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Ross wins first Buckeye Girls Invitational Meet

Four stadium records set; two Ross records broken

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Ross girls track coach Jolyn Smith didn't know as much as she thought she did about her team. She knew a little but her team's performance proved that they could have known more . . . but it was not any type of proof that she was ashamed not to know.

"I knew we had depth," Coach Smith said, "but we have a little more depth than I thought."

Ross had just walked off with the title in the First Buckeye Conference Girls Invitational Track Meet. The Little Giants rolled up 135½ points to outdistance Marion by 23 points. Lorain finished third with 71½ while Admiral King, Findlay, and Sandusky rounded out the field.

The Ross coach was backed up in her "depth" observation about her team. The Little Giants placed two runners in the 100, 220, and 440 after preliminary races. In the field events, Ross had two girls placing in the shot put, discus, and the long jump.

Four new stadium records were set in the shot put, mile run, 440, and 220. In addition to the stadium records, Ross's Marty Ameling, Sue Buehler, and Roxie Price established new school standards in the mile, discus, and the 440, respectively.

Miss Ameling, a Ross senior, ran away from the field in the mile with a 5:52.4

effort for new school and stadium records. What was supposed to be a close race with Findlay's Jessie Bennett never materialized as the Ross runner grabbed the lead early and kept increasing it.

"Marty went out and set her pace," Mrs. Smith said.

Miss Price, a sophomore, broke the two-year-old record of Gloria Graham despite finishing second in the 440. The new mark of 1:04.0 knocked seven-tenths of a second off the old mark.

Miss Buehler bettered her own school mark in the discus by 18 inches with a 91-5 heave. She had set the old mark earlier this year.

The other stadium marks went to Georgia Butterworth in the 440 with a 1:03.4; Chris Kufel of Admiral King in the shot put with a 25-10½; and to Shirley Hayes of Marion in the 220 with a 27.1 time.

Ross first places besides the victories in the mile and discus went to sophomore Lisa Meek in the 880 with a 2:36.1, only a tick of the clock off the stadium mark of 2:36-flat. The Ross 440 and mile relay teams also topped the field.

The 440 team of Stevie Brown, Desiree Knighton, Denise Szymanski, and Kay C. Krock clicked off its best time of the season with a 53.2; Gail Recktenwald, Barb Reardon, Lisa Meek, and Roxie Price won the mile easily in 4:34.1.



JULIE MOSSER OF ROSS GLIDES OVER THE BAR IN HIGH JUMP COMPETITION



MARTY AMELING of Ross crosses the finish line in record setting mile run.

Buckeye Invitational Meet results

TEAM STANDINGS: Ross 135½; Marion 112½; Lorain 71½; Admiral King 61; Findlay 37; Sandusky 28.

FIELD EVENTS

(All distances are new meet records. First year that meet was held.)

HIGH JUMP: Jayne Giesler (L) 4-8; Tammy Blake (M) 4-7; Beth Rowley (S) 4-7; (tie) Penny O'Keefe (L), Donice West (M), and Julie Mosser (R) all 4-4.

LONG JUMP: Shirley Hayes (M) 16-5½; Doris Wilmington (L) 15-8½; Barb Reardon (R) 15-5; Cindy Stabenek (F) 15-1¼; Roxie Price (R) 14-9½; Cathy Bennett (F) 14-9½.

SHOT PUT: Chris Kufel (AK) 33-10½ (New stadium record. Old record 33-1, set by Ronie Karg of Upper Sandusky in 1971); Renee Johnson (S) 33-4½; Sue Buehler (R) 32-9½; Carol Adams (F) 31-2¼; Jayne Berger (M) 30-1; Chris Farver (R) 29-4.

DISCUS: Sue Buehler (R) 91-5 (New Ross school record. Old record 89-11 set earlier this year by Miss Buehler); Jayne Berger (M) 83-2¼; Renee Jones (F) 82-3¼; Jane Palone (R) 80-4½; Brenda Draper (M) 76-6½; Chris Kufel (AK) 75-1¼.

RUNNING EVENTS

80 YARD HURDLES: Dixie Innes (M) 12-8; Aris Gray (AK) 12-3; Mitchell Lindsey (R) 12-7; Linda Riddle (M) 12-8; Gina Costello (AK) 13-3.

100 YARD DASH: Darlene Montgomery (L) 12-0; Shirley Hayes (M) 12-1; Renee Tate (R) 12-2; Stevie Brown (R) 12-3; Ann Garcia (AK) 12-4; Sharon Lenox (M) 12-5.

MILE RUN: Marty Ameling (R) 5:52.4 (New stadium and Ross school record. Old stadium mark of 5:57.4 set by Jill Ranney of Upper Sandusky in 1974; Jessie Bennett (F) 6:18.2; Rose Norton (R) 6:38.2; Nancy Whelan (M) 6:32.6; Penny O'Keefe (L) 6:31.0; Diane Kross (L) 6:54.0.

880 YARD RELAY: Admiral King (Vivian Jeffries, Gina Costello, Sonia Higgenbotham, Brenda Edwards) 1:53.7; Ross 1:54.4; Lorain 1:54.9; Marion 1:58.1; Sandusky 2:16.8.

440 YARD DASH: Georgia Butterworth (M) 1:03.4 (New stadium record. Old record of 1:05.6 set by Gloria Graham of Ross in 1973.); Roxie Price (R) 1:04.0 (New Ross school record. Old record of 1:04.2 set by Miss Graham in 1973.); Cathy Bennett (F) 1:06.3; Gail Recktenwald (R) 1:07.8; Sarah Herale (L) 1:08.0; Karen Boyle (L) 1:12.7.

440 YARD RELAY: Ross (Stevie Brown, Desiree Knighton, Denise Szymanski, Kay C. Krock) 53.2; Lorain 53.8; Marion 54.5; Admiral King 54.6; Findlay 57.6; Sandusky 1:01.5.

220 YARD RUN: Lisa Meek (R) 2:36.7; Tania Anderson (L) 2:37.7; Debbie Hill (S) 2:43.4; Beth Rowley (S) 2:44.4; Carol Swane (R) 2:44.6; Beth Sayer (M) 2:52.7.

220 YARD DASH: Shirley Hayes (M) 27.1 (New stadium record. Old record of 27.4 set by Kathy Williams of Clyde in 1973.); Denise Szymanski (R) 28.1; Kay C. Krock (R) 28.4; Donice West (M) 28.5; Carol Adams (F) 28.6; Karen McCall (L) 28.6.

880 YARD MILE RELAY: Marion (Lachon Keuchler, Rhonda Sedick, Sharon Long, Georgia Butterworth) 2:03.8; Admiral King 2:08.9; Ross 2:11.8; Lorain 2:13.8.

MILE RELAY: Ross (Gail Recktenwald, Barb Reardon, Lisa Meek, Roxie Price) 4:34.1; Marion 4:42.1; Lorain 4:50.7; Findlay 4:54.4; Sandusky 5:16.5; Admiral King 5:32.5.

Ross 2nd at Worthington

WORTHINGTON — Bexley won the 13th Worthington Cup Saturday with Fremont Ross a close second. The Bexley team picked up 31 points to Ross' 28 in the eight-team tennis field.

Jim Flower, the Ohio High School Class AAA singles champ of the '74 season, won the singles titles while the Ross doubles team of Art Gilberg and Joe Albrecht finished second in the consolation bracket.

Ross made a big improvement over its finish of last year in the Cup. The Little Giants were humbled with a seventh place finish but reversed its play under sunny skies Saturday.

Flower won the singles crown over old nemesis, Erick Iskersky of Toledo St. John's. Iskersky handed Flower his only loss earlier this season in straight sets and pushed Flower to three before losing in the finals in the Cup.

With Flower taking his toll on Iskersky with a powerful serve, the Little Giants' state champ picked up 6-3 wins in the first and third sets. He dropped the middle set, 6-1.

At one stretch in the match, Flower won eight

straight service points and ended the match by firing an ace past Iskersky for the title.

"He just played beautifully," Ross coach Pete Michaels explained. "This is the best that he has shown this year."

Michaels revealed that Flower had suffered a slightly sprained ankle in the second round of play.

"I think the sprain caused him to put more effort on his services," Michaels pointed out.

Gilberg and Albrecht, playing as a team for the first time this season, ran up against an experienced Bexley doubles team in the first round and lost, 6-0 and 6-1.

The first round loss knocked the Ross team into the consolation round. Gilberg and Albrecht won the first consolation match but dropped the consolation finals to the team from St. John's.

TEAM STANDINGS: Bexley 31; Ross 28; Columbus Whitestown 19; Toledo St. John's 18; Sylvania 9; Ottawa Hills 9; Worthington 6; Upper Arlington 0.

ROSS RESULTS

(Singles play)

Jim Flower (R) defeated Kennedy (B) 6-3, 6-1; Flower defeated Dierker (CW) 6-6, 6-5.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: Flower (R) defeated Erick Iskersky (TSJ) 6-1, 6-2.

(Doubles play)

Art Gilberg and Joe Albrecht (R) lost to Learmonth and McLaughlin (CW) 6-6, 6-1.

CONSOLATION: Gilberg-Albrecht (R) defeated Farris and Nourie (Nor) 19-5.

CONSOLATION FINALS: Gilberg-Albrecht (R) lost to Sols and Niday (TSJ) 19-6.



CONCENTRATION is the key to many track events. Sue Buehler of Ross shows that concentration as she gets ready to throw the discus. The Ross senior set a new school record in the event Saturday.



Findlay stops Sandusky track domination

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FINDLAY — Findlay ended Sandusky's seven-year domination of the Buckeye Conference Track and Field Championships. The Trojans rolled up 130 points in the eight-team meet at Donnell Stadium Saturday.

Manfield finished second with 84 points with Sandusky third with 74. Elyria was fourth while Ross, Marion Harding, Admiral King, and Lorain Senior rounded out the field.

The new champs dominated the distance events, held their own in the sprints and hurdles, and scored well in the field events in detroning the Blue Streaks. It was the first time in the 20-year history of the BC that the Trojans have won the track title. The only other team besides Sandusky to win the crown have been Elyria in 1967 and Marion Harding from 1955 through 1960 and again in 1962 and 1963.

Brent Beam cracked the Buckeye Conference mark in the mile run plus coming back to win the 880 to lead the Trojans. Beams lowered the mile mark to 4:19.6, 7.3 seconds better than the old BC mark, John Williams of Marion Harding held the previous mark set in 1974.

Williams was in this race, too, but finished far back in the field with 4:36.5.

Ross's Garry Clark was second in the record setting race. Clark set a new mark for Ross with a 4:25.2. The old Little Giants school mark was 4:33.4 and had stood since 1936 when Wade "Soupy" Campbell had recorded that time.

Beams came back to win the 880 in 1:57.9, four-tenths of a second off the meet standard.

In all, the Trojans won four events and tied for another to take the top spot. Harry Yoxheimer ran away and hid from the field in the two-mile run with a 9:33.4. Brad Bosse won the high jump, setting a new BC record with a 6-5 1/2, just a quarter of an inch above the old mark set by Elyria's Ira Perkins in 1973.

George Alexander tied Elyria's Rick Hoskin in the 220 for Findlay's other first.

Ross' best finishes were by Clark in the mile and Sam Starks in the 440. Clark beat Sandusky's Jim Gosser to the wire in the mile, passing the Blue Streaks runner in the last 100 yards of the race.

Starks came within a "lean" of taking the 440. The Little Giants junior was timed in 52.0 seconds for the distance, one-tenth of a second behind Sandusky's Mike Ehrhardt but the finish was closer than that. Ehrhardt just managed to lean into the top an instant before Starks could.

Mitch Clayton served notice that he is to be reckoned with in future BC meets. The Ross sophomore ripped off a 15.6 in the high hurdles for a third place finish.

Larry Liggins matched Clayton's finish in the low hurdles. Liggins ran a 21.3 in the event.

In the field events, the best finish was a fourth in the discus by Mike Pendleton.

The Little Giants' hopes in the pole vault were dashed early when junior Dave Liggins was injured. Liggins started his vaulting shortly after rain started to fall at the all-weather facility and the wet conditions contributed to his mishap.

Liggins slipped while on the way up, came down and apparently cracked his head on the metal vaulting box. The fall knocked Liggins out and it was later diagnosed as a concussion. Liggins was given a shot at winning the event before the meet because he was one of only three BC vaulters to clear 13 feet before Saturday.

Liggins recovered his senses enough to watch the remainder of the meet from the stands.

Stan Tillman was the only other double winner besides Beams. The Mansfield flash recorded firsts in the high and low hurdles and added a third in the high jump.

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Garry Clark shatters 39-year-old mile record

FINDLAY — Ross track coach Ron Brant finally saw it happen and Little Giants miler Garry Clark made it happen Saturday at the Buckeye Conference Track and Field Championships at Donnell Stadium.

What Brant saw was a new record in the mile run for Ross and he had been looking, and hoping, for that to happen ever since he took over the Ross coaching job — a time span of 14 years.

And Clark ended that expectant wait for Brant.

The Ross junior ripped off a 4:25.2, 8.2 seconds better than the school mile mark that had stood since 1936. That was the year that Ross state cross country champion, Wade "Soupy" Campbell toured the mile in 4:33.4. The mark lasted so long that Brant was probably getting the feeling that it was going to stand forever.

Clark let out the secret that led to the new standard.

"I just wanted to run faster all the way around," he said. "Instead of saving something for a last sprint, I just wanted to keep up with the pack and run quicker laps."

The "pack" that Clark stayed with was actually made up of one runner — Sandusky's Jim Gosser, a fellow who had beaten Clark earlier in the week by more than a second with a last lap burst of speed.

Brant confirmed Clark's description of wanting to run quicker laps.

"We figured on staying with Gosser for two laps and then trying to get a big lead on him in the third lap," Brant said. "He outkicked Garry Wendesday (Ross and Sandusky had a dual meet) and he had run a slow pace before the kick at the end. Tonight he ran quicker so Garry did not have to go for the third lap lead."

The fact that Clark finished second to Findlay's Brent Beams did not dampen the excitement of Clark's new record. It was a basic fact that the Findlay runner was nearly unbeatable, but Gosser was not in the same mode.

About the record Clark said, "I thought I'd break it but I didn't know how much."

And he had this to say about not using the third lap strategy: "I was still just trying to keep up with the pack . . . he (Gosser) was running pretty good and I felt that I had it in me to get past him at the end."

What Clark had in him came out fine and left Gosser behind him in third. And it ended a record that Clark had actively sought this spring and one that Brant had been biting his nails over for the past 14 springs.

Everyone concerned can rest for awhile now.



GARRY CLARK FINISHES RECORD MILE
... Jim Gosser of Sandusky in third



THE NEW MILE record holder is reviving after setting a new record for the Little Giants. The Ross junior galloped the mile in 4:25.2 to shatter a 39-year-old school record. Wade "Soupy" Campbell had trotted to the previous mile standard of 4:33.4 way back in 1936, the same season that he won the state cross country title. Clark had run a previous best of 4:35.0 this season.

Marion Harding takes two from Little Giants

Marion Harding handed Ross a pair of Buckeye Conference baseball losses at Anderson Field Saturday. Ross' rally fell short in the first game with Marion winning 7-6 but it was no contest in the second game with the visitors piling up an 11-2 win.

Ross fell behind 5-0 after five innings of the first game but played four in the sixth to edge to within one going into the top of the seventh.

Pat Belch was hit with a pitch by Marion's Steve Westerman leading off the inning for Ross. A single by Mark Lohrbach and a wild pitch put the runners on second and third and Jim Paxson's single plated the runs.

Loosing pitcher John Kiser followed with a single but Westerman forced Steve Carmack to pop out to first for the first out of the inning. Ron Whitcomb eluded a single to right scoring Paxson and Kiser scored on a bobbie in right by Jim Robbins for the fourth run of the frame.

Westerman got out of the inning on a fly ball to center and ground out.

Marion scored the winning runs in the seventh on a double by Randy Gipson, a

one. Whitcomb rapped a hard grounder to short to end the game for Ross.

Marion had scored a run in the first on back to back doubles by Gipson and Farrell and added three more in the third. Two walks, Farrell's second double, a sacrifice, and Mark Field's double scored the third inning runs. The Prexies plated a run in the fourth on Sam Koonce's single, an error, and Gipson's base hit.

Koonce moved from behind the plate to the mound in the second game and choked Ross off with only three hits. The Prexies scored a run in the first on Koonce's single, an error, and Gipson's single.

Marion broke the game wide open in the third with five runs and put the contest out of reach with four more in the fourth.

Hits by Gipson, Farrell, and Mike Hughes' double were the big hits for Marion in the third. Six walks, a hit batter, a wild pitch, and a fielder's choice gave Marion the four fourth inning runs without the benefit of a hit.



A LITTLE REST IS WELCOME
... Clark catches breath after hard run

Elyria and Sandusky in close BC tennis battle

Elyria and Sandusky are the teams that were to be reckoned with as the Buckeye Conference Tennis Championships concluded this afternoon.

Rained forced the matches to be halted Saturday as the matches were nearing the consolation finals.

All play began at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

Ross, the BC champion the past two years, is apparently out of the running for the title. Elyria has a slight advantage with 74 points, four better than Sandusky. Admiral King is third currently with 60 while Ross has 52.

Findlay with 46 is next with Mansfield, Lorain Senior, and Marion rounding out the field.

With all of the finals to play yet, Ross has Jim Flower, vying for his third straight BC singles crown,

and the second doubles team of Karen Driftmeyer and Pete Werling battling for a finals berth.

The Driftmeyer-Werling team was leading the Sandusky team of Ron Albert and Tim Steinemann when the rains forced the play to stop. The Ross pair won the first set 6-2 and were leading 3-1 in the second set.

Flower battled his way into the finals in easy fashion. The state's Class AAA singles champ defeated Rusty Smith of Marion in straight 6-0 sets in the first round and rolled over Kent Drummard of Findlay in identical 6-1 sets in the semifinals.

Flower will be going against Jim Fialka of Sandusky for the top singles title.

Two other championship finals pairings were

dampens took over. Mark Out of Sandusky will be up against Scott West of Elyria in third singles match.

Tom Pogacnik of Admiral King is one-half of the title match in second singles. He will be going up against Eric Zifcak of Elyria.

In doubles, the Sandusky team of Dan Ruemmele and Wayne Tucker must wait to see who their opponent will be. It will be either Elyria or Findlay. The Elyria team was leading the second set 5-4 after winning the first set 6-4 before play was suspended.

Elyria's second doubles team of Jim Provornik and Tom Pearsons will play the winner of the Ross-Sandusky match.

Elyria entered the afternoon with two singles

Buckeye Conference meet results

TEAM STANDINGS: Findlay 130; Mansfield 84; Sandusky 74; Elyria 57; Ross 39½; Marion Harding 37; Admiral King 34½; Lorain Senior 9

FIELD EVENTS

LONG JUMP: Harrison Thirst (E) 21-6¾; Tom Brown (F) 20-11½; Kyle Skelton (S) 20-½; Vince Hafford (M) 19-11; Scott Huff (F) 19-8¾; Mickey Van Wagnan (L) 19-7

HIGH JUMP: Brad Bosse (F) 6-5½ (New record. Old record of 6-5 set by Ira Perkins of Elyria in 1973); Pete Dettra (MH) 6-2; Stan Tillman (M) 6-0; Dave Tissler (L) 6-0; Lee Svete (L) 5-10; Walt Corn (E) 5-10

SHOT PUT: Byron Cato (AK) 56-8½; Bill Talbott (S) 54-½; Scott Fisher (S) 51-9; Paul Street (F) 49-3¼; Pete Mash (MH) 47-8¾; Wayne Fitzpatrick (E) 46-10¼

DISCUS: Bill Talbot (S) 166-9; Byron Cato (AK) 158-0; Scott Fisher (S) 141-2; Mike Pendleton (R) 139-9; Paul Petrella (M) 128-8; Rick Kusmer (R) 128-4

POLE VAULT: Scott Henry (E) 13-0; Brad Benford (F) 12-6; Jeff Day (MH) 12-0; Mike Ward (S) 11-6; Ed Favors (M) 11-0; Mike Pittak (AK) 11-0

RUNNING EVENTS

120 HIGH HURDLES: Stall Tillman (M) 14.6; Scott Huff (F) 15.0; Mitch Clayton (R) 15.6; Rusty Shipley (MH) 15.8; Dan DeLeon (R) 15.9; Vaughn Shores (E) 16.0

100 YARD DASH: Vince Hafford (M) 9.9; Ed Sterling (F) 10.0; Mike Peiffer (F) 10.1; Rick Hoskin (E) 10.2; Warren Fitzpatrick (E) 10.2; Willie Mincy (AK) 10.2

MILE RUN: Brent Beams (F) 4:19.6 (New Conference and

Findlay school record. Old conference record of 4:26.9 set by John Williams of Marion Harding in 1974. Old Findlay record of 4:19.7 set by Jeff Hochstettler in 1972); Garry Clark (R) 4:25.2 (New Ross record. Old record of 4:33.4 set by Wade "Soupy" Campbell in 1936); Jim Gosser (S) 4:26.8; Mike Pasenow (E) 4:32.4; John Williams (MH) 4:36.5; Dave Cook (AK) 4:37.5

880 YARD RELAY: Mansfield (Cliff Belmar, Louis Glenn, Tom Taylor, Vince Hafford) 1:30.2; Findlay 1:30.3; Elyria 1:31.1; Admiral King 1:32.5; Lorain 1:33.0; Ross 1:35.1

440 YARD DASH: Mike Ehrhardt (S) 51.9; Sam Starks (R) 52.0; Mike Hood (M) 52.5; Jim Furci (AK) 52.6; Felix Berry (E) 52.7; Sam Dickerson (MH) 53.7

180 YARD LOW HURDLES: Stan Tillman (M) 20.5; Louis Glenn (M) 20.6; Larry Liggins (R) 21.3; Bob Madison (E) 22.0; Tony Woods (S) 22.2; Tony Jones (S) 22.9

880 YARD RUN: Brent Beams (F) 1:57.8; Steve Cardwell (MH) 1:57.9; Bill Hoover (F) 1:59.0; Gary Hightower (M) 2:02.0; (tie) Garry Clark (R) and Dave Cook (AK) 2:04.0

220 YARD DASH: (Tie) Rick Hoskins (E) and George Alexander (F) 22.8; Ed Sterling (F) 22.9; Ron Hall (E) 23.0; Cliff Belmar (M) 23.1; Mark Thompson (AK) 23.4

TWO MILE RUN: Harry Yoxthelmer (F) 9:33.4; Frank Sparks (S) 9:48.2; Kevin Cramer (F) 9:52.1; Ken Burris (MH) 10:12.2; Dean Stewart (MH) 10:14.0; Dave Mears (S) 10:17.0

MILE RELAY: Mansfield (Cliff Belmar, Louis Glenn, Tom Taylor, Mike Hood) 3:28.6; Findlay 3:28.6; Sandusky 3:30.3; Admiral King 3:32.3; Ross 3:33.5; Marion Harding 3:36.2