

Findlay stops Sandusky track domination

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

Manifield 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, holding their own in the sprints and hurdles, and scored well in the field events. Findlay won the 4x100 relay. 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 1965 through 1968.

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

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

Ross' Wade "Soupy" Campbell 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 800 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 Yoehlheimer won the 100 and 200 and the 4x100 relay. The two-mile run with a 9:26.4. Brad Bosse won the high jump, setting a new BC record with a 6-5 1/4, just a quarter of an inch above the old mark set by Elyria's Ira Perkins in 1973.

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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 Stark in the 400. Clark beat Sandusky's Jim Gossler to the wire in the 400, while passing the Blue Jackets runner in the last 100 yards of the race.

Starks came within a "lean" of taking the 400. Little Giants junior was timed in 52.0 seconds for the distance, one-tenth of a second behind Sandusky's Mike Ehrhardt. 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 discuss by Mike Pendleton.

The pole vaulters, however, in the pole vault were down early when vaulting shortly after rain started. 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

FINNDAY — Ross track coach Ben Brant finally saw it happen and Little Giants runner 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 in 1973.

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 Gossler, 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 to stay with Gossler for two laps and then try to get a lead on him in the third," Brant said. "He outkicked Garry Wednesday (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 Beam did not dampen the excitement of Clark's new record. It was a basic fact that the Findlay runner was nearly unbeatable, but Gossler 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 (Gossler) was running pretty good and I felt that I had to try to get past him at the end."

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

Everyone concerned can rest for awhile now.

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 plated four in the sixth to edge to within one going into the top of the ninth.

Pat Beisch 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 Paxton plated the first run.

Lossing pitcher John King followed with a single but Westerman forced Steve Carmack to pop out to first for the first out of the inning. Ross Whitcomb sliced a single to right scoring Paxson and Paxson scored on a bobble 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 Marc Field's double scored the third inning runs. The Poxies plated a run in the fourth on Sam Koonee's single, an error, and Gipson's base hit.

Koonee moved from behind the plate to the mound in the second game and choked Ross off with only three runs. The Poxies scored a run in the first on Koonee'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.

FIRST GAME



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 their afternoon.

Rained out the matches to be halted Saturday as the matches were nearing the conclusion.

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 10 points four better than Sandusky. Admiral King is third currently with 60 while Ross has 52.

Findlay with 44 is next with Marion, 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 Driftmyer and Pete Werling battling for a final berth.

The Driftmyer-Werling team was leading the Adm. King team 4-1. A. L. B. and T. I. 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.

Brewer battled his way into the finals in easy fashion. The state's Class AAA singles champ defeated Rusty Smith of Marion 6-3, 6-3 in the first round and rolled over Kent Drummard of Findlay in identical 6-3 sets in the semifinals.

Brewer will be going against Jim Flakka of Sandusky for the top singles title.

Two other championship

finals pairings were

dampness took over. Mark OH 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 Zilcak of Elyria.

In doubles, the Sandusky team of Dan Huemelle and Wayne Tucker will wait to see what 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 Provost and Tom Pearson will play the winner of the Ross-Sandusky match.

Elyria entered the afternoon with two singles



THE NEW MILE record holder is reviving after setting a new record for the Little Giants. The Ross junior galloped the mile in 4:23.2 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.

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) 21-6½; Tom Brown (F) 20-11½; Kyle Skelton (S) 20-½; Vince Hafford (M) 19-11; Scott Huff (F) 19-8½; 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 Detra (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) 49-3½; Pete Mash (MH) 47-8¾; Wayne Fitzpatrick (E) 46-10½

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 Ptak (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 Gossen (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 Yoxtheimer (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