

1979 SEASON REVIEW...



SENIORS AND LETTERMEN for the Ross boys track team are (front row, left to right) John Elder, Mike Martin, Bill Darling, John Almaguer, Larry Lindsey and Hank Davis; back row: Greg Brown,

Fred Vance, Galen Rhoades, Willie Gentry, Troy Amor, Gregg Hedden and Tim Butcher. Not in the photo are John Armentrout, Dave Stover, Rob Zoller and Joe Leite.

Ross track preview

Sprints strong for Little Giants

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Two teams and a new track will officially debut this afternoon at Ross High School. Both the girls and boys track teams at Ross will be in action against Columbian on the school's new all-weather surface.

"Last year at this time," girls head Coach Jolyn Smith pointed out, "we had not been able to run on the track at the stadium (Harmon Stadium). At the present time, we have been on the new facility a couple of weeks and it should be to our advantage."

The 400-meter track was installed last fall and with the exception of a few lines to be changed and added, is completed. The only detractable item is a lack of grass on the track's infield which has created some pockets of mud.

The meet this afternoon will begin at 4 p.m. and will also mark the boys head coaching debut of Norman Bray. An assistant to Ron Brant for many years, Bray took over the track and field program this year after Brant resigned.

"We are as ready as we will ever be for a first meet," Bray offered. "I believe firmly that we will be a bit stronger all the way through than we were last year."

Smith got to the point quickly about her team this season. "I think it will be a good year," she said.

Both Bray and Smith pointed out that the teams are strongest in the sprints. Both also said specific field event areas should show well this spring.

The boys coach pointed out sprinters Bill Darling, Larry Lindsey, Curtis Lee, Tom Pendrey, Willie Gentry, Tim Butcher, and

Adam Caskey. Pendrey and Lee are sophomores and Caskey a junior. The rest are all lettermen.

Bray also has a good feeling about his weight men. Veterans Troy Amor, John Armentrout, Dennis Murray and Darling will be heading the shot this season. Amor has hit 52-feet in practice and Bray says he feels Amor could reach the high 50s before the season ends.

"I think Troy can do whatever he wants to do if he works at it."

In the discus, Rhoades has been over 130-feet in practice, a fact that has Bray smiling. Amor and Armentrout will also be throwing the platter as will Murray. Assistant Coach Rick Howell is handling the weight men for Bray.

Bray will also have experience in the pole vault with letterman Joe Leite returning.

Bray likes his 400-meter relay team. The race takes the place of the 800-relay and will be "right up" Ross's strength Bray feels. That relay will have Darling leading off with Lindsey running the second leg. Butcher will be the third man to get the baton with Gentry running the anchor. That is the way the team will line up this afternoon.

Another long distance sprinter, Gregg Hedden, is expected to be strong at 400-meters.

In the 800 and 1600-meter runs, Bray will have Mike Martin as his strongest runner. "I expect him to break two minutes in the 800 halfway through the year," he said.

Lettermen Rob Zoller, John Elder, and Dave Stover will also function at those distances along with the 3,200-meter run.

Assistant Coach Bruce Smith has veterans John Almaguer, Fred Vance, Greg Brown and Hedden in

the 110-meter highs and 300-meter low hurdles.

Girls coach Smith likes the attitude of her girls and a deluge of record-setting sophomores.

"Last year as freshmen, they broke all previous junior high records except two," Smith said.

Smith also pointed out that she has 40 girls on the team, the biggest turnout in several years.

"We should have more depth in the field events," Smith continued, "we have three girls (Donna Hetrick, Laura Smith, and Joanna Hawk) throwing over 30-feet."

Harold Zienia is coaching the weight tossers for Smith. The girls coach also said that several girls have tossed the discus over 90-feet. The discus group is led by Margaret Van Gilder.

In the sprints, Smith could have an abundance of talent. Tonja Tucker and Kim Saam are returning from the 440-relay team that made it to the district meet.

She listed sophomores Amy Swope, Jodi Price, Arlene Long and Tammy Haas as the possibilities for the 400-meter relay. Also rolling off Smith's tongue was Della Hall, another sophomore.

"These are our fast ones right now," she exclaimed, "but we have three or four more who will be stronger in the longer sprints." In the field events, Smith said that two sophomore high jumpers, Swope and Amy Lindstrom, leaped 4-10 last season . . . that's the current high school record.

Price is expected to shine in the long jump. She cleared 16-feet as a freshman.

The biggest visible change in track for both boys and girls this season is that all running distances will be measured in meters.



THE ROSS GIRLS track team will feature 14 seniors or letter winners. Front row (left to right): Emma Almaguer, Becky Gysan, Donna Hetrick, Kim Saam, Marsha Seele, Tonja Tucker; back

row: Marta Flateland, Nee Soponthamakit, Mary Knudsen, Margaret Van Gilder, Deb Clark, Kim Lenz and Judy Shetzer.

Ross teams open track season on winning notes

Amy Lindstrom tied the girls school high jump record in leading Fremont Ross girls to a 78-31½ victory over Tiffin Columbian, while 19 of 25 members scored in the boys 76-51 win over the Tornadoes Tuesday at the new all-weather track at Ross High School.

Lindstrom cleared 4-10 to tie the mark in the high jump, and also placed third in the long jump for the Little Giants.

Ross swept both the jumping events, with Judy Shetzer and Tonja Tucker placing one-two in the long jump. Behind Lindstrom in the high jump were Arlene Long and Amy Swope, who tied with Columbian's Besty Taylor for third.

The girls were strong in all the field events, taking a first in all the events. Laurie Smith took a first place in the shot put and third in discus, which was won by Ross's Margaret Van Gilder.

Tucker also won the 100-meter dash and combined with Swope, Della Hall and Kim Saam for a victory in

the 400-meter relay, with Shetzer, Mickey Kelley and Debbie Clark for the 1600-meter relay first-place finish.

Sophomore Tom Pendrey paced the boys victory with a first in the long jump, first in the 1600-meter relay with John Alamguer, Mike Martin and Gregg Hedden, and a second in the 400-meter dash.

The Little Giants swept the 110-meter high hurdles with Alamguer, Greg Brown and Fred Vance placing. Willie Gentry, Curtis Lee and Eric Gant swept the 200-meter dash. Lee also won the 100-meter run, and Vance the high jump.

Dennis Murray won the discus and Troy Amor the shot put for the Little Giants, while Hedden copped the 400-meter dash, Martin won the 800-meter, and Gentry the 200 meter. Ross also won the 400-meter relay with Gentry, Tim Butcher, Larry Lindsey and Bill Darling teaming for the win.

GIRLS
Fremont Ross 78½, Tiffin Columbian 31½

Field Events
Shot Put: Laurie Smith (R) 35.2; Discus: Margaret Van Gilder (R) 98-10; High Jump: Amy Lindstrom (R) 4-10; Long Jump: Judy Shetzer (R) 15-3½.

Running Events
Hurdles: Shetzer (R) 18.3; Medley Relay: Fremont Ross (Hall, Swope, Trabbie, Haas) 2:02.6; 100-meter: Tonja Tucker (R) 15.0; 1600-meter: Deanna Lewis (T) 5:56.8; 800-meter relay: Tiffin (Routzahn, Taylor, Lewis, Rise) 2:04; 400-meter: Kathy Rider (T) 1:01.1; 400-relay: Ross

(Hall, Swope, Saam, Tucker) 54.4; 800-meter: Lewis (T) 2:45.3; 200-meter: Arlene Long (R) 30.00; 1600-relay: Fremont Ross (Shetzer, Tucker, Kelly, Clark).

BOYS
Fremont Ross 78, Tiffin Columbian 51

Field Events
Shot Put: Troy Amor (R) 49-5; Discus: Dennis Murray (R) 125-4; Long Jump: Tom Pendrey (R) 20-9; High Jump: Fred Vance (R) 6-9; Pole Vault: Jim Smith (T) 10-6.

Running Events
High Hurdles: John Alamguer (R) 16:54; Low Hurdles: Jim Smith (T) 39.9; 100-dash: Curtis Lee (R) 12.8; 1600-meter: Phil Gass (T) 4:43.5; 400-meter: Gregg Hedden (R) 52.0; 800-meter: Mike Martin (R) 2:06.6; 200-meter: Willie Gentry (R) 23.8; 3200-meter: Wayne Wolf (T) 10:27.2; 1600-meter relay: Ross (Alamguer, Hedden, Pendrey, Martin); 400-meter relay: Ross (Darling, Gentry, Lindsay, Butcher).

Sports

Spring sports reporting

The News-Messenger sports staff will be in the office 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and after 8 p.m. on Fridays to take spring sports event results.

All coaches are asked to report results, home or away, win or lose.

Call 332-5511 . . . collect if long distance.

For weekend events, call The News-Messenger 7-8:30 a.m. Monday



HIGH JUMPER Hank Davis of Ross is on his way down while competing in that event Tuesday. Davis did not place in the jumping but both the Ross girls and boys teams defeated Tiffin Columbian in the

inaugural event for the new all-weather track at Ross High School. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)

Lakota, Woodmore, Old Fort post wins

Lakota and Woodmore girls and boys track teams swept meets and Old Fort's girls won a triangular meet Tuesday in the opening meets for the teams.

Lakota's girls stopped Oak Harbor 62-48 while the Raiders' boys team downed the Rockets 76-60.

The Lakota girls swept the shot put and finished one-two in the hurdles and mile run. Deb Short, with a toss of 34-6¼, led teammates Jackie Holman and Pat

The Woodmore girls easily won the mile relay to clinch the win over Otsego. Susan Noll, Becky Lieske, Kelly Derickson and Amy Damschroder made up the team.

Sweeps in the mile, low hurdles, long jump and pole vault placed the Wildcat boys' win. Jeff Underwood won a pair of events — the long jump and the pole vault with teammates Dan Bowen taking home wins in





Sports Hurdler John Almaguer of Ross clears a hurdle while on his way to a win in the event. The Ross senior helped his team to a season opening victory. "Play ball!" is the call, but who will shout it is the

Ross captures Tiffin relays

Fremont Ross captured the Bill Krause Relays in Tiffin Saturday afternoon on the strength of first place finishes in the shot put, discus, shuttle hurdles and long jump.

The Little Giants' girls took first place finishes in the shot put and shuttle hurdles to finish third in the overall standings in the girls division.

Clyde's girls nudged out Ross for the runners-up spot by one point while Toledo Whitmer was an easy winner in the overall competition.

The Fliers got one first, in the one-mile run, but also racked up a second and two thirds to total 39 points.

Closest competition for the boys came from Tiffin Columbian and Toledo Whitmer. The Tornadoes were strong in the distance events, taking firsts in the one, two and four mile (relay) runs to total 64 points, six behind the winning Ross figure of 70.

Whitmer, with one first, finished with 62 points.

The trio of Bill Darling, John Armentrout and Troy Amor tossed the shot 130-2 feet for the Little Giants to nudge out Fostoria by a half a foot to win that event.

Armentrout, Galen Rhodes and Dennis Murray then had a combined effort of 364-9 feet to win the discus by about two feet over Whitmer.

Victory in the long jump came on efforts by Willie Gentry, Larry Lindsey and Tom Pendrey, who leaped 58-1½ feet for a two-foot victory over second place Fostoria.

Greg Brown, Fred Vance, Greg Hedden and John Almaguer then copped the shuttle hurdles with a time of 1:02.6, edging Fostoria's 1:03.2 clocking.

The Little Giants also got second place finishes in

the 440 and 880 relays.

Bellevue took fifth place in the nine-team event, using firsts in the 880 and 400 relays while Clyde finished one notch lower and got a first in the pole vault.

Tom Taggert, George Eybs and Duke Haynes were present in both the 440 and 880 relay teams that won for Bellevue, getting an assist from Terry Miller in the 880 and from Phil Hammersmith in the 440.

Randy Stohl, Curt Mesnard and Gus Mesnard measured 34 feet in Clyde's first place finish in the pole vault.

Clyde's lone first in the girls' competition came on an effort by Gena Skeels, Rene Miller, Kathy Halbisen and Ellen Wood in the mile relay, as they turned in a time of 4:26.8.

Ross's Johanna Hawk, Amy Lindstrom and Laurie Smith took a first in the shot put with a combined toss of 94-9½, while Tammy Haas, Arlene Long, Judy Shetzer and Jodie Price finished the shuttle hurdles in a rapid 1:14 to finish 1.2 seconds ahead of second place finisher Mohawk.

Ross also took second in the 440 relay, finishing 1.4 seconds behind Whitmer.

Bellevue's girls finished last in the competition with just 10 total points, eight of them coming in a second place finish in the 880 relay.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

Ross 70, Tiffin 64, Whitmer 62, Fostoria 55, Bellevue 43½, Clyde 38, Mohawk 19½, Bowling Green 19, Arcadia 1.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

Whitmer 70, Clyde 39, Ross 38, Fostoria 26, Arcadia 22, Bowling Green 16, Mohawk 16, Tiffin 11, Bellevue 10.

Pendrey paces Ross tracksters

Fremont Ross swept an easy victory in its track meet against Bowling Green Tuesday night, winning all but four events in racing to a 97-30 rout of the Bobcats.

Tom Pendrey led the way with firsts in the long jump, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash. John Almaguer was a double winner with firsts in both the 110 high hurdles and the 300 low hurdles.

Ross took all three places in five events in coasting to the easy victory.

Ross 97, Bowling Green 30

FIELD EVENTS

Long Jump: Tom Pendrey (R) 19-11; Discus: Inedbnit (BG) 126; Shot Put: Troy Amor (R) 47-11; High Jump: Fred Vance (R) 5-8; Pole Vault: Joe Leite, (R) 10-6;

RUNNING EVENTS

110 High Hurdles: John Almaguer (R) 16.2; Mile Run: Boutelle (BG) 4:42.3; 100 dash: Curtis Lee (R) 11.5; 400 dash: Tom Pendrey (R), 53.7; 400 Relay: Ross (Darling, Lindsey, Butcher, Gentry) 45.7; 300 Low Hurdles: John Almaguer, (R) 53.7; 800 Run: Lafette (BG) 2:07.2; 200 dash: Tom Pendrey (R) 24.02; 3200 Run: Boutelle (BG) 10:30.9; 1600 Relay: Ross (Martin, Stover, Gant, Gentry) 3:45.6

Little Giants trackmen stop Findlay; girls lose

Ross's boys track team defeated Findlay for the first time since 1973 but the girls were turned back by Sandusky in Tuesday dual meets.

The Little Giants boys downed the Trojans 74½-52½, using a strong showing in the field events to pull off the win.

Ross won four of five field events with Troy Amor taking the shot, Galen Rhoades the discus, Fred Vance winning the high jump and Tom Pendrey topping the long jumpers.

The Little Giants also got a double victory performance out of John Almaguer in the hurdles events and won all three relays. In the low hurdles, Almaguer led teammates Greg Brown and Vance across the line to complete Ross's only clean sweep of the day.

Jodi Price set a new Ross record and Arlene Long tied another but the Little Giants girls track team dropped a 61-49

meet to the Blue Streaks at the Ross High School track.

Price cleared 16-5½ to set a new Ross standard in the long jump. The Little Giants sophomore broke the previous record of 16-1½ set by Stephanie Brown in 1977.

In addition to winning the long jump, Price ran a leg of the winning 800-meter relay but the Blue Streaks captured nine of the 14 events to level Ross's dual record at 1-1 this season.

Long leaped 4-10 to tie the existing Ross high jump mark. The Ross record is shared by several jumpers. Long finished second on misses to Sandusky Cindy Brown who also cleared 4-10.

Tonja Tucker won the 100-meter dash and anchored the 800-meter relay and Tammy Haas won the hurdles. Laurie Smith was the other Ross winner, taking the shot put with a toss of 33-2.

Boys

Ross 74½, Findlay 52½

Field events

Shot Put: Troy Amor (R) 49-9;
Discus: Galen Rhoades (R) 133-6;
Long Jump: Tom Pendrey (R) 19-8;
High Jump: Fred Vance (R) 5-10;
Pole Vault: Nicholson (F) 12-0;

Running events

High Hurdles: John Almaguer (R) 16.1; 100: Steve Tate (F) 10.7;
Mile Run: Miles (F) 4:35.0; 440: Greg Hedden (R) 52.2; 440 Relay: Ross (Larry Lindsey, Pendrey, Curtiss Lee, Willie Gentry) 45.2;
Low Hurdles: Almaguer (R) 41.4; 880: Mike Martin (R) 2:04.0; 220 Gentry (R) 23.2; Two Mile: Ashelles (F) 10:14.0; Mile Relay: Ross (Pendrey, Gant, Hedden, Martin) 3:38.8.

Girls

Sandusky 61, Ross 49

Field events

Long Jump: Jodi Price (R) 16-5½*; High Jump: Cindy Brown (S) 4-10; Discus: Cricket Roesch (S) 98-9; Shot Put: Laurie Smith (R) 33-2;

Running events

Hurdles: Tammy Haas (R) 15.9; 100: Tonja Tucker (R) 13.3; 800 Medley: Sandusky 2:00.3; 1600: Julie Etherington (S) 5:43.1; 800 Relay: Ross (Price, Haas, Tucker, Long) 1:53; 400: Annette Carpenter (S) 1:06.1; 400 Relay: Sandusky 54.1; 800: Etherington (S) 2:37.1; 200: Amy Riechenbach (S) 28.0; 1600 Relay: Sandusky 4:32.1.

*New Ross record.

Ross unbeaten

ELYRIA — Ross won its fourth dual track meet without a loss here Tuesday, stopping the Elyria Pioneers 89-38.

The Little Giants won 11 events and tied in one other to dominate the meet. There were nine different winners for the Little Giants in the strong show of balance.

The mile relay team of John Almaguer, Hank Davis, Tom Pendrey and Gregg Hedden turned in a 3:31.1. Pendrey cleared 20-7 in winning the long jump and Dennis Murray sailed the discus 134-3 to win the event for the Little Giants.

Saturday, Ross will travel to Marion for the Marion Relays. In addition to being 4-0 in dual meets, the Little Giants have won the Tiffin and Fremont Night Relays.

On Tuesday, May 1, the Little Giants will host perennial Buckeye Conference power Sandusky in a home meet.

Ross 89, Elyria 38

Field events

Long Jump: Tom Pendrey (R) 20-7; High Jump: Todd (E) 6-2; Shot Put: Troy Amor (R) 46-9³/₄; Discus: Dennis Murray (R) 134-3; Pole Vault: Joe Leite (R) 11-6;

Running events

High Hurdles: Greg Brown (R) 15.9; 100: Curtiss Lee (R) 10.4; Mile Run: Swartz (E) 4:34.3; 440: (tie) Love (E) and Gregg Hedden (R) 51.6; 440 Relay: Ross (Larry Lindsey, Pendrey, Lee, Willie Gentry) 45.6; Low Hurdles: John Almaguer (R) 41.2; 880: Mark Walther (R) 2:08.8; 220: Gentry (R) 23.5; Two Mile: Swartz (E) 10:19.0; Mile Relay: Ross (Almaguer, Davis, Pendrey, Hedden) 3:31.1.



DEBBIE CLARK of Ross grimaces as she crosses the finish line in second place in the 1,600-meter run Wednesday during the Findlay-Ross track meet. (N-M photo by Dan Bomeli)

Sophs spark Ross girls win

Ross swept two events while rolling over Findlay 65-45 in a high school girls track meet Wednesday at Ross High School.

Sophomore Laurie Smith led a sweep of the shot put for the Little Giants. Smith heaved the iron ball 33-6½ to finish ahead of teammates Johanna Hawk (32-11½) and Amy Lindstrom.

Another sophomore, Jodie Price, finished ahead of Ross runners Carla Trabbic and Arlene Long in a 200-meter sweep. Price ran the distance in 28 seconds flat with Trabbic one-tenth of a second off that pace and Long just two-tenths of a second back in third.

In all, Ross recorded nine first places. Tammy Haas, also a sophomore, was the only individual double winner, taking the hurdles and the 400-meter dash.

Sectional drawings

Class A

BETTSVILLE — Sectional baseball and softball pairings for the Bettsville sectional were announced Wednesday.

In the boys baseball action, on Saturday, April 28, New Riegel will play Tiffin Calvert at 10 a.m. and Gibsonburg will play Elmwood at 1 p.m. The final game of the day will pit Bettsville against Hopewell-Loudon at 4 p.m.

Vanlue will play Carey.

The winners will play in the sectional finals May 5 at 1 and 4 p.m.

In girls softball, Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m., Bettsville will play New Riegel with the winner to play Hopewell-Loudon May 5 at 1 p.m.

At 4 p.m. the same day, St. Wendelin will play Seneca East, with the winner playing Old Fort Saturday May 5 at 4 p.m.

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Class AA

Ross third

Toledo Whitmer's girls track team did what every team is supposed to do.

They won their own track invitational.

Whitmer's girls easily outdistanced Start for first place, while Fremont Ross was third.

Whitmer scored 102 points, while start had 84 and Ross a distant 56.

Whitmer won six events in all, while Start took the other three events and everyone else battled for third.

Best finish for Ross came in the Mile Relay where Judy Shetzer, Garla Trabbic, Arlene Long and Tammy Haas finished second.

Eebbie Clark, Kim Lenz, Terri Long and Emma Almaguer took third place finish in the two mile relay.

WHITMER RELAYS

Team Standings: Whitmer 102, Start 84, Ross 56, Maumee 45, Bowsher 22, Sylvania Southview, 19, Findlay 18, Toledo Central 16.

Hurdles: Whitmer 1:08.03; 800 Medley: Start 1:54.1; Half Mile: Start 1:46.3; Mile Relay: Whitmer 4:30.5; 400 Meter: Start 50.7; Distance Medley: Whitmer 13:29.5; High Jump: Whitmer 14-10; Two mile Relay: Whitmer 10:31.7; Mile Relay: Whitmer 4:16.1.

Little Giants 10th

The Ross High School boys track team finished 10th out of 15 teams at the Marion Relays Saturday.

Columbus West won the title with 97 points, while Ross totaled just 39 for the day.

The two mile relay team of Mike Martin, Dave Stover, Mark Watther and Rob Zoeller had the best finish of the day for the Little Giants as they took a second place.

Tom Pendery took a third in the long jump and Gregg Hedden a third in the 440 yard dash.

John Almaguer was fourth in the low hurdles, then teamed with Pendrey, Martin and Hedden to finish fifth in the mile relay.

Greg Brown added a sixth in the high hurdles.

Start stops Ross

Toledo Start won 12 of 14 events while thumping Fremont Ross 75-34 in high school girls track Monday.

Ross's Tammy Haas and Jodie Price finished first in the 400-meter dash and the long jump, respectively, but the rest of the events were all Start.

The Jamison twins, Kelly and Kim, ran on three winning relay teams with Kim winning the hurdles and Kelly taking the 100-meter dash for Start.



HIGH JUMPER Hank Davis of Ross points out the way he wants to go but his shoulder blade let him down in this

attempt at six feet. Davis failed to place in the event but Ross won the track meet against Sandusky.

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Bob Marker, editor

Ross depth holds off Blue Streaks

The Ross boys track team used 11 second place finishes to upend always-strong Sandusky Tuesday, improving its record to 5-0 in dual meets.

Sandusky had nine firsts to Ross's six, but the Little Giants had seven more seconds and four more thirds than Sandusky to post a 71-56 victory over the Streaks.

Tom Pendrey had a hand in two of those firsts for Ross, winning the Long Jump with a 20-10 leap, then helping on the Mile Relay for another first.

John Almaguer was also a double winner with a winning 110-meter hurdles time of 15.5 and then repeating the victory in the 300-meter hurdles.

Curtis Lee won the 100-meter dash, and also had a hand in the 400-meter relay team.

The Little Giants will compete in the Buckeye Conference Championships this Saturday at Mansfield Malabar.



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Boys

Ross 71, Sandusky 56

Field events

Shot Put: Grohe (S) 58-4; Long Jump: Tom Pendrey (R) 20-10; Discus: Grace (S) 156-7; High Jump: Elgart (S) 6-2; Pole Vault: Jenkins (S) 13-0;

Running events

High Hurdles: John Almaguer (R) 15.5; 100: Curtiss Lee (R) 11.3; Mile Run: Williamson (S) 4:42.0; 400: Hills (S) 51.1; 400 Relay: Ross (Bill Darling, Larry Lindsey, Lee, Willie Gentry) 44.4; Low Hurdles: Almaguer (R) 40.6; 800: Keegan (S) 2:01.5; 200: Hill (S) 22.5; Two-Mile Run: Williamson (S) 10:12.9; Mile Relay: Ross (Almaguer, Mike Martin, Eric Gant, Pendrey) 3:34.6.

Little Giants post easy win over Lorain

Willie Gentry won three events and Mike Martin two as the Ross Little Giants coasted to a 103-24 win over Lorain in high school track Tuesday.

Gentry captured the long jump with a 20-3 leap and came back to grab the 100-meter dash in 11.2 and the 200-meters in 23.2.

Martin clicked off the mile in 4:51.2 and the 800 in 2:13.8 for his individual wins.

Ross won 13 of the 15 events to up its dual meet record to 6-0.

In another boys meet, Lakota rolled over Elmwood 110½-25½.

Arnold Scherger set a new Lakota track record in the high hurdles while winning three events. Dave Braun also won a pair of events for the Raiders.

Scherger clicked off the highs in 14.8 for the new record. He broke his old mark of 14 seconds flat. He also won the 100 and 300-meter low hurdles.

Braun also won the mile and the 880.

At Elmore, the Eastwood and Woodmore boys tied 68-68 but the Eastwood girls tripped the Woodmore girls 59½-50½.

Jim Smithey tied for first in the high jump and won the triple jump and the hurdles for Eastwood.

Jeff Underwood set a new pole vault record for Woodmore, vaulting 12-9½ to break the old mark of John Bringman by one-half inch.

Rob Hernandez won the mile and two mile for the Wildcats and Dale Friend took the 100 and 200-meter dashes for Eastwood.

Amy Damschroder anchored Woodmore's

winning 800 medley and mile relay teams and added a first in the 400 for the Wildcat girls.

Gibsonburg won a triangular meet against Van Buren and Riverdale. The Golden Bears finished with 58, Riverdale had 53 and Van Buren had 48.

Mike DeAngelis won the discus and shot put for Gibsonburg and Gibsonburg wrapped up the meet with a win in the mile relay.

Riverdale swept first place in all four field events and rolled to an easy win over Van Buren and Gibsonburg in the girls meet.

Riverdale totaled 96 points, Van Buren 43 and Gibsonburg 23.

Jill Zimmerman won the mile run and Robin Brown, Cheryl Henline, Suzie Schroder and Cheryl Jensen won the 880 relay for the Golden Bears only first place finishes.

New life for Blair

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Blair said he felt like he was "back from the dead" when the Cincinnati Reds signed him to a one-year contract.

While joking about the Reds' insistence on low-stirrup socks, the 35-year-old outfielder, who was released by the New York Yankees, said he rejected offers from Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Boston, California and Texas.

"I think I can still hit ...but I wasn't going to a last-place club. Cincinnati is a good organzzaton and

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Sports

High School track results

Ross 103, Lorain 24

Field events

Long Jump: Willie Gentry (R) 20-3; Discus: Galen Rhodes (R) 126-5; Shot Put: Troy Amor (R) 48-10; High Jump: Fred Vance (R) 5-10; Pole Vault: Tim Heslet (R) 10-6;

Running events

High Hurdles: Tony Malove (L) 15.8; 100: Gentry (R) 11.2; 1600: Mike Martin (R) 4:51.2; 400: Gregg Hedden (R) 52.1; 400 Relay: Ross (Bill Darling, Greg Brown, Vance, Joe Leite) 46.2; Low Hurdles: John Almaguer (R) 41.6; 800: Martin (R) 2:13.8; 200: Gentry (R) 23.2; 3200: Burke (L) 11:12.3; Mile Relay: Ross (Curtiss Lee, Gant, Jenkins, Tom Pendrey) 3:43.3.

Mile Relay: Lakota (Dan Scherger, Mike Vitte, Balderson, Arnold Scherger) 3:58.2.

Woodmore 68, Eastwood 68

Field events

Long Jump: Chris Jensen (W) 19-2½; High Jump: (tie) Juergens and Smithey (E) 6-2; Shot Put: Brent Becker (E) 45-8½; Discus: Dan Bowen (W) 138-9; Pole Vault: Jeff Underwood (W) 12-9½; Triple Jump: Jim Smithey (E) 41-7;

Running events

High Hurdles: Smithey (E) 15.3; 100: Dale Friend (E) 11.6; 1600: Rob Hernandez (W) 4:52.7; 400 Relay: Woodmore (Underwood, Pat Hepler, Jim Collum, Pat Johnson) 46.5; 400: Joel Johnson

Noll, Am Damschroder) 2:04.1; 100: Giesler (W) 13.5; 1600: Turkal (E) 6:09.7; 800 Relay: Eastwood 2:00.1; 400: Damschroder (W) 65.0; 400 Relay: Eastwood 55.3; 800: Becky Lieske (W) 2:36.2; 200: Giesler (W) 28.9; 1600 Relay: Woodmore (Noll, Stacy Schumaker, Lieske, Damschroder) 4:37.7.

Boys

Gibsonburg 58, Riverdale 53, Van Buren 48

Field events

Shot Put: Mike DeAngelis (G) 44-9; Discus: DeAngelis (G) 126-5; Pole Vault: Todd Holcomb (G) 11-3 (tied school record) Long Jump: Johnson (R) 19-9; High Jump: Smith (VB) 6-0;

Running events

Evan Helle (G) 41.5; 880: Yost (R) 2:08.0; 220: Kendricks (VB) 24.5; Two Mile: Hendricks (R) 11:11.0; Mile Relay: Gibsonburg (Steve Kohler, Helle, Dave Gerlich, Ramos) 3:37.0.

Girls

Riverdale 96, Van Buren 43, Gibsonburg 23

Field events

Discus: Crawford (R) 92-9; Shot Put: Beck (R) 29-9; High Jump: Messmer (R) 4-8; Long Jump: James (R) 15-5½;

Running events

Hurdles: Messmer (R) 18.0; Medley Relay: Riverdale 2:06; 100: Watson (R) 12.6; Mile: Zimmerman (G) 6:22.3; 880: Relay: Gibsonburg (Brown, Henline, Schroder, Jensen); 440:

Whitmer girls stop Little Giants ladies

TOLEDO — Whitmer won 11 of 14 events and cruised to an 80-30 high school girls track and field victory over Ross Tuesday.

The only events the Little Giants ladies took were the discus, shot put and 440.

Margaret Van Gilder, fresh off her win in the sectional meet, sailed the disc 105-3 to win her specialty. Smith tossed the shot 34-10 while Tammy Haas ran a 65.9 to capture the quarter-mile race.

Smith also finished second in the discus.

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: Margaret Van Gilder (R) 105-3; Shot Put: Laurie Smith (R) 34-10; Long Jump: Wumer (W) no distance; High Jump: Janicki (W) 4-10;

RUNNING EVENTS

Hurdles: Millen (W) 15.4; Medley Relay: Whitmer 1:59.3; 100: Wumer (W) 11.7; Mile Run: Wray (W) 5:40.0; 880 Relay: Whitmer 1:50.5; 440 Tammy Haas (R) 65.9; 440 Relay: Whitmer 52.8; 880: Boettger (W) 2:37.9; 220: Wumer (W) 26.6; Mile Relay: Whitmer (W) 4:21.9.



SPECIAL AWARD winners and most valuable athletes for Ross's spring sports teams included, seated, left to right, Tammy Haas, Lori Lawrence,

T.J. Brudzinski, Mike Fahrbach, John Almaguer and Tom Pendrey; standing: Joel Krout.

Ross honors spring athletes

T.J. Brudzinski, Lori Lawrence and Mike Fahrbach were presented with the top sports awards during the Fremont Ross Spring Sports Awards Night Tuesday.

Members of the boys and girls track teams, boys tennis, softball and baseball teams were honored.

Brudzinski was presented with the Baron-Sherman Award as the outstanding senior athlete while Lawrence was named the outstanding senior girls athlete. Lawrence was the first person in 20 years to have won letters in four sports during her high school years. She lettered in volleyball, basketball, track, and softball.

Fahrbach won the Ken Svanoe Scholarship Award of \$300 to the college of his choice.

In baseball, Joel Krout was the most valuable and shared the outstanding defensive award with Scott Carmack. Mark Johnson was the team's most improved while

Dave Shaffer was the outstanding sophomore player. John LeJeune and Mike Pena took home captain trophies.

The team finished 14-7 for Coach Tim Pettorini.

Lawrence was the MVP in softball and shared captain's honors with Deb Link and Shirley Long. Link won the outstanding offense and defense awards for Coach Christy Holland's team.

Fahrbach was the tennis team's MVP and also was presented a captain's award along with Scott Sachs. Brian Beck was named the most improved.

Coach Pete Michaels' team finished 13-3, the best in Ross's history.

Coach Jolyn Smith handed out the outstanding runner and most valuable awards for girls track to sophomore Tammy Haas. It is one of the few times that a sophomore has been named most valuable for a Ross sports team.

Margaret Van Gilder was named the outstanding field performer and another field event person for the Lady Giants, Laurie Smith was the team's most improved. Kim Saam and Judy Shetzer won captain's trophies.

Smith's team won the sectional title this spring, the first for Ross.

Next year's captains for the Ross girls were named — Shetzer and Haas.

John Almaguer was named the boys track team's most valuable and its top runner. He also shared a captain's trophy with Fred Vance. Almaguer scored 98 points this season for the Little Giants.

Troy Amor was named the top field event performer while Tom Pendrey was named the most valuable sophomore.

The Ross boys finished 7-0 this season, for Coach Norm Bray, the first time a Ross track team has been undefeated in dual meets.



OTHER AWARD winners. Seated, left to right are Deb Link, Laurie Smith, Margaret Van Gilder, Kim Saam and Judy Shetzer; standing: Dave Shaffer, Scott Carmack, Scott Sachs, Mike Pena, Mark Johnson, Fred Vance and John LeJeune.

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