

1970 District Meet...

# Smith, Miller, Liggins, Nighswander, Schneider, Farrar, Fegley, Cotey, Gladieux Countians Advance To Mansfield Regional

## Little Giants Place Third

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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross will be represented by a sophomore and four juniors when the action begins at the regional AA track meet at Mansfield Malabar high school Saturday.

Sophomore Tom Liggins will be joined by Chuck Miller, Earl Smith, Bruce Schneider and Tom Nighswander.

Liggins and Miller will be competing in the shot put. Smith has a ticket for the 800-yard run. Schneider qualified in the pole vault and Nighswander is entered in the discus.

Ross finished third in the 14-team field at the district Sandusky, as expected, took first with 146 points. Tiffin Columbian was second with 59 points. Ross was 10 points behind the Tornadores, who beat them earlier in the week at a triangular meet.

"The meet went just about as we expected," Little Giant coach Ron Brant said. "We knew Sandusky was going to take the team title. Then it was going to be a battle between us and Columbian for the second spot."

"On the bus going to Sandusky Coach Steve Frontz and I tried to figure out how many points we would score. We thought it would be 49½—we scored 49."

"We didn't score all the points where we figured we would. But our kids gave a real good effort. I wasn't disappointed."

Smith, who ran the 800 for the fifth time, set a district record in winning the event. He was clocked in 2:00.6. The old mark was 2:01.5 set by Barney Lesley of Sandusky in 1965.

"It's funny," Brant commented, "but the district record isn't even as good as the school record which Earl set at the Buckeye Conference meet last week."

"Don't get me wrong. That's probably the best time he could have had Saturday considering the conditions. The wind was gusting between 10 and 20 miles an hour."

"There wasn't much doubt about the outcome. Earl led the entire race. He was certainly the best runner in the event. The other kids just couldn't keep up with him. Earl was in a class all by himself."

"Earl stands a good chance of going to the state meet. He seems to be relaxing more when he runs the 800."

Miller and Liggins finished second and third. The shot put won by Sandusky's Jim Kennedy. His winning put was 51-7. Miller's second place put was 49-5½. Liggins' best put was 48-7. Liggins also finished sixth in the 100-yard dash.

"Both boys had one of their top efforts of the year," Brant said. "Miller's second place put was the best of his career. Tom has been around 48 all year. He has been pretty consistent."

"Credit for the performance of the weight men should be given to coach (Gary) Rieker. He's the one who works with these boys all the time."

Nighswander finished third in the discus with a throw of 141-8. Two Sandusky cindermen—Mark Deming and Bob Rogers—took the top two spots. Deming won the event. The winning throw was 159-3. Schneider had the toughest time earning his

regional trip. He was tied for third with Tiffin Columbian's Rich Sheely at the end of regular competition.

Because only three competitors from each event can make the trip to Mansfield, the two were pitted against each other in sudden death competition.

Meet officials placed the bar at 12-6. Schneider was the first to vault. He cleared the bar on his first try. Sheely missed all three tries at 12-6 and was eliminated.

"Bruce did a good job," Brant said. "The weather wasn't suited for vaulting although it didn't seem to hamper Bob Crabb of Sandusky. Bruce went out of the regular competition at 12-6. It wasn't his best performance, but we were satisfied."

"The boy from Tiffin beat Bruce in a dual meet earlier in the week. Thus Bruce had a little extra incentive."

Ross had several other competitors who earned team points but won't be going to the regional.

Ross Michals was fifth in the high jump. Bill Burkett took a sixth in the 440-yard dash. Bill Shaffer finished fourth in the 180-yard hurdles. Al Widman placed fifth in the two mile run and Mike Tooman placed fifth in the pole vault.

Ross' 800-yard relay team finished sixth. Michals provided the biggest surprise. He had been the Little Giants' third best high jumper.

"We weren't even planning to enter him," Brant said, "but Wednesday he started working on the 'Fonbury Flop.' He was doing so well in practice that we changed our entry after he beat out our number two boy. He didn't even compete in very many dual meets for us this year. When he did he rarely placed. Kim's performance was our most pleasant surprise of the meet."

Five meet records were broken. Joining Smith were Crabb (pole vault), Jeff Tanchen, Sandusky (mile run), Rich Brown, Sandusky (two mile run) and the Sandusky mile relay team.

Other winners included Alex Angney, Vermilion, high jump; Bob Hunt, Tiffin Columbian, 120-yard high hurdles; Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, 100 and 220 yard dashes; Alex Tucker, Port Clinton, 440-yard dash; Dave Fegley, Woodmore, 180-yard low hurdles, and Mike Churchwell, Sandusky, long jump.

Sandusky's 800 yard relay team won that event, also.

reMARKS: Ross closes its regular season with two dual meets this week. The Little Giants host Port Clinton Monday and Toledo Whitmer Thursday. Six districts—Toledo, Mansfield, Bowling Green, Sandusky, Elyria and Cleveland J.F. Rhodes—will be represented at the Malabar regional. Four qualifiers in each event earn the right to compete in the state meet the following week. Other regionals will be staged at North Canton, Worthington and Dayton Saturday. Sandusky qualified 10 individuals and its two relay teams for the regional. Lippert is the only Blue Streak who will be competing in two individual events. He's also a member of the 800 yard relay team.



WHERE FEGLEY LOST IT — Woodmore's Dave Fegley lost the 120-yard high hurdles when his foot hit the next-to-last hurdle. In the background it can be seen Fegley also knocked over the previous hurdle. That's Tiffin Columbian's left lane placed third in the event. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Fegley, Farrar Qualify For Two Events

SANDUSKY — Woodmore's Dave Fegley and Clyde's Rich Farrar will be trying to qualify in two events for the state track meet when they journey to Mansfield Malabar and the AA regional meet Saturday.

Other Sandusky Countians who qualified for the regional are Fegley's teammate, Dave Cotey and John Gladieux of Lakota.

All four earned regional berths while competing in the district meet at Sandusky's Strobel Field last Saturday.

Fegley was the only one of the four who qualified with a victory. The others finished either second or third in their events.

Fegley, who competed in the Class A state meet at Columbus in 1969, is entered in the high and low hurdles. He won the low hurdles Saturday, but lost to Columbian's Bob Hunt in the highs by a tenth of a second.

It was only the second time Fegley has been beaten in this event this year. The first time was in a dual meet against Ross earlier this year. He placed third to Ron and Greg Weber.

At the Blade Relays last month, Fegley edged Hunt in the finals.

Farrar placed second to Fegley in the low hurdles and was behind Sandusky's Bob Crabb in the pole vault. Farrar was clocked in 21.1, four-tenths of a second behind Fegley. It was two-tenths better than Hunt, who finished third.

In the pole vault, Farrar checked in with a 13-4. Crabb, considered one of the top vaulters in the state, won the event with 14-5½.

Cotey qualified for regional competition with a third place finish in the high hurdles. He was clocked in 15.9 eight seconds behind Fegley.

Gladieux finished second to Fremont Ross' Earl Smith in the 880 yard run. Gladieux, who is the Sandusky Bay Conference champion, was timed in 2:02.2. Smith's winning time was 2:00.6.

Port Clinton will be represented in four events at the regional. Alex Tucker qualified in the long jump and 440 yard dash. He's also a member of the mile relay team.

Tucker won the 440-yard dash with a 51.2 time. Bellevue's Harry Lee was second. In the long jump Tucker finished second behind record-breaking Mike Churchwell of Sandusky. The Redskins' Arnold Priddy placed second in the mile run.

Lee and Mark Hammersmith were the only individual qualifiers for Bellevue. Hammersmith placed second in the high jump.

But both Bellevue relay teams—the 880 and mile—qualified for further competition. In both events, the Bellevue entry was second to Sandusky.

Genoa's mile relay team will be in the regional, too. The Cornets finished third behind Sandusky and Bellevue.

Other area competitors placed at the district meet but didn't earn a berth at the district meet.

Woodmore's mile relay team finished fourth. It missed a trip to Mansfield by only two seconds. The Wildcats' Tony Hernandez was fifth in the mile run.

Don Myers of Margaretta placed fourth in the 440 yard dash. The mile relay team of the Polar Bears finished fifth. Bellevue got a fifth place finish from Fred Barrett, low hurdler, and sixth place point from Jim Burrows in the 220-yard dash.

Lakota place winners included Jim Deer, who finished sixth in the shot put, and Jeff Gabel, a sixth place finisher in the tortuous two mile run.

Oak Harbor's Tony Gaines was sixth in the 800 yard run. Genoa had two fifth place finishers—Bruce Geddine (100-yard dash) and Don Drummond (shot put).

Bellevue finished fourth in the team race with 35 points. Port Clinton (32) and Woodmore (30) finished fifth and sixth, respectively. Genoa and Lakota each had 10 points.

Margaretta finished with four and Oak Harbor had one—M.C.

## Lady Golfers Stage Tourney

Ladies Association of the Fremont Country Club staged its annual Throw Out Tournament last week.

In 18-hole competition, the winner in class A was Bobbie Kales. Marcia Bischoff and Helen Gottron tied for second. Cindy Ellis placed third.

Mary Alice Wingard was the class B 18-hole winner. Jane Dudley placed second and Vi Moscata and Irene Deth tied for third. Ruth Wright won the class C division.

Lettie Shilling won the class A division on the nine-hole players category. Bev Kimball was the class B winner.



VICTORY EMBRACE — Earl Smith embraces Ross assistant coach Steve Frontz after the Little Giant junior won the 800 yard run in the district track and field meet at Sandusky Saturday. Smith set a new meet record in doing so. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Entries Sought For Tourney

## Rainbow Lanes Splits Twin Bill

Rainbow Lanes and Tiffin split a fast pitch doubleheader at Rodger Young Park Saturday. The Sandusky Countians won the first game 7-2. Tiffin took the second contest, 11-7. Rainbow Lanes now has a 3-3 record after two weekends of play.

In the first game, the locals jumped out to a 5-1 lead after two innings. Key hits in the four run second inning were provided by Doug Gallagher and Tom Lee. Dave Boyd was the winning pitcher. He fired a neat two-hitter.

Tiffin scored in the first four innings of the second game. Rainbow starting pitcher Steve Burton suffered from control problems. He was lifted in the third inning for Ron Shaw.

Rainbow Lanes will host a single elimination fast pitch tourney over the Memorial Day weekend. Games will be played May 29, 30 and 31. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams and most valuable player.

Any team interested in entering should contact Tom Woessner after 5 p.m. His home phone number is 332-8059.

## Ross Netters Eliminated

Fremont won't be represented in the district tennis meet at the University of Toledo Saturday. All Fremont Ross competitors were eliminated during the sectional meet at Rodger Young Park Friday and Saturday.

Representing the Fremont sectional at Toledo will be Norwalk St. Paul's Chris Amato and Alan Monich, Huron, in the singles and the doubles teams of

Steve Garman and Dave LaLuo (Bellevue) and the Sandusky combination of Gene Sena and Dave Herman.

Both Ross singles entrants lost in the quarterfinals. Dave Demant was beaten by Monich, 6-2 and 6-4, and Steve Shively was eliminated by Vermilion's Doug Cook.

Norwalk St. Paul's doubles team of Patta and Conyns eliminated the Little Giants' Doug Spriggs and Jeff Keefe in the second round. Ross' other doubles entry—Dave Abbott and Scott Bilty—scratched.

## Shearon Tosses No-Hitter

## Ross In Buckeye Finale, Opponent Still Unknown

Findlay and Mansfield baseball teams probably have a hard time believing Fremont Ross has had pitching problems this season. It is the Little Giant hurlers who have put Ross in the finals of the Buckeye Conference baseball tournament.

Ross advanced to the finals with an 8-2 victory over Findlay in the opening round at Mansfield Saturday morning. In the afternoon, Denny Shearon hurled a no-hitter against Mansfield as Ross won 3-0.

"Our pitching came through," coach Tom Dorman said. "Jim Faussey and Shearon really did the job. I can't say enough about

their performances. It was a team effort both games but those two fellows stood out."

Ross jumped on Findlay starting pitcher Randy Hamlin for six runs in the first two and two-third innings. Ross scored a run in the first and second innings then added four in the third.

Ron Boucher had an RBI-single in the first. In the second, Randy Armit blasted a solo homer. Run-scoring hits in the third inning were smacked by Rusty Zimmerman, Roger Hetrick and Paul Miller.

Miller led the 11-hit attack with three base taps. He homered with a man on base in the seventh inning.

Faussey allowed only six hits. He walked two and fanned six. "He ran into trouble in the fifth inning," Dorman said. "The first two batters singled and Jim called me to the mound. He said he was getting tired. I told him to go until we had time to get someone warmed up. He got the side out and then breezed through the sixth and seventh innings."

Mansfield didn't pose much of a problem for Shearon, who had won only one game previously. Shearon fired a perfect game for the first five innings before Yokem reached base on an error to load off the sixth. He didn't get

farther than first. The next batter forced him at second. Another fielder's choice and infield ground out ended the inning.

In the seventh, Shearon walked the second batter. But the next hitter grounded into a double play to close the game.

"Denny kept the ball down all day," Dorman said. "To be effective he needs to get the low strike. The umpires were giving it to him. One of the big things in his favor was that he never tired."

"He wasn't going to a lot of three-two counts with the batters. The defense did a great job in preserving the no-hitter for him. Tom Brough made a fine play deep in the hole in the third inning and Al Davis made a great catch in the fourth."

Shearon fanned four batters. The Little Giants gave the junior right hander the only run he needed in the first. Brough started the inning with a base hit, advanced to second with a Davis sacrifice and scored on Boucher's double.

Boucher had three of the seven Ross base hits.

Ross athletic officials still didn't know Monday morning who the Little Giants would play in the finals. An announcement of the opponent, site and date will be made later this week.

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# District AA Results

HIGH JUMP — 1. Alex Angney, Vermilion, 6-1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>; 2. Mark Hammersmith, Bellevue, 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 3. Velma Evans, Sandusky, 5-10; 4. Phil Daniels, Norwalk, 5-10; 5. Kim Michials, Fremont, 5-10; 6. Scott May, Sandusky, 5-10.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Bob Hunt, Tiffin Columbian, :15; 2. Dave Fegley, Woodmore, :15.1; 3. Dave Cotey, Woodmore, :15.9; 4. Jim Fantozz, Sandusky, :16.3; 5. Dave Thompson, Tiffin Columbian, :17; 6. Charles Richardson, Sandusky, :17.4.

100-YARD DASH — 1. Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, :10.2; 3. Ernie Thomas, Perkins, :10.6; 3. John Frederik, Tiffin Columbian, :10.6; 4. Joe Brown, Perkins, :10.7; 5. Bruce Geldine, Genoa, :10.8; 6. Tom Liggins, Fremont, :10.9.

SHOT PUT — 1. Jim Kennedy, Sandusky, 51-7; 2. Chuck Miller, Fremont, 49-5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 3. Tom Liggins, Fremont, 48-7; 4. Ken Leighton, Sandusky, 47-6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 5. Dan Drummond, Genoa, 46-5; 6. Jim Deer, Lakota, 46-2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

MILE RUN — 1. Jeff Tanchen, Sandusky, 4:32.3; 2. Arnold Priddy, Port Clinton, 4:35.3; 3. Ron Martin, Tiffin Columbian, 4:37.5; 4. Bob Fair, Sandusky, 4:41.8; 5. Tony Hernandez, Woodmore, 4:45.4; 6. Tom Scheiber, Tiffin Columbian, 4:51.9 (new record, breaks old mark of 4:33 set by John Gladieux, Lakota, 1969).

DISCUS — 1. Mark Deming, Sandusky 159-3; 2. Bob Rogers, Sandusky, 148-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 3. Tom Nighswander, Fremont, 141-8; Dave Szuch, Clay, 136-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 5. Jeff Nobil, Tiffin Columbian, 135-4; 6. Bill Ringle, Tiffin Columbian, 134-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

880-YARD RELAY — 1. Sandusky (Willie Jordan, Ray Scott, Tony Harris, Elmer Lippert), 1:32.1; 2. Bellevue, 1:33.7; 3. Genoa 1:34.1; 4. Perkins, 1:34.3; 5. Norwalk, 1:35.1; 6. Fremont, 1:35.5.

440-YARD DASH — 1. Alex Tucker, Port Clinton, :51.2; 2. Harry Lee, Bellevue, :51.8; 3. John Caffey, Sandusky, :52; 4. Leo Ferguson, Sandusky, :52.3; 5. Don Mvers, Margaretta, :52.8; 6. Bill Burkett, Fremont, :53.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Dave Fegley, Woodmore, :20.7; 2. Rich Farrar, Clyde, :21.1; 3. Bob Hunt, Tiffin Columbian, :21.3; 4. Bill Shaffer, Fremont, :22.2; 5. Fred Barrett, Bellevue, :22.3; 6. Bob Jackson, Sandusky, :22.4.

LONG JUMP — 1. Mike Churchwell, Sandusky, 22-5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 2. Alex Tucker, Port Clinton, 21-9; 3. Sonny Coles, Norwalk, 21-1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 4. Joe Brown, Perkins, 20-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 5. Velma Evans, Sandusky, 20-7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 6. Bob Hunt, Tiffin Columbian, 20-5.

880-YARD RUN — 1. Earl Smith, Fremont, 2:00.6; 2. John Gladieux, Lakota, 2:02.2; 3. Tom Ardner, Tiffin Calvert, 2:03.2; 4. Osmond Pearson, Sandusky, 2:04.4; 5. Don Pretzer, Vermilion, 2:05.3; 6. Tony Gaines, Oak Harbor, 2:05.7 (New record, breaks old mark of 2:01.5 set by Harney Liesley, Sandusky, 1965).

220-YARD DASH — 1. Elmer Lippert, Sandusky, :22.9; 2. John Frederick, Tiffin Columbian, :23.4; 3. Dennis Smith, Tiffin Columbian, :23.4; 4. Clint Schwicking, Clay, :23.7; 5. Ernie Thomas, Perkins, :23.7; 6. Jim Burrows, Bellevue, :24.4.

TWO MILE RUN — 1. Rich Brown, Sandusky, 9:50.7; 2. Milt Place, Tiffin Columbian, 9:54.4; 3. Walt Rodriguez, Clay, 10:14.6; 4. Dave Jumper, Tiffin Columbian, 10:24.2; 5. Al Widman, Fremont, 10:27.7; 6. Jeff Gabel, Lakota, 10:39.5 (New record, breaks old mark of 9:51.6 set by Jim Speaker, Tiffin Columbian, 1966).

POLE VAULT — 1. Bob Crabb, Sandusky, 14-5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; 2. Rich Farrar, Clyde, 13-4; 3. Bruce Schneider, Fremont, 12-6; 4. Rich Sheely, Tiffin Columbian, 12-6; 5. Mike Tooman, Fremont, 12-6; 6. Dave Barton, Sandusky Perkins, 12-6 (new record, breaks old mark of 13-9 set by Randy Miller, Norwalk, 1967).

MILE RELAY — 1. Sandusky (Bob Jackson, Tony Harris, Leo Ferguson, John Carrey), 3:30.3; 2. Bellevue, 3:31.6; 3. Port Clinton, 3:32.1; 4. Woodmore, 3:34.2; 5. Margaretta, 3:35.6; 6. Tiffin Columbian, 3:36.6 (new record, breaks old mark of 3:31.2 set by Tiffin Columbian, 1967).

Table Of Points

Sandusky 145  
Tiffin Columbian 59  
Fremont Ross 49  
Bellevue 35  
Port Clinton 32  
Woodmore 30  
Perkins 23  
Clyde 16  
Oregon Clay 14

Tiffin Calvert 13  
Vermilion 12  
Norwalk 12  
Genoa 10  
Lakota 10  
Margaretta 4  
Oak Harbor 1  
Huron 0  
Willard 0