

Ross returns to state meet

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BUCYRUS — A Fremont Ross athlete will appear in the State Track and Field Championships next week for the first time since 1988.

Long jumpers Charles Chapman and Hector Rodriguez as well as discus thrower Tony Franks qualified for the state meet Thursday at the Division I Regional Track and Field Meet at Bucyrus High School.

Chapman leaped 22 feet, 5 inches after fouling on his first two jumps and finished as the regional runner-up.

"We thought Charles could make it, but we weren't sure about Hector," Ross coach John Elder said. "Hector is popping the long

ones like we think he should be."

Rodriguez went 21-10 and finished fourth.

Franks, who will get a shot to qualify for the state meet in the shot put Saturday, threw the discus 157-5 Thursday to finish fourth in the regional.

Port Clinton's Mike Libben failed to advance to the state meet in the discus.

Mike Pasch and Cory Sewell of Ross along with Port Clinton's Scott Postma will compete in the high jump Saturday.

On the track Thursday, the Little Giants' 4x100 and 4x400 relays failed to qualify for Saturday's finals. Tyronne Price in the 200 dash and Preston Eberly and Jim Parker in the 400 also failed to advance.