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# Ross golfers second after first day of action

COLUMBUS — The Ross high golf team returned to action at the Ohio State University Scarlet Course today just four strokes off the pace and "still very much in" the fight for the Class AAA state championship.

"We hope to do as well or better today and if we do we'll have some one looking at us," Ross golf coach Charlie Baker said Friday evening.

Actually, Ross fired a better round than Baker thought would be necessary to be in front of the pack. Before the golfers started down the fairways Friday, Baker was hoping for "about a 720 and expecting that to be enough."

But Ross beat that by two strokes. Buck Baumann and Jim Decker led the way as the Giants toured the course in 318 as a team.

Ross, making its second straight trip to Columbus, trailed defending champion Upper Arlington, which shot a 314.

Meanwhile, the Fremont St. Joseph Crimson Streaks, in the state golf tournament for the first time in history, had their troubles. The Streaks were fifth in a six team field after shooting 362 Friday. Magadore led the Class A field with a 316.

"We just were not up to it today," head coach Bill Miesle said, noting that there is a lot of pressure on the first trip to the state meet.

Steve Poesler led the Streaks in Friday action.

Except for two holes, the Little Giants were the best team on the course in Class AAA.

Baumann tied Tim Crouch of Mount Vernon for the Class AAA best round, firing a 74. The Ross junior put together a pair of 37's. Jim Decker was just one stroke behind his teammate.

In referring to Baumann's excellent round, Baker said, "He played very fine golf, just a super round. Last year his low round was 78 and he starts right off with a 74 this year."

Par over the 6,700 yard is 36-36-72.

Decker had 28-27-75.

Both Bob Moll and Rob Hall ran into one bad hole that raised their scores, although not to disastrous levels.

Moll was burning around the back nine at a near par pace when he landed in a deep lateral hazard. He had to drop in the line of flight and then couldn't hit the green. Even with that big eight on the 16th hole, Moll had a 42 on the back

nine and an 81 for the day. "That's the hell hole of the course," Baker said after the day's round was completed. It is a par four.

Hall had his problems with the trees on number 10. "There are a lot of trees on the course and he had tree problems on 10," Hall suffered through an eight on that hole, but battled back for a 44 for the back nine after shooting a 42 on the front side.

"We are very happy to be where we are and we expect to have a good go at them Saturday," Baker said.

"You bet we still have a good shot at this thing."

A storm ripped the Columbus area late Friday and Baker expected the course to be very wet today. He doubted that the scores would be quite as good today as they were Friday.

Ross was paired with Upper Arlington, Cincinnati Elder and Elyria today.

The Pioneers were last in the field after the first day of action.

The Class AAA standings after the first day were as follows: Upper Arlington, 314; Ross, 318; Mount Vernon, 321; Middletown, 321; Toledo St. John, 328; Brecksville, 334; Canton Lehman, 334; Cincinnati Elder, 334; Bay Village, 337; Eastlake North, 336; Kettering, 338; Elyria, 346.

In that Class A battle, Poesler put together a pair of 41s to lead the Streaks with an 82.

Bob Hecklers had the second best round for St. Joe over the tough Scarlet course. He had a 42 on the front side and a 46 on the back nine for an 88. Bob Moody shot 42-51-93 and Tom Light had 50-49-99.

Magadore's 316 was 19 strokes ahead of second place Garraway (333). The rest of the Class A field stood like this: Sidney Lehman, 337; Ottawa Hills, 342; St. Joseph, 362; Springfield, 364.

Magadore is bidding to retain the crown it won in 1972.

The Class AA field had the best scores of the day.

Defending champion Columbus Waterson had a 30 with Junior Ralph Garasac firing a 70. He had a chance to become the lowest scorer in the Ohio high school golf tournament's 47 years. He needed a par round of 72 to match the record 143 set by Alex Antonio of Hubbard ten years ago.

Conchocton and Upper Sandusky were 12 strokes behind Waterson.



BUCK BAUMANN  
Best Class AAA round

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## Flower in final four of state tennis meet

COLUMBUS—Jim Flower, playing a pair of strong matches Friday, carried Fremont Ross High School's tennis hopes into the semifinals of the state singles tournament today.

Flower was one of three qualifiers from Northwest Ohio to reach the final four in the singles competition.

"We're very pleased. When you consider that he is already in the final four, we're very happy," Ross coach Pete Michaels said Friday night.

"In his first match, Jim beat a very good boy and then he looked very sharp in winning his second match."

In his opening match, Flower defeated the Dayton Area District champion Casey Daganhardt in three sets.

"Jim had a rough time with this boy," Michaels said. "He is one of the finest in the Dayton area and has a full ride at Bowling Green State University already. This boy was very strong. Last year he went three sets with a boy who is playing number one court for Ohio State University this year."

Flower won the opening set 6-4 before stumbling in the second set, 6-2. In that final crucial set, Flower turned on the steam and eliminated Daganhardt, 6-2.

"He was very sharp in that second match," Michaels said of Flower. "His service was sharp and he was really putting the ball away."

In that second match, Flower stung Harold Krent of Shaker Heights, 6-1, 6-4, to earn a semifinal spot.

Flower was scheduled to meet Mark Padilla of Toledo St. John's in his semifinal match today. Flower beat Padilla, 7-5, 7-4, in the district semifinals at the University of Toledo last weekend.

Padilla advanced to the semifinals with victories over Robert Dowling of Cleveland Heights and Greg Meckstroth of Cincinnati Oak Hills.

In the other semifinal match, Eric Ikersky the player who defeated Flower in the championship of the district tournament, faces Bob Gardner of Upper Arlington. Ikersky is Padilla's teammate at St. John's. Gardner was rated as the pretournament favorite.

Phil Brundes and Kevin Shaw of Sylvania remain alive in the doubles competition at the state. The Sylvania pair defeated Mike Noid and Pat Sore of Willoughby South, 6-0, 6-2, and then downed John Phipps and Bob Wilson of Akron Firestone, 6-2, 6-3.

Tom Froteczak and Doug Warga of Mansfield Senior were eliminated after winning one doubles match.

### Smith to serve SBC as league president

St. Joseph athletic director and head football coach Robert Smith will serve as president of the Sandusky Bay Conference during the 1973-74 school year, according to an announcement out of the league office today.

Gene VanOrndall of Margaretta is the vice-president and Thurman Wright of Clyde is the secretary-treasurer.

Tom Reineck of Woodville has been employed for the 73-74 school year as assigning secretary for the conference. He will assign officials for all varsity football games, varsity and reserve basketball games and the varsity wrestling tournament.

Final standing for the league in tennis also were announced. Tiffin Calvert won the championship with an 8-0 record. Perkins, Huron and St. Mary's each had a 4-4 mark. Clyde was 0-8.



JIM FLOWER  
In state's final four

## Track meet moves toward conclusion

COLUMBUS — With the state track meet moving toward its conclusion today, area athletes

Sandusky was making a strong bid for the Class AAA championship.

Malabar also survived. Upper Arlington was chafing to advance to the semifinals in the doubles of Sid Couling and Jim Bosse and Gary Alexander

6-5½, 5. Dave Armstrong, Amherst, 6-3½, 6, (tie). Fred Johnson, Barberton, and Keith Wei-

Ross High's state scorecard: one champ, one runnerup

# High school athletes put community in state spotlight

Some are proclaiming it the greatest day in the history of spring sports at Ross High School.

The first state championship by a spring sports team and the best-ever performance by a singles entry in tennis both came together Saturday.

The Ross High golfers, charging from behind, made up a four stroke deficit from Friday's opening round and defeated runnerup Upper Arlington by four strokes to win the state championship in class AAA.

Jim Flower, going further than any singles entry in the history of the school, battled his way into the state Class AAA finals before losing to Upper Arlington's Bob Gardner.

Flower, the sectional champion and Toledo District runnerup, won a pair of matches Friday and then scored a semifinal victory over Mark Padilla of Toledo St. John Saturday before being defeated in the finals.

The golf team, which won every event it entered this year, including the conference, sectional and district tournaments before the state action, trailed Upper Arlington 314-316 after the opening day.

Ross charged out into the lead Saturday, however, moving to a seven stroke lead by the end of nine holes and holding off the Bears the rest of the way.

Ross athletic director Richard Sherman was among those who agreed that this was indeed the "greatest day in the history of spring sports at Ross High."

Sherman expressed the expected great joy with the state tournament performances of the golf and tennis representatives.

The state championship by the golfers was the first state crown by a Ross team since the swimmers claimed that honor in 1946. The performance by Flower was the best for a Ross tennis player since Jack Baron and Dick Garst won the doubles title in 1933. No singles representative ever did as well as Flower did this year.

The state tournament performances by the golfers and Flower were looked upon as more than just athletic successes. They were looked upon as benefits for the entire school—in fact the entire community.

Mayor Walter Orley was lavish in his praise of the accomplishment and generous in his feelings as to what such

a showing by representatives of the local high school means to the community as a whole.

"I just feel that the accomplishments of the golf and tennis teams reflect well on the entire student body and the community as a whole. I'm very proud of them and I am sure the citizens of Fremont feel the same way.

"I think that something like this brings honor and glory to the city and is a good reflection on everyone who lives here. It makes the community stand out. It's great to be a leader, you know."

At the high school itself, Principal Duane Wamsley talked about a more obvious effect: "This type of thing has an effect on the entire student body. We have had a very stable spring because of the high interest. My past experience has shown that the overall attitude of the students is better with a winner.

"I'm very proud of them and I'm sure that all the students are too."

Golf coach Charlie Baker probably said it best: "That trophy doesn't belong to Jim Decker, it doesn't belong to Buck Baumann or the team or me or even just the

school. It belongs to everyone in the community. We've had great support this year."

"I was very proud of the fact that we had two teams from Fremont down there (competing in state tournaments at Columbus) and they had to call out Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joe. It's not very often that a community our size can make a claim like that."

St. Joe competed in the Class A field, finishing sixth in the state.

While the weekend wasn't as great for St. Joe athletes as it was for the Ross representatives, this year's Streaks have already made a name for themselves.

The St. Joe golfers were the first in the history of the school to make the trip to Columbus for the state tournament.

Meanwhile, the St. Joe baseball team became the first in the history of the school to reach the regional tournament before being defeated. The Streaks suffered their first loss of the year at the hands of Ottawa Hills Monday at Lima Bath.

For details on the performances of the Ross tennis and golf teams and the St. Joe golf and baseball teams and an inside look at a state championship see today's sports pages.

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## Tornadoes claim 48 lives

By CRAIG AMMERMAN  
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A record number of tornadoes ripped to earth from farm systems across the Midwest and South over the Memorial Day weekend, claiming 48 lives in multi-million dollar trails of destruction.

Several small towns were all but obliterated as about 160 tornadoes turned the long weekend into a holiday of horror for thousands.

Deaths were reported in 11 states from Oklahoma to Florida, and at least six other states reeled under heavy rains, high winds and flash floods.

The National Weather Service said the number of tornadoes reported between Saturday and Monday eclipsed any previous 72-hour period on record.

Among the victims of the weekend weather were farmers whose crops had been delayed for weeks by spring floods. The new rains dealt them another blow, and some counties in the region prepared to ask for the second time this year that they be declared a federal disaster area.

The weekend weather systems caused five deaths in Oklahoma, three in Kansas, seven in Missouri, three in Arkansas, two in Tennessee, one in Mississippi, seven in Alabama, two in Georgia, one in Florida, seven in North Carolina and two in Virginia. In addition, six persons in North Carolina and one in Virginia were listed as missing and presumed drowned.

The storm began Saturday in eastern Oklahoma and continued into Monday night, when a tornado at Athens, Ga., took the life of one person and left more than 10 injured.

## Rains delay planting here

Unless there is a favorable break in the weather, 1973 may be a debacle

before the ground is dry enough and to permit farmers to put equipment in the fields. Then it will

tomato planting to date has been to the south. He, too, there may have to be some re-

There is a possibility that plants in areas under water



High school golf's elite

Coch Charlie Baker and state tournament medalist Jim Decker, seated, go over the state tournament scores with (from left) Bob Moll, Buck Baumann and Rob Hall. These Ross High golfers earned the state

tournament championship in Class AAA over the weekend. The huge state championship trophy at left is the medalist award won by Decker.

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# Giants' victory: axeman delivered the axe

COLUMBUS — Playing head to head with the team they had to beat, the Ross High Little Giants came from four strokes down to win the Ohio High School state Class AAA golf championship Saturday.

The Giants surged into a seven stroke lead by the end of nine holes Saturday and held on to win by four over the defending champion Upper Arlington crew.

Ross and Upper Arlington golfers were paired in the same foursomes throughout the tournament.

"Being head to head turned out to be an advantage for us," Ross Head Coach Charlie Baker said after the championship was in the bag.

"Being in that second place position (four strokes behind Upper Arlington) we were in the perfect axeman's spot and we delivered the axe."

Baker said, "I wanted the pairing with Arlington, but I was worried about it too. Last year we were paired with them and couldn't handle it. Last year we played too much against the man from Arlington instead of against the course."

But Saturday, it was Upper Arlington's golfers who couldn't handle the head-to-head battle with the talented Ross crew.

Bob Moll, outstanding senior linksman who has turned in such great rounds for the Little Giants in the past two Buckeye Conference championship tournaments, was probably the first to notice the shift in power from Arlington to Ross.

"On the first hole, I bogeyed and he (the Upper Arlington golfer) bogeyed too. But, on the second hole, he went in the sand trap and ended up with a triple bogey and I knew we could get them."

"I figured before we went down there that if we played our game we'd be in the top three."

Rob Hall also reported an early indication of the swing to better things.

Rob started out Saturday with three straight pars and on that third hole, which was actually 12 since they had started on the back nine, his opponent from Upper Arlington blew a putt and took a double bogey. On the next hole, the Upper Arlington man missed another putt for a bogey.

The big moment for Hall, however, didn't come until number 8, which was the 17th hole for his foursome. Hall was in a sand trap, while the Upper Arlington man had a birdie put. Hall played out well and got a par. His opponent from Upper Arlington missed his putt and also had to settle for a par.

Jim Decker and Buck Baumann led the Little Giants to their first ever golf championship.

Decker put together a pair of excellent rounds to win medalist honors for the Class AAA tournament.

Shooting 75 each day, the Ross senior finished with a 150.

Decker trailed Baumann by one stroke after the opening round Friday.

Baumann added a 78 Saturday to his first round of 74 and finished second in the Class AAA field.

"Decker had no double bogeys in the entire tournament. He just played super both days. And, Baumann had a super round that first day," Baker said.

Ross finished the two-day tournament with a stroke total of 68, getting a 316 Saturday after hitting a 318 Friday. Upper

Arlington, which had a 314 for the first round, had a 324 Saturday and finished with a 638.

Middletown was third in the field with 645. The rest of the standings were as follows: Mount Vernon, 633; Toledo St. John's, 668; Bay Village, 662; Canton Lehman, 666; Kettering Fairmont West, 675; Eastlake North, 676; Elyria, 677; Cincinnati Elder, 678; Brecksville, 682.

Columbus Wattersson took the Class AA crown with the best 36 hole total of the weekend. The Wattersson crew had a 615 to win by 39 strokes. Ralph Gaarasi of Wattersson repeated as the Class AA medalist with rounds of 70-75-145.

The rest of the standings in Class AA were as follows: Conchocton, 644; Aurora, 652; Upper Sandusky, 659; Lima Bath, 661; Dayton Oakwood, 664; Orrville, 675; Hamilton Badin, 684; Lexington, 685; Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas, 696; Reading, 703; New Lexington, 710.

The tough Ohio State Scarlet course is rated at 73.9 by the United States Golf Association. That means it's actually tougher than its par 72.

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## Flower second in state meet

### Here's how Giants won state crown

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	(36)	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	(36)	72	
Listed Distance	427	437	403	515	233	570	389	187	417	(3578)	406	413	546	202	489	408	379	207	414	(3464)	7042
Decker Friday	4	5	5	4	3	5	3	4	5	(38)	5	4	5	2	4	4	4	4	5	(37)	75
Saturday	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	(37)	3	5	6	3	5	4	4	3	5	(38)	75
Baumann Friday	4	4	5	5	3	5	4	3	4	(37)	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	5	(37)	74
Saturday	4	7	5	5	3	5	5	3	5	(42)	4	3	6	4	5	3	4	3	4	(36)	78
Moll Friday	5	4	5	5	3	6	4	4	5	(41)	4	5	5	3	5	3	8	4	6	(42)	83
Saturday	5	5	4	5	4	6	6	3	5	(43)	4	4	5	3	6	5	4	3	4	(38)	81
Hall Friday	5	5	6	5	3	5	4	4	5	(42)	8	4	6	3	5	4	5	4	5	(44)	86
Saturday	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	3	4	(42)	4	4	5	3	6	4	5	4	5	(40)	82