferndale, Mich.

Only double winner was John Morrison of Redford Union, who ran the 120-yard high hurdles in a record 13.9 and the 180-yard low hurdles in 19.1.

Only repeater from last year

was Bruce Simpson of Agincourt, Ontario, Canada who cleared the pole vault at 14 feet, 6 inches.

Some 2,655 athletes from 298 high schools in six states and Canada participated in the two-day meet.

Brant Wishes Story Was True

"I wish I had Dave." This was the reaction of Coach Ron Brant when informed area metropolitan Sunday newspapers listed a Dave Boyer, Fremont Ross, 14-0, as third place finisher in the Mansfield Relays pole vault. Boyer may have finished third but he is not from Fremont Ross, assured Brant.

Lone Ross entry in the Mansfield Relays was Dave Rhodes, who put the shot 51-7, but did not reach the finals.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Ross Track Team Races To Second Win, 99-24

With two victories to its credit, Fremont Ross track team is still looking for some competition. The Little Giants tripped to a 99-24 victory over Bowling Green Tuesday at Harmon stadium, winning 11 of the 15 events. The romp followed an opening 102-25 win over Fostoria. Bowling Green and Fostoria are both participants in the Great Lakes League.

In Tuesday's meet Ross swept all five field events with five different Little Giants posting victories. The Ross depth was evident in that there was only one double winner for the Little Giants—Tom Nahm in the hurdles. Ten different Ross athletes took first places. The other boys in the relays could have been considered double winners since they participated in a winning relay as well as winning an event. John Schwartz won the

100-yard dash and ran anchor on both 880-yard and mile relays. Larry Sheffield combined a leg of the 880-relay with victory in the long jump. Lenny Ferguson won nine points for Ross when he attempted the tough triple in the sprints. Ferguson won the 440-yard dash, finished second in the 200-yard dash and third in the 100-yard dash. Ross athletes swept all three

places in the 440-yard dash, 180-yard low hurdles, high jump, shot put and discus. For Bowling Green, the strength was in the distance events, where the Bobcats won the 880-yard, mile and two mile runs. Ross now enters its own night relays with two wins and no losses.

SUMMARY
120 HIGH HURDLES—Tom Nahm (R), 22.8.
Kerry Pitts (R), Doug Gibson (BG), 16.7.
100—Jon Schwartz (R), Terry DeWyer (BG), Lenny Ferguson (R), 10.9.
MILE—Greg Shaffer (BG), Randy Karg (R), Tom Thompson (R), 4:53.2.
880 RELAY—Ross (Mike Roland, Larry Sheffield, Steve Tooman, Jon Schwartz), 1:37.9.
440—Lenny Ferguson (R), Bill Burkett (R), Earl Smith (R), 50.4.
180 LOW HURDLES—Tom Nahm (R), Steve Tooman (R), Mark Shiner (R), 22.8.
880—Randy Ballard (BG), Chuck Cheek (R), Mel Hoffman (R), 2:06.5.
220—Terry DeWyer (BG), Lenny Ferguson (R), Mike Roland (R), 23.6.

TWO MILE—Bill Lanning (BG), Tom Hoffman (R), Bob Ballinger (R), 10:46.9.
MILE RELAY—Ross (Bill Burkett, Tom Thompson, Steve Tooman, Jon Schwartz), 3:47.7.
HIGH JUMP—Gordon Frost (R), tie Benny O'Brien (R) and Keith Chapin (R), 5-9.
LONG JUMP—Larry Sheffield (R), Randy Ballard (BG), Jon Schwartz (R), 19.5.
SHOT PUT—Dave Rhodes (R), Brian Cooley (R), Randy Miller (R), 31.4.
POLE VAULT—Dan Linder (R), Mike Tooman (R), Tom Straw (BG), 12-6.
DISCUS—Benny Billman (R), Dave Rhodes (R), Bob Kusner (R), 128-4 1/2.



STARTER JOHN TITSWORTH WITH RAISED GUN SIGNALS START Runners Poised To Begin Two Mile Trudge Around Harmon Track

Sandusky Bay Conference Meeting

Football Film Exchange Okayed

A film exchange for football coaches was approved and Bernard Lutz elected president of the league at the Spring meeting of Sandusky Bay Conference. The meeting was held at St. Joseph School Tuesday. The executive board of the league approved the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. This included Bernard Lutz, Oak Harbor president; Ken Herman, Fostoria St. Wendelin, vice-president, and A. W. Hendricks, secretary-treasurer. The film exchange worked out among the football coaches received the stamp of approval from the executive board. This will involve the exchange of one film between opponents, two when convenient. The rules of exchange rule out inter-league exchange and call for dealings to be directly between coaches of opposing teams. The home team is responsible for getting films to the visiting team. Discussion of appointing a league commissioner was postponed due to the absence of a Lakota representative. All other schools were represented at the meeting. Reactivated was a committee on awards. Steve Acierno,

Margaretta; Wilbur Sarvis, Clyde, and Robert Smith, St. Joseph, will serve on this committee again. It is designed to study the league awards system. A new committee was named to study standardizing the trophies and awards presented by the conference. They will investigate a standard design of trophies and awards, as well as the use of a permanent league emblem. Serving on this committee are Lutz, Gene Van Ordsdall, Margaretta, and Hendricks. This latter committee also will be concerned with implementing a Herman Gant Memorial award. George Reosch, former Margaretta coach, and now assistant principal at Elyria high school, has offered to furnish such an award. The committee will determine the criteria for such an award, which would be in memory of Gant, Margaretta athletic great, who was killed this year in Vietnam. Baseball coaches were notified that all-league selection dope sheets were due to other coaches and the conference secretary, May 26. The All-Conference team will be selected June 4.

Other dates established by the league were: Wrestling tournament, Saturday, February 7, 1970, no site announced; conference gold tournament, May 2, 1969, Thunderbird Hills, Huron; junior high track meet, Tuesday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.; Clyde; freshman basketball tournament, February 14, 18 and 21, 1970, Sandusky St. Mary.

Clyde Golfers Spoil St. Joseph's Debut

CLYDE—Clyde high school golf team won its fourth match in five outings Tuesday, defeating Fremont St. Joseph, 6-3, at Green Hills. Playing on their home course the Fliers spoiled the season debut for St. Joseph. In so doing the Clyde team posted its best total scores of the season. Medalist Randy Keegan of Clyde equalled par with a 35 and number two man Jeff McMurtrie was only one stroke back at 36. Filling out the Clyde team were Dave Sanford, 44, and Ted Mason, 39. Clyde won the team medal point with 154 strokes, an average of 38.5 per game. For St. Joseph John Faist and Bud Moody each shot 39. St. Joseph had a respectable 41 strokes per man. In match play number four man Jerry Rich was the only St. Joseph winner. Rich had a 42. Moody with his 39 split with Clyde's Mason. In the reserve match Clyde ran away with a 9-0 victory.

SUMMARY

Randy Keegan (C), 35, defeated John Faist (SJ), 39; 2-0. Jeff McMurtrie (C), 36, defeated Ken Durnwald (SJ), 44; 2-0. Bud Moody (SJ), 39, and Ted Mason (SJ), 39, tied, 1-1. Jerry Rich (SJ), 42, defeated Dave Sanford (C), 44, 2-0.

Ross Buries Perkins

SANDUSKY—Dual meets continued to be a breeze for Fremont Ross Thursday as the Little Giants raced to their third easy victory, stopping Perkins, 103-24. In three meets the closest has been a 99-28 win over Bowling Green. The Little Giants also topped 100 in the opening meet of the season by trimming Fostoria 102-25.

Outstanding performances by Jon Schwartz and Dan Linder highlighted the meet in which Ross won 14 of 15 events. Schwartz soared 20-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the long jump and Linder cleared 12-9 in the pole vault. Linder just nicked the bar loose at a school record height of 13 feet. Schwartz, who was the only double winner of the meet, was pushed in the long jump by teammate Larry Sheffield who missed 20 feet by a mere half inch. Schwartz won both the long jump and 100-yard dash.

Another season best for Ross was the 5-10 high jump by Gordon Frost.

SUMMARY

LONG JUMP—Schwartz (R), Sheffield (R), Williams (P), 20-7 $\frac{3}{4}$.

HIGH JUMP—Frost (R), tie Mauk (P) and O'Brien (R), 5-10.

DISCUS—Printy (P), Hillman (R), Kusmer (R), 127-11.

SHOT PUT—Rhodes (R), Williams (P), Miller (R), 48-11 $\frac{1}{4}$.

120 HIGH HURDLES—Nahm (R), Pitts (R), Shaffer (R), :16.9.

POLE VAULT—Linder (R), Butler (P), M. Tooman (R), 12-9.

100—Schwartz (R), Sheffield (R), Williams (P), :10.7.

MILE—Karg (R), Thomson (R), Wolters (P), 5:00.7.

880 RELAY—Ross, 1:36.3.

440—Smith (R), Ruland (R), Burkett (R), :54.3.

180 LOW HURDLES—Pitts (R), tie Pruitt (P) and Nahm (R), :22.4.

880—Hoffman (R), Cheek (R), tie Robin (P) and Had-dox (P), 2:10.6.

200—Sheffield (R), Grimm (P), Ferguson (R), :21.7.

MILE—Hoffman (R), Ballenger (R), Melson (R), 10:53.4.

MILE RELAY—Ross, 3:43.5.

At Marion Relays

Rhodes Is Second

MARION—Dave Rhodes, a 6-2, 255-pounder still recovering from a foot injury, put the shot 52-10½ Friday to take second place in the Marion Night Relays. This won Ross four of its five points in finishing eighth in the 15-team field. The Marion Relays were won by Sandusky which won three events. Worthington was second, Springfield South third, Lakewood fourth, Marion fifth, Mansfield sixth and Columbus West seventh.

The fifth Ross point came with a fifth place finish in the 880-yard relay. Running for Ross in a time of 1:33.3 were Larry Sheffield, Len Ferguson, Earl Smith and Jon Schwartz. Winning time by Mansfield was 1:30.2.

Ross placed second to the toss of 56-1 by Springfield South's Gary Turner.

First Little Giant Loss

Streak Thinclads Rip Ross

Ross high school track team set one new school record, tied another and missed one by one-half inch, but the bubble still blew up in its collective face. The Little Giants who have scored 99 points or better in winning three dual meets were victims of similar treatment Wednesday in losing to Sandusky, 96-31. The high-powered Blue Streaks set at least one stadium record and won 12 of 15 events at Harmon field. The stadium record was a 22-5/4 long jump by Dave Rather, the defending Ohio Class AA long jump champion.

Breaking the old Ross two-mile record by 9.1 seconds but still finishing third in the race was Mel Hoffman. Hoffman was timed in 10:42.4 behind Sandusky's Ferguson, 10:27 and Fiske, 10:32.3.

Dan Linder did manage victory in leaping 13 feet in the pole vault. This tied the old Ross record held by Ron Roberts.

Dave Rhodes missed the school record by one-half inch when he put the shot 53-11 1/2 to win that event. Rhodes continues to take aim on the shot put record held by Bob Shaw.

Other Ross victor was Larry Sheffield who ran the 220-yard dash in :24.0. Sheffield also placed third in the 100-yard dash and second in the long

jump nine of the Ross points.

SUMMARY

100—Lippert (S), Jackson (S), Sheffield (R), :10.1.
120 HIGH HURDLES—Alexander (S), Richardson (S), Nahm (R), :15.7.
MILE — Brown (S), Tanchon (S), Bennett (S), 4:40.5.
880 RELAY — Sandusky, 1:36.
440—Thomas (S), Smith (F), Horn (S), :53.2.
180 LOW HURDLES—Alexander (S), Crabb (S), Nahm (R), :20.95.
880—Fear (S), Coch (S), Cheek (R), 2:06.5.

220—Sheffield (R), Scott (S), Schwartz (R), :24.0.
TWO MILE—Ferguson (S), Fiske (S), Hoffman (R), 10:27.
MILE RELAY — Sandusky, 3:41.4.
LONG JUMP—Rather (S), Sheffield (R), Schwartz (R), 22-5/4.
SHOT PUT—Rhodes (R), Rogers (S), C. Miller (R), 53-11 1/2.
DISCUS—Rogers (S), Deming (S), Billman (R), 157-11.
HIGH JUMP—Horn (S), Keys (S), Frost (R), 6-2.
POLE VAULT—Linder (R), Crabb (S), Pickens (S), 13-0.

Fourth Margaretta Invitational

Clyde Favored To Repeat Crown

CASTALIA — The defending champion Clyde is favored to dethrone the de- who covered the distance in the Field events and preliminaries

Final Relay Decisive

Limping Little Giants Fall

TIFFIN — Victory rode on the final event, the mile relay, but Coach Ron Brandt knew he was in trouble. He had two substitutes in his mile quartet. Tiffin Columbian took advantage of this situation, won the mile relay by two seconds and won the meet over Ross, 68-59. A Ross mile relay victory would have given the visiting Little Giants a 64-63 victory.

The substitutions were forced by a pair of injuries. Larry Sheffield, who won the 100-yard dash and placed second in the broad jump, pulled a muscle in the 880-yard relay. This injury could well have cost Ross both relays, since the Little

Giants could not finish the 880 relay. With Sheffield out of action Coach Brant had to switch Len Ferguson from the mile relay team to fill the gap in the 220-yard dash. Ferguson filled in for Sheffield in the 220 and finished second.

The second vacancy on the mile relay team occurred when Earl Smith, the top quarter-miler on the team, suffered a leg injury. The injury does not appear as serious as that to Sheffield, but kept Smith out of the relay. Already lame, Smith earlier had managed a :53.6 clocking for second in the 440-yard run.

The Little Giant injury list

continues to grow. Sheffield could be lost for the season and join distance man Randy Karg and sprinter Jon Schwartz on the permanently retired list.

In Tuesday's meet at Tiffin Ross won only six of 15 events. It was in the field events that Ross kept in contention, winning four of five events. Only the broad jump of the field events escaped the Little Giants.

Ross now has a mark of three wins two losses in dual meets.

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SUMMARY

120 HIGH HURDLES — Hunt (TC), :16.5; Pitts (R), :17.4; Nahm (R), :18.2.
MILE — Martin (TC), 4:46.6; Hoffman (R), 4:58.4; Cunniff (TC), 5:11.5.
440—Kinsley (TC), :53.5; Smith (R), :53.6; Burkett (R), :55.6.

880—Cheek (R), 2:06.4; Oberlander (TC), 2:10.5; Martin (TC), 2:10.6.
TWO MILE—Place (TC), 10:25.6; Ballenger (R), 11:09.5; Magers (TC), 11:11.2.
100 — Sheffield (R), :10.6; Gooding (TC), :10.6; Fredericks (Te), :10.9.
880 RELAY—Tiffin, 1:36.7.
180 LOW HURDLES— Hunt (TC), :20.6; Pitts (R), :21.5; Alleman (TC), :21.6.
220 — Heater (TC), :23.9; Ferguson (R), :24.0; Gooding (TC), :24.1.
MILE RELAY — Tiffin, 3:38; Fremont, 3:40.
SHOT PUT — Rhodes (R), 51-7 1/2; Schelenkoff (TC), 46-9; Miller (R), 46-3 1/2.
POLE VAULT — Linder (F), 13-0; Tiffin, 12-0; Tiffin, 11-6.
DISCUS — Nighswander (R), 130-1; Billman (R), 123-4; Schelenkoff (TC), 121-3.
HIGH JUMP — Frost (R), 5-10; Sheeley (TC), 5-6; Chapin (R), 5-6.
BROAD JUMP—Hunt (TC), 19-9 3/8; Sheffield (R), 19-3 1/2; Kuenzi (TC), 18-5 3/4.

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SPORTS

Ross Thinclads Lose

Rhodes Breaks Shaw's Record

FINDLAY—The Fremont Ross high school shot put record which dates back to the days of Bob Shaw was broken Thursday night, but it did not keep the Little Giants from losing a dual meet to Findlay, 78-49. The injury-riddled Ross team was once more shuffling to try and fill the gap left with two sprint, dash and broad jumpers — Jon Schwartz and Larry Sheffield—lost for the season.

Dave Rhodes put the shot 54-1½ to break the record held since the early 1940s by Shaw, who went on to college professional and coaching fame in football. Rhodes has flirted with the mark all season, once falling only one-half inch short. The record loss Thursday was the senior weight man's seventh winning throw over 50 feet this year. Seldom in competition was he under 50 feet. In the Buckeye Conference meet last Saturday Rhodes had seven tosses in preliminaries over 51 feet but could not break the record.

Ross thinclads managed to

take only four firsts in the meet. Dan Linder once more matched the school record of 13-0 in the pole vault for victory. This marked the fourth time Linder has cleared 13-0 but could go no further.

The other Ross firsts were by sophomore Earl Smith in the 440-yard run and the mile relay.

SUMMARY

SHOT PUT—Rhodes (R), Heckelman (F), Miller (R), 54-1½ (New Ross record)

120 HIGH HURDLES—Edgington (F), Nahm (R), Schall (F), 15.8

LONG JUMP—Wall (F), Corder (F), Ferguson (R), 18-3¼

100—Rum (F), Smith (R), Ferguson (R), 10.45

MILE—Wall (F), Cheek (R), Lucas (F), 4:48.6

880 RELAY—Findlay, 4:37.6

440—Smith (R), Barnes (F), Werling (R), 53.7

DISCUS—Edgington (F), Heckelman (F), Nighswander (R), 143.5

HIGH JUMP—Zoller (F), Frost (R), Bishop (F), 5-8

LOW HURDLES—Edgington (F), Schluckebier (F), Nahm (R), 22.1

220—Brumley (F), Burkett (R), Barnes (F), 23.6

880—Wall (F), Hoffman (R), Winses (F), 2:08.2

POLE VAULT—Linder (R), Toorman (R), Goodwin (R), 13-0

TWO MILE—Shattle (F), Hudson (F), Hoffman (R), 10:37.9

MILE RELAY—Ross, 3:40.6

Rhodes Repeats Record

Whitmer Thinclads Nip Ross

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross won eight of 15 events here Tuesday night but still fell on the short end of a 66-61 final track meet tally against Toledo Whitmer. The Little Giants nearly pulled victory with field event domination.

Whitmer picked up the slack with the flat track running events, winning the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes, the 880-yard relay, 880-yard and mile runs.

In the field events Dave Rhodes once more set the Ross school record with a shot put of 55-10.

Only winner of more than one event in the meet was Whitmer's Tom Hendree, who had three victories. He was first in the 100-yard dash, long jump and 220-yard dash.

SUMMARY

SHOT PUT—Rhodes (R), Rice (W), Miller (R), 55-10.
DISCUS—Nighwander (R), Whitmer, Whitmer, 128-10.
POLE VAULT—Linder (R), Markowski (W), Tooman (R), 12-6.
HIGH JUMP—Frost (R), Chapin (R), Goodrich (W), 5-10.
LONG JUMP—Hendree (W), Ferguson (R), Mege (W), 18-6.
120 HIGH HURDLES—Nahn (R), Goodrich (W), Shaffer (R), 15.9.
100—Hendree (W), Dankert (W), Ferguson (R), 15.9.
880 RELAY—Whitmer, 1:34.6.
440—Smith (R), Smith (W), Burkett (R), 52.6.
180 LOW HURDLES—Majors (W), Halm (R), Bly (W), 21.8.
880—Riley (W), M. Hoffman (F), Conrad (W), 2:05.
220—Hendree (W), Henry (W), Thomson (R), 23.6.
TWO MILE—T. Hoffman (R), Ballenger (R), Sterns (W), 10:49.3.
MILE RELAY—Fremont, 3:37.1.



DAVE RHODES



DAN LINDER

Represent Ross In Regional Track Meet

Regional Track Meets

Area Teams Represented In Both Class AA, A Meet

Dave Rhodes and Dan Linder will represent Fremont Ross Saturday as at least 30 entries from area schools travel to Regional track meets at Mansfield and Bowling Green. The Class AA schools, including Ross, will vie in the regional at Mansfield Malabar. Class A schools are in competition for state tournament berths at Bowling Green's Whittaker field.

Rhodes rules as one of the favorites in the shot put with a winning toss of 55-1/4 in the Sandusky District. Thursday in dual meet competition the 6-2, 255-pound senior upped his Ross school record to 55-10. For the better part of the season Rhodes struggled to break a Ross record of 54-0.

Once this was broken his distances have steadily increased and he has not been below 55 feet in competition.

Linder has proved consistency as a 13-foot vaulter, hitting that mark five consecutive meets as of the district. In the district Linder matched the best height of two other vaulters, but finished third on number of misses.

Entries from area schools in the Regional tournaments are:

CLASS AA—Ross, 2; Clyde, 4; Port Clinton, 4; Lakota, 3, and Oak Harbor, 1.

CLASS A—Attica, 3; Woodmore, 6; Hopewell-Loudon, 3; Danbury, 4, and Old Fort, 1.

In some cases the schools will be represented by less boys than the number of entries, since one person could have qualified in more than one event. Also, the presence of a relay qualifier, such as two by Port Clinton and Danbury, one by Clyde, would involve more than one boy in an entry.

Feeding into the Mansfield Class AA regional will be district winners from Sandusky, Bowling Green, Mansfield, Toledo, Elyria and Rhodes. The Class A regional includes district qualifiers from Tiffin, Montpelier, Mansfield and Findlay.

In the Class A competition the class appears to come from Mansfield and Findlay districts. Mansfield recorded six top times and Findlay seven in the district result comparisons.

Tiffin and Montpelier each had one and these were in weight events. Rex Durdal of Woodmore with a toss of 155-5/2 appears to be the class of the discus coming from Tiffin district. In the shot his 50-1/4 is second only to Montpelier's Dave Dreher with a 53-3.

Rhodes' 55-10 is a shade behind the best shot put of the districts, a 57-4 at Elyria by Westlake's Parker Reynolds.

Unofficial Meet Ends In Defeat

ELMORE — What started out as a no seniors meet turned into a track scrimmage as some seniors for both teams competed Thursday with Anthony Wayne beating Woodmore, 73-54. Tom Mullenix provided the margin for the Anthony Wayne win in the unofficial meet with four first places. Mullenix was the winner in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the long jump and as the anchor runner on the 880-yard relay team.

120 HIGH HURDLES — Fegley (W), King (A), Cotey (W), 15.4.
100—Mullenix (A), Harms (W), D. Sorg (W), 10.5.
MILE — Drummond (A), Snyder (A), Sampson (W), 4:41.8.
880 RELAY — Anthony Wayne (Barth, Semark, Thomas, Mullenix), 1:37.8.
440 — Henricks (W), Longstreet (A), O'Donald (A), 54.8.
180 LOW HURDLES — King (A), Runion (W), Cotey (W), 21.4.
880—Drummond (A), Snyder (A), Hanneman (W), 2:08.3.
220—Mullenix (A), Harms (W), Luback (W), 23.6.
TWO MILE — Montion (A), Swartz (A), Woodburn (A), 10:27.
MILE RELAY — Woodmore (Henricks, Cotey, Hanneman, Fegley), 3:42.6.
SHOT PUT — Durdal (W), Hotman (A), Karchner (W), 50-4.
DISCUS — Durdal (W), R. Wilson (A), Karchner (W), 140-3/4.
LONG JUMP — Mullenix (A), Harms (W), Semark (A), 20-4/8.
HIGH JUMP — King (A), Harms (W), B. Wilson (A), 5-4.
POLE VAULT — Koepke (W), Noehman (A), T. Sorg (W), 11-0.

Country Club To Be Host For Pro-Am

Fremont Country Club will be the host Monday, May 26, to the Toledo District Pro-Am tournament. At the local club the tournament will pair a local amateur with a visiting pro and two visiting amateurs. Joe Kotlarczyk, pro at the Country Club, said 40 pros and their amateur partners are expected.

This will require 40 local club members to fill the field for the tournament. Those interested are asked to sign up in the pro shop.

In the club events entries are still being accepted for the four-some best ball to be played Sunday. At least 40 have entered to date.

In the News-Messenger tournament all first round matches have been completed. The second round is scheduled for completion this week.

Results of late first round

Linder Selected

Prep Stars To Vie In Annual Classic

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP)—Diminutive Reggie McAfee takes dead aim at his third all-time Ohio prep record in one week when the Cincinnati Courter Tech distance runner competes in the sixth annual Ohio Track Classic here Saturday.

Dan Linder of Fremont Ross high and Chris Rodriquez of Clyde are among the high school athletes selected to take part in the event.

Linder, Ross high school senior, has been over 13 feet in the vault and shares the school record for the event. Rodriquez has been a top distance man for the Clyde squad during the past seasons.

There are 151 entries, representing 91 schools in this year's event.

McAfee, who stole the show

at the state high school track and field championships last weekend with record-smashing performances in the 880 and mile run, will be shooting for honors in the two-mile.

The Queen City star, who has signed a grant-in-aid to attend Eastern Kentucky, will bypass the half-mile and mile in a bid to shatter the alltime mark of 9:13.8 set in 1967 by John Jones of Elgin.

He is expected to get stiff competition from the bevy of runners and jumpers who will vie in the classic, including eight individual recordholders from the state meet.

Dave Chesebrough of Cleveland Heights, who set a state meet record for the two-mile with a 9:16.8, is among McAfee's challengers. The others

are Bill Beaty of Lancaster, who boasts a 9:15.5 clocking and Dave McCrone of Cleveland St. Ignatius, who has a 9:19.5.

McAfee's best in the two-mile this season is a 9:22.7 but after posting a 4:08.5 mile and a 1:52.5 in the 880 last Saturday, he looms as a definite threat to the two-mile mark.

Only three records fell in last year's event but at least five are expected to tumble on the fast Bowling Green State University all-weather track.

Upper Arlington's Dicke, who won the 220 and 440 at the state meet, is favored in those events Saturday. He should be pushed in the 220 by Larry Nickels of Springfield North; Joe Seifert of Alliance; Tom Miller of Cleveland Brush and Sandusky's Lavon Jackson.

First Ross High Representatives

Rhodes Joins Linder In Classic Field

A late selection of Dave Rhodes for the annual high school classic competition being held at Bowling Green today gave Fremont Ross high school a pair of representatives in the affair.

Rhodes, Ross high school record holder in the shot put, was

originally an alternate for the event, but when an opening developed he was selected to participate.

Rhodes joins Dan Linder, Ross high pole vaulter, as representatives of school in a star-studded meet.

Selected as Most Valuable member of this year's Ross high

team, Rhodes broke the school's shot put record by nearly two feet this year, heaving the big ball 55'10". Rhodes was district

champion and Buckeye conference champ and finished eleventh in the state competition.

Linder, selected earlier to participate in the Classic, tied the Ross high pole vault record this year. Honored this year as recipient of the Baron-Sherman trophy, Linder cleared 13 feet in the pole vault after starring on the Ross high swimming team.

Coach Ron Brant reported this week that the two athletes will be the first Ross trackmen ever

to compete in the Classic. Sprint sensation Steve Parker was invited twice, but did not compete either time.

"This is quite an honor for the boys," said Brant, who verified that both intended to take part.

Another county track athlete, Chris Rodriquez of Clyde, also was selected to compete in the event. Rodriquez, star distance man for the Fliers, was picked to run in the mile run.

The 16 event Classic was scheduled to begin at 1:45 p.m. today at the Robert Wittacker track in Bowling Green.

Ten Teams To Compete In Church Softball Loop

Ten squads will be competing in the Fremont Church League and First Presbyterian, Bob Blakeman. Teams in Division

In Ohio Classic

Ross, Clyde Records Fall

Sandusky County Track stars broke school records but still fell short of placing in the annual Ohio track Classic at Bowling Green Saturday. Both Dan Linder, Ross high pole vaulter, and Chris Rodriguez, Clyde distance man, battled the stiff competition with the best efforts in their schools' histories.

Linder, forced to start competition at the existing Ross high record height of 13 feet, tied that record by clearing the mark once again and then sailed over 13'6" for a new Ross mark. Linder had cleared 13' seven

times before but had failed to raise the Ross standard.

Saturday, the pole vault competition started at 13 feet and Linder responded to the challenge. Linder went out at 14 feet. Jeff Linta of Mansfield Malabar won the event at 14 feet 11½ inches.

Rodriguez, Clyde high's junior miler, sped to a new Clyde record at that distance, but finished eighth in the field of 11.

Rodriguez covered the distance in 4:29.4, cutting 6.5 seconds from the record which he had set in the Margaretta relays. Ron Stapleton of Mentor

won the event in 4:16.5, tying the meet record.

Dave Rhodes, Ross high shotputter, also competed, tossing the shot 53'5". Winning distance in the shot was 60' 5½" by Gary Turner of Springfield South.

Cincinnati Couter Tech's record-setting distance runner Reggie McAfee sliced seconds off this year's two-mile record at the Ohio Track Classic Saturday, narrowly missing the all-time mark.

McAfee's 9:14.7 effort outdid the 9:16.8 mark set by Cleveland Heights' Dave Chese-

brough in last week's state high school track and field championships.

But the Queen City speedster was nine tenths of a second behind the all-time record set in 1967 by John Jones of Elgin, who made the tour in 9:13.8.

Although he holds records in both, McAfee passed up the mile and 880 yard events, to concentrate on overcoming Jones' mark.

Despite stiff competition only the one record was broken.

Upsets highlighted Saturday's meet.

Unheralded Mike Dreafton of Bellefontaine broke the 100-yard tape for a first place in 9.8 in front of Bruce Legg of Bexley and Olden Wallace of Dayton Roosevelt. Both Legg and Wallace have set previous times of near 9.5.

Don Brooks of Toledo Scott took the 440 yard dash with a 48.2 effort while Legg grabbed top honors in the 220 with a 22.4. Both races had been pegged almost sure victories for Upper Arlington's runners.

Cincinnati Hosts Open Qualifier

CINCINNATI (AP) — Forty-two professionals and amateurs from five states were to vie today in a 36-hole sectional qualifier here for five berths in the U.S. Open at Houston, Tex.

Parttime touring pros Don Essig of Indianapolis, Ind., and Walker Inman of Columbus, Ohio, highlighted the field of golfers from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and New York.

The qualifier was being held by the Greater Cincinnati Golfers League at Clovernook Country Club.

Jim Ferriell, pro at Boone-Aire Country Club in nearby Florence Ky., topped the list of local golfers in the qualifier.

Ohio golfers included Joe Miller of Hamilton; Clyde Huffman of Portsmouth; Paul Thomas of Zanesville; Steve Groves of Lancaster; Ross Bortch; Gary

Fliers, Raiders In Split

CLYDE — The Clyde Fliers stayed near the top of the Sandusky Bay Conference heap by splitting a double header with Lakota's Raiders. Ray Baker went the distance in both games as a three run rally provided a 3-2 win for the Fliers in the nightcap after Lakota had captured the opener by the same score.

The Fliers now boast a 10-3 league mark with just one league game remaining.

A run producing double by Baker and a two-run home run by Joe Nieset gave the Fliers three runs in the first inning of the second game and Baker held on for a 3-2 win.

Lakota threatened in the late innings but fell just short.

The Raiders, behind the two hit pitching of Gary Hagen won the first game, by the same score. Lakota took advantage of Clyde errors to score to unearned runs in the contest. Hagen struck out nine men and walked five.

In the two games, Baker struck out 23 men, 11 in the first tilt and 12 in the second.

Ed Flores made a spectacular defensive play for Lakota in the first game and had two hits in the second contest. Flores made a back hand stop and tossed for second to force a



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