1970 Fremont Night Relays...

INSPECTING TEAM TROPHY—Ross high tr10 tracksters Larry Sheffield, Steve Tooman and Lenny Ferguson inspect team trophy which will be presented to the winner of the annual Fremont Night Relays Friday. The three trophies at right are the first place prizes won by the Little Giants the last three years. The other trophy will be presented to the runnerup in Friday's competition. (News-Messenger Photo)

Fremont Relays Friday

If the weatherman cooperates, the 10th running of the annual Fremont Ross Invitational Night Relays is scheduled for Friday night.

Ross, which has either won or shared the team championship in the last three meets, will be joined by Port Clinton, Findlay, Fostoria, Woodmore and Bowling Green. Port Clinton tied Ross for the team title in 1969.

The 11-event program gets under way at 5 p.m. with the pole vault and high jump competition. The other field events — broad jump, shot put and discus—are slated to start a half hour later.

Running events get underway at 7:30 p.m. with 440 yard relay and conclude at 9 p.m. with the mile relay.

An exhibition two-mile run is scheduled for 8:40 p.m. Following Ohio High School Athletic Association rules, no freshman events will be run.

The meet is sponsored by the Fremont post of the American Legion. Various industries in the area are sponsoring each individual event. The list of event sponsors includes: Crown Rubber Co., Mosser Construction, Union Carbide, Fremont Gun and Athletic Supply, Burger Chef and Serwin's Restaurant.

Whirlpool Corporation is donating the trophy for the winning team. The runnerup trophy is sponsored by the Ross high Booster Association.

Each event winner will receive six team points. Second place is worth four points, third receives three, fourth is worth two and fifth nets one.

The time schedule:

5 p.m. — Pole vault and high jump; 5:30 — long jump, shot put and discus; 7:30 — 440 yard relay; 7:35 — two mile relay; 7:50 — shuttle hurdle relay; 8:00 — spring medley relay; 8:15 — distance medley relay; 8:30—880 yard relay; 9:00—mile relay.

Opening Tournament

The first golf tournament of the season at Fremont Country Club, the Opening Day Tournament, is slated for Sunday. Entry deadline for the event is Friday.

Those who have not signed up can do so at the pro shop or by calling Joe Kotlarczyk, club pro. Teams will be drawn on Friday evening.

The first event of the Toledo PGA season will be held at the country club Monday. Fremont will host the annual Pro-Pro tournament followed by a dinner and the group's annual spring meeting.

Northwestern Ohio pros are still forwarding their entry blanks for the event. Early indications are that approximately 50 pros will compete. About 75-100 persons

Ross, Port Clinton, Findlay Selected

Three teams are expected to battle for the team championship at the Fremont Night Invitational Relays Friday.

"I look for Fremont, Port Clinton and Findlay to fight it out for the team championship," says Little Giant head coach Ron Brant. "Woodmore could also be a strong contender."

Ross will be looking for its fourth straight team championship. The Little Giants shared the crown with Port Clinton last year. Findlay finished second.

The program will get underway at 5 p.m. with the field events. Running events start at 7:30 p.m. In the track events, only one heat will be run.

Former Ross high coach Rod Lash will serve as the meet referee. Former Ross athletic director John Titsworth will be the starter.

Judges for the field events are: Gordon Hart (pole vault), Harold Zienta (high jump), Al Ziemke (shot put), Larry Kohring and Bill Wallace (discus) and Tom King and Alex Clark (long jump).

Jack Balsizer is the head timer for the running events. Head finish judge is Al Clark. Gary Ricker will be the head inspector.

Ross athletic director Dick Sherman is the meet director.

The tenative Ross lineup:

Shot Put — Liggins, Miller, Kusmer.

Discus—Kusmer, Miller, Nighswander.

Pole Vault—Tooman, Lopez, Schneider.

High Jump—Celek, Michaels, Ferguson.

Broad Jump—Sheffield, Pitts, Ruland.

440 Yard Relay—Sheffield, Ferguson, Liggins and Smith.

Two Mile Relay—Hoffman, Stout, Scott and Widman.

Shuttle Hurdles—Nahm, Ruland, Pitts and Shaffer or Shimer.

Sprint Medley—Heidelberg, Liggins, Price and Tooman.

Distance Medley—Hoffman, Heidelberg, Scott and Widman.

880 Yard Relay—Sheffield, Ferguson, Liggins and Smith.

Mile Relay—Smith, Tooman, Ferguson and Burkett or Scott.

ROSS' LARRY SHEFFIELD
Jumping His Second Best Distance Of Season

LITTLE GIANTS' BEN LOPEZ
Aided Ross To Victory In Pole Vault

WOODMORE'S MARK KARCHNER
Heaving The Discus

Ross Wins Relays By Big Margin

By MARK CARLSON
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Fremont Ross picked a good time to have its best track performance of the season.

Coach Ron Brant's cindermen put it all together at the Fremont Night Invitational Relays and swept to a surprisingly easy victory, their fourth straight in the event, which is sponsored by the American Legion.

Ross took seven first places in racking up 55 points. The second place finisher, Port Clinton, accumulated only 38 points in the 12-event card. Findlay (37), Woodmore (25), Bowling Green (19) and Fostoria (18) rounded out the six team field.

"It was by far our best performance of the year," said Brant. "It's good to come through in a big meet like this. I'm well pleased with the times and distances. The majority of the boys turned in their best of the year.

"I figured the meet was going to be a lot tighter than this," Brant said as he scanned the final scores. "But our kids really came through in the field events. I thought we would win three events there but never four. That seemed like too much to hope for.

"Tom Nighswander and Chuck Miller had their best distances of the year in the discus. Nighswander threw 141 feet and Miller threw 134.

"The fellows on the 440 and 880 yard relay teams also did a good job. Larry Sheffield and Kerry Pitts had their best leaps of the year in the long jump. And, pole vaulter Bruce Schneider did his best ever."

Ross, which placed in every event, scored 25 points in the field events. The Little Giants won the shot put, discus, pole vault and long jump.

The trio of Schneider, Steve Tooman, and Ben Lopez set a meet record in the pole vault. The combined distance was 34 feet three inches, three inches better than the previous mark. The Little Giants and Bowling Green set the old mark.

Woodmore won the high jump. Charlie Loutzenhiser, Dave Cotey and Larry Haubert combined for 16 feet five inches. Port Clinton was second. Ross placed fifth.

In the running events, Ross won three, placed second in two others, finished third in another and fifth in the seventh event.

The Little Giants won the first relay and the last two. Sheffield, Earl Smith, Len Ferguson and Tom Liggins won the 440 yard relay in :45.8.

The quartet with the exception of Liggins won the half mile relay. John Heidelberg replaced Liggins. The Little Giants ran the event in 135.8, two seconds better than Findlay.

Smith and Ferguson were also members of the mile relay unit. They were joined by Steve Tooman and Bill Burkett. The winning time was 3:37.8.

Second place Findlay won two relay events, the two mile relay and distance medley. In the two mile relay, the Trojans nipped Ross by two seconds. Port Clinton

took second in the distance medley.

Port Clinton captured the sprint medley.

Woodmore's combination of Tom Henricks, Habuert, Dave Cotey and Fegley won the shuttle hurdles. Fegley anchored the relay. He started out second but finished eight-tenths of a second in front of the Ross fourth man.

"Fegley is something," marveled Brant. "He can really get over those hurdles. He did a nice job. We won that event last year with the same runners we used tonight."

reMARK(s): Team points were scored on a six, four, three, two and one basis. . Ross shared the team crown with Port Clinton last year. . .Ross has a dual meet with Findlay Tuesday. . .Woodmore competed in The Blade Relays at Bowling Green State University today. . .Findlay was a participant in the Ottawa-Glandorf Relays. . .Schneider was treated at Memorial Hospital after his pole snapped while he was making a vault. . .

Summaries

Field Events

Shot Put — 1. Ross (Miller, Liggins, Kasmer); 2. Findlay; 3. Fostoria; 4. Port Clinton; 5. Bowling Green; 134¾.

Discus — 1. Ross (Nighswander, Kasmer, Miller); 2. Findlay; 3. Port Clinton; 4. Fostoria; 5. Woodmore; 404-2.

Pole Vault — 1. Ross (Schneider, Tooman, Lopez); 2. Port Clinton; 3. Woodmore; 4. Findlay; 5. Bowling Green; 34-3.

High Jump — 1. Woodmore (Loutzenhiser, Cotey, Haubert); 2. Port Clinton; 3. Findlay; 4. Bowling Green; 5. Ross; 25-5.

Long Jump — 1. Ross (Sheffield, Pitts, Ruland); 2. Findlay; 3. Fostoria; 4. Port Clinton; 5. Bowling Green.

Track Events

440 Yard Relay—1. Ross (Sheffield, Smith, Ferguson, Liggins); 2. Port Clinton; 3. Bowling Green; 4. Fostoria; 5. Findlay; 45.8.

Two Mile Relay — 1. Findlay (Rochstetler, Mauer, Barnes, Hudson); 2. Ross; 3. Bowling Green; 4. Port Clinton; 5. Woodmore; 8:29.8.

Shuttle Hurdles—1. Woodmore (Henricks, Haubert, Cotey, D. Fegley); 2. Ross; 3. Fostoria; 4. Port Clinton; 5. Bowling Green; 56.

Sprint Medley — 1. Port Clinton (Fritz, Turker, Matta, Fisher); 2. Woodmore; 3. Bowling Green; 4. Fostoria; 5. Ross; 1:40.6.

Distance Medley —1. Findlay (Hochstettler, Tille, Carder, Barnes); 2. Port Clinton; 3. Ross; 4. Woodmore; 5. Fostoria; 8:13.5.

880 Yard Relay — 1. Ross (Heidelberg, Smith, Ferguson, Sheffield); 2. Findlay; 3. Bowling Green; 4. Fostoria; 5. Port Clinton; 1:35.8.

Mile Relay—1. Ross (Smith, Tooman, Burkett, Ferguson); 2. Port Clinton; 3. Findlay; 4. Woodmore; 5. Bowling Green; 3:37.8.

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