

1986 Season Review...

Ross track teams to open Tuesday

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Norm Bray is thinking about an ad campaign and Harold Zienta is looking for one of his team's better seasons as Ross prepares to open the track season.

Tiffin Columbian's teams will be in Fremont to take on the Little Giants Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

"How about a little advertising," Bray, the boys coach chuckled. "I need hurdlers."

You get the impression that is about all Bray's team needs.

"We have a good team coming back," the ever-optimistic Bray said. "If everything goes right (no injuries and his athletes remain academically eligible), we should be good."

That summation may not mean an ultra-successful dual meet season Bray said.

"I have 52 kids out and I will let them run in the dual meets," he explained. "We have changed our philosophy a little and instead of emphasizing dual meets, we will be gearing ourselves toward winning the medals in big meets."

Fifteen athletes who lettered in either track or cross country form the foundation of Bray's team. He predicts the team's strengths to be in the 400, 800 and 3200 runs along with the 3200 relay and the high jump. The reigning Buckeye Conference champ in the 3200, Brian Doty, is back for the Little Giants. John Brown, seventh in the conference cross county meet last fall, is another strong contender for the Little Giants from the 800 on up through the 3200.

A pair of runner-up performers in the BC are high jumper Dave Kovaleski and 400-meter dash man Kevin Hively. Pat Hetrick, Hively and Doty return to the 3200 relay team, which finished second in the conference meet.

Steve Letzring, one hurdler that Bray does have, is the

defending conference high hurdles king. He also finished sixth in the 300 low hurdles.

Anchoring the sprinters will be Trent Brown and Scott Provard. The latter was fifth in the BC 100-meter dash in '85.

In field events, pole vaulter Jim Carroll, fourth in the conference, is back, but generally Bray's field events squad will have to improve, he said.

Zienta has 12 letter winners returning to his girls team.

"I am looking for one of our better seasons," he predicted.

The strength of the team, Zienta said, is the sprints with the distance runners vastly improved. "We have much more depth this season," he explained, "and we should be more balanced."

Pam Pitts, Missy Provard, Shannon Carter and Jennifer Rollins anchor Zienta's sprinters. Pitts is the lone senior in the group, Provard is a junior and the others are sophomores.

Junior Tammy Schiels, Carter, Rollins, and Jenny Zienta, another sophomore letter winner, will be the hurdlers.

Shelly Hines, a returning junior, is one of the leading middle distance (400 and 800) runners for Zienta while another junior letter winner, Nicki Buehler, will be handling the distance races along with Cathy Mallia.

"Mallia has another year of experience," the Ross coach said, "and Tammy Stanley, a sophomore, has shown that she will be a good distance runner."

In the field events, Minerva Nevarez, a senior, is back to lead the weight event performers. Regina Johnston, who lettered as sophomore but did not come out for the team her junior year, is back to compete with Nevarez in the shot put and the discus.

Heather Fought, junior, is back to compete in the high jump.

Little Giants slip by Tornadoes

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Ross slipped past Tiffin Columbian 66½-65½ in the season opening track and field meet for the Little Giants Tuesday at the Ross all-weather facility.

In other meets, St. Mary's scored 110½ points to defeat St. Paul (24½) and St. Joe (21) in a triangular at Norwalk.

Genoa dominated Gibsonburg 94-38. Woodmore rolled past Otsego 74-58, Oak Harbor won a triangular with 71 points over Lakota (64) and Margaretta (32), and Danbury finished on top of a triangular with 86½ points over Old Fort (50) and Toledo Christian (22½).

The meets were run in chilly, windy weather.

Ross won nine of the 16 events with Steve Letzring and Scott Provard winning two individual races. Letzring won both the hurdles races while Provard took the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Kevin Hively took first in the long jump and Jim Carroll won the pole vault, also for Ross.

Dave Kovaleski high jumped 6' 4 to win that event for the Little Giants and Pat Hetrick picked up another Ross win in the 800.

The Ross 400 relay team of Provard, Luther McKinstry, Kevin Crawford and Hively came in first and the 1600 team of Hively, Brian Doty, Hetrick and Crawford was first.

St. Joe's only first place was by Allen Rellinger in the high jump with a leap of 5-6.

Genoa won 14 of the 16 events against the Golden Bears. Mark Whitaker won the shot put and the discus and Ray Burrey took the high jump. Jerry Skillitter won the hurdles races for the Comets.

Jason Gladden won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, for Genoa and Mike Jacobs was first in the 100 and 200 dashes. Tim Holcombe was first in the 800. Clint Benefield, Skillitter, George Childers and Jacobs ran on the 400 team and Joe Measel, Donnie Applegate, Eric Burrey and Chris Brossia comprised the Comets' winning 1600 team.

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Gibsonburg's wins were by Tony Kern in the long jump and Glenn Owens in the pole vault. At Otsego, Todd Shehan won the shot put and the discus for Woodmore. Mike Shuman captured the top spot in the 1600 and 800 meter runs and Randy Schneider took the 400 and 200 meter dashes to give the Wildcats a trio of double winners. Ken Sandrock won the low hurdles for the Wildcats.

Woodmore's 3200 team of Dave Wagner, Mike and Doug Shuman and Tim Hernandez won in 9:26. The 400 squad of Jim Reed, Sandrock, Todd Rother and Schneider won in 48.7 and the 1600 team of Schneider, Robert Astle, Wagner and Sandrock also won.

Oak Harbor won two field events and came back to capture five running events to defeat Lakota and Margaretta. Bill Harder leaped six-foot to

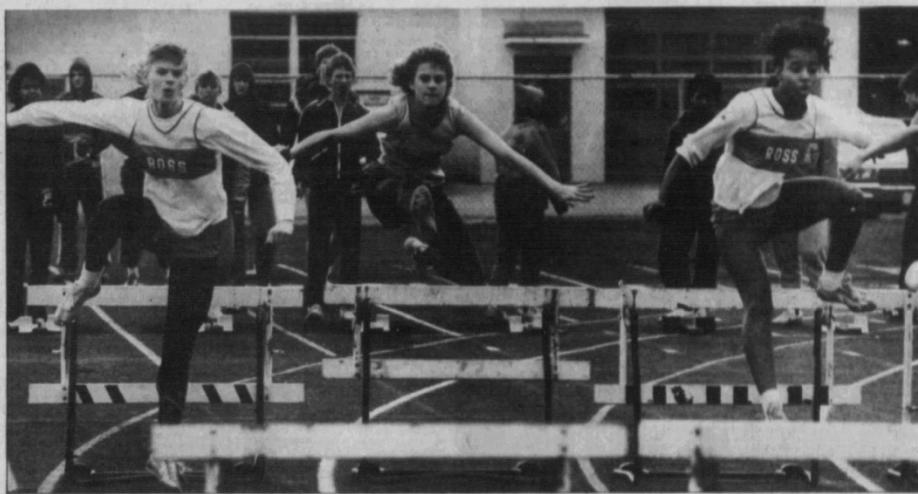
win the high jump and Brian Michael pole vaulted 13-6.

Thom Smith won the 300 low hurdles in 41.4. The 3200 relay team of Matt and Drew Sutler, Troy Pfeiffer and Mike Sivert won in 8:41.5. The 400 team of Brian Gordon, Smith, Michael and Harder won in 46 seconds and the 1600 team of Smith, Porter, Drew Sutler and Pfeiffer won in 3:35.5.

Joe McKown won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and Gary Smith won the long jump and 800 to pace Lakota. The Raiders also got a first from Bill Hansen in the shot put and Raiders Matt Hushour and Scott Nagy tied for first in the high hurdles.

Margaretta got a pair of firsts from Ron Lim in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and Keith Bechtell in the discus.

Brett Trembath won the shot put for Old Fort. The Stockaders also got a first from the 400 relay team of Troy Faunce, Ray Hammons, Jerry Joseph and Chris Priest.



JENNY ZIENTA (left) of Ross and teammate Shannon Carter (right) take the lead over an unidentified Tiffin Columbian girl during the

early stages of the 100-meter hurdles race Tuesday at Ross. Carter went on to win the race in 16.0 seconds.

Stanley's record leads Ross win

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Ross started the track season off with a 67-61 win over Tiffin Columbian to highlight area high school girls meets Tuesday.

In other meets, St. Joe came out on the bottom in a triangular with St. Mary's at Norwalk St. Paul, St. Mary's won with 75½, St. Paul had 44½ and St. Joe 44.

Woodmore overwhelmed Otsego 94-34 while Oak Harbor was beaten 70-64 by Lakota in the triangular at the Rockets home. Margaretta was on the bottom of that meet with 30 points.

Danbury had 88 to defeat Old Fort (52) and Toledo Christian (26) in the triangular meet at the Lakers home port. Gibsonburg stopped Genoa 76-51 in a dual meet.

All of the area meets were run in chilly, windy weather.

Tami Stanley's school record in the 3200 meter run highlighted the Ross victory. Stanley won the event in 13 minutes, 27 seconds.

Pat Pitts was a triple winner for Ross, taking the 100-meter dash in 12.9 and the 200 in 27.3 to go with a winning high jump of 5-0.

Shannon Carter won the 100 hurdles and the 400-meter dash for the Little Giants and Jenny Zienta captured the 300 hurdles.

Cathy Mallia captured the top spot in the 1600 for Ross.

The other Ross first went to the 3200 relay team of Stanley, Nicky Buehler, Stacy Pasch and Shelly Hines in 11:09.25.

Elaine Gonya and Joann Beardon won two events apiece for St. Joe. Gonya won the high jump with a leap of 4-10 and the 800-meter run, finishing in 2:42. Beardon won the 100 in 13.13 and the 200 in 28.55.

Carrie Guyer won the 300-meter hurdles, also for the Streaks, in 52.5.

At Otsego, Lisa Sandwich won the 100 and 300 hurdles, the century dash and ran the anchor leg of the winning 400-meter relay team to lead the Woodmore win. She was the only multiple individual winner.

The Wildcats won all of the relay races. The team of Kris Bench, Sheila Neel, Lisa Brown and Merle Egan took the 3200 in 9:17. The 800 team of Heidi Doph, Wendy Yeager, Julia Roessner and Kricky Medon won in 2:14 and the 400 quartet of Doph, Brown, Marci Reineck and Sandwich posted a 59-flat.

Kelly Cassidy, Neel, Brown and Egan won the 1600 in 5:05. Diane Carlo won the long jump with an effort of 16-6 and came back to win the 100-meter dash and the 300 hurdles. She also ran

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a leg of Lakota's winning 400-meter relay team.

The Raiders also got firsts from Tammy Stahl in the shot put and discus and Lisa Lucius in the 100 hurdles. The Raiders' 400 relay team was comprised of Carlo, Jenny Scherger, Carla Nieset and Lucius while the winning Raiders' 1600 relay team was comprised of Vicki and Nancy Gilbert, Scherger and Nieset. The 1600 team posted a 4:23.

Stephanie Norwine, Tricia Almendinger, Julie West and Margie Alexander won individual events for Oak Harbor. The Rockets' 3200 and 800 meter relay teams also won.

Norwine high jumped 5-4 to win that event and Almendinger won the 400. West won the 100 dash in 2:31.2 and Alexander sprinted to a 27.5 clocking in the 200. The 3200 team of Mary Habittel, Jenny Zimmerman, Tammy Bankey and Julie West won in 10:50 while the 800 squad of Carol Macko, Rhonda Hetrick, Necole Kohring and Alexander posted a winning time of 1:56.4.

Andrea Bath won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs for Margaretta. Old Fort got firsts from Hope

Kesler in the high jump and 200 dash, Stephanie Haack in the 100 and 300 hurdles, Leslie Gibson in the 800 run and the 800 and 1600 relays. The 800 team consisted of Gibson, Haack, Richelle Wise and Kesler while the 1600 team was comprised of Richelle and Renee Wise, Haack and Gibson.

Genoa won seven events but the Gibsonburg depth took its toll.

Corinne Schaeffer won the long and high jumps for Gibsonburg. Barb DeAngelis won the 100 hurdles while Kellie Vargas won the 100 dash. Shannon Wellington took the 800 run and Theresa Anderko won the 3200 for the Golden Bears. Other Gibsonburg firsts went to the 3200 relay team and the 400 relay team of Barb DeAngelis, Jean Frazier, Monica Binsack and Schaeffer.

Rhonda Delphos won the shot for Genoa and Brenda Lentz was first in the discus.

In the running events, the Genoa team of Heather Bower, Dawn Nelson, Tammy D'Clute and Kim Christian won the 800 relay in 1:56. Nelson added a first in the 400 dash and Barbie Brooks was first in the 300 hurdles for the Comets. Christian won the 200 and the Genoa 1600 team of Nelson, D'Clute, Brooks and Christian won in 4:26.

High school boys

Ross 66, Columbian 65½

RUNNING EVENTS

Shot put: 1-Brian Heebsh (C) 47-3, 2-Brian Smith (C) 44-7.

Discus: 1-Lonnie Beard (C) 118-8, 2-Shay Moran (R) and Smith (C) (tie) 118-1.

Long jump: 1-Kevin Hively (R) 19-10, 2-Steve Letzring (R) 19-0.

High jump: 1-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-4, 2-Mike Kimmel (C) 6-0.

Pole vault: 1-Jim Carroll (R) 9-0, 2-Lincoln Flahiff (R), Antonio DuPont (R) and Cummings (C) (tie) 7-6.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Columbian (Paul Worland, Roger Stine, Vern Fisher, John Komesky) 8:43.5.

110 high hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 15.71, 2-Chris Eichorn (C) 16.2.

100 dash: 1-Scott Provard (R) 11.2, 2-Trevor Reinhart (C) 11.5.

1600 run: 1-Worland (C) 4:44.3, 2-Brian Doty (R) 4:45.0.

400 relay: 1-Ross (Provard, Luther McKinstry, Kevin Crawford, Hively) 45.2.

400 dash: 1-Scott Rinehart (C) 53.5, 2-Stine (C) 54.0.

300 low hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 42.5, 2-Eichon (C) 43.4.

800 run: 1-Pat Hetrick (R) 2:06.5, 2-Komesky (C) 2:10.

200 dash: 1-Provard (R) 23.2, 2-S. Rinehart (C) 24.3.

3200 run: 1-Worland (C) 10:44.2, 2-Scott Jarret (C) 10:44.6.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Hively, Doty, Hetrick, Crawford) 3:34.9.

Ross 67, Columbian 61

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1-Vickie Schafer (C) 33-0, 2-Melinda Brown (C) 30-6.

High jump: 1-Pam Pitts (R) 5-0, 2-Kelly Burd (C) 4-10.

Discus: 1-Diane Mullenax (C) 89-2, 2-Minerva Nevarez (R) 88-8.

Long jump: Schafer (C) 14-6, 2-Jennifer Rollins (R) 14-5.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Tami Stanley, Nicky Buehler, Stacy Pasch, Shelly Hines) 11:09.25.

100 hurdles: 1-Shannon Carter (R) 16.0, 2-Tammy Schiets (C) 17.3.

100 dash: 1-Pitts (R) 12.9, 2-Jo Lynn Taylor (C) 13.4.

800 relay: 1-Columbian (Vicki Green, Chris Coffman, Joel Hoffman, Trisha Riley) 1:57.7.

1600 run: 1-Cathy Mallia (R) 6:21.0, 2-Shelly Stone (C) 6:22.02.

400 relay: 1-Columbian (Dawn Talbert, Heather Riley, Hoffman, Riley) 55.2.

400 dash: 1-Carter (R) 1:02.3, 2-Taylor (C) 1:04.

300 hurdles: 1-Jenny Zienta (R) 52.3, 2-Green (C) 59.9.

800 run: 1-Ann Distel (C) 2:42.41, 2-Pasch (R) 2:45.02.

3200 run: 1-Stanley (R) 13:27 (New school record), 2-Holly Pry (C) 13:35.

1600 relay: 1-Columbian (Distel, Kriste Landers, Green Taylor) 4:35.5.

Ross teams beat BG foes by a nose

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Fremont Ross won 11 events but defeated Bowling Green by a slim 68-64 count Thursday in high school boys track and field. "We have to find some number twos and threes (finishes)," Ross Coach Norm Bray said, "especially when these meets are so close."

The win put Ross at 2-0.

In other area meets, Woodmore racked up 110½ points, 70 more than runner-up Ottawa Hills in a triangular. Northwood was last with 20.

Old Fort defeated St. Wendelin 71-56, and Lake rolled past Genoa 91-41 to round out the action.

Steve Letzring won the 110 high hurdles and the 300 low hurdles to be Ross's only double winner.

Ross trailed 64-63 going into the final event, the 1600 meter relay, but the quartet of Dave McDonald, Brian Doty, Kevin Crawford and Pat Hetrick won the event.

Other Ross wins went to Cardell Beachum in the shot put, Scott Provard in the 100, McDonald in the 400, Doty in the 800 and high jumper Dave Kovaleski.

The Little Giants 3200 relay team of Doty, Scott Nossaman, McDonald and Hetrick also won, finishing in 8:31.2. The 400 relay squad of Provard, Kevin Hively, Luther McKinstry and Crawford posted a 45.44 to win that event.

Woodmore won 13 of the 16

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events. Todd Gardner, Todd Shehan, Ken Sandrock and Randy Schneider won two events apiece for the Wildcats.

Gardner was first in the long jump and the 400. Shehan won the shot put and the discus while Sandrock captured both hurdles races. Schneider sprinted to wins in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Other firsts went to Todd Rother in the high jump; Mike Shuman in the 1600; the two-mile relay team of Dave Wagner, Charles Dixon, Doug Shuman and Tim Hernandez; the 400 relay squad of Rother, Schneider, Jim Reed and Sandrock; and the 1600 relay team of Schneider, Robert Astle, Mike Shuman and Sandrock.

Shawn Cleveland and Jake Whitman won two events apiece to pace the Old Fort win. Cleveland won the high jump and the long jump while Whitman finished first in the 800 and 1600 meter runs.

Other Old Fort firsts were taken by Brett Trimbath in the shot put, Mark Baxter in the discus, Jeff Huber in the 3200 and the 1600 relay team of Whitman, Cleveland, Jerry Joseph and Brad Davidson.

Mike Jacobs, Chris Brossia and Tim Holcombe were the only Genoa winners.

Jacobs won the 100 in 11.89 and Brossia took the 400 in 56.02. Holcombe won the 800 in 2:16.

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Ross won the final event of the meet to get past Bowling Green to highlight area high school girls track and field meets Thursday.

The Ross 1600-meter relay team of Jennifer Rollins, Jenny Zienta, Missy Provard and Shelly Hines pulled off the meet-clinching victory that gave the Little Giants a 66-62 win. Entering the event, Ross trailed 62-61. The Ross girls posted a 4:28.6 in the event.

In other area meets, Woodmore ran its record to 6-0 by winning a triangular over Ottawa Hills and Northwood, scoring 78 points to Ottawa Hills' 51 and Northwood's 35.

St. Wendelin defeated Old Fort 72-55, and Lake slipped past Genoa 64½-62½ to round out the track action.

Pam Pitts picked up a pair of individual wins for Ross in the 100 and 200 dashes. She won the latter in 26.91 seconds.

Other Ross firsts went to Tami Stanley in the 1600, Shelly Hines in the 400 and Rollins in the long jump. The Little Giants' 800 relay team of Tammy Schiels, Heather Toeppel, Provard and Rollins also won, finishing in 1:57.8.

Woodmore won six events with Marci Reineck capturing a pair of first places. Reineck won the long jump, clearing 13-3½, and came back to win the 100-meter dash in 13.6.

Other Woodmore firsts went to

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shot putter Stephanie Grady with a heave of 32 feet, and the two-mile, 440 and mile relay teams. The two-mile team of Kris Bench, Sheila Neeb, Lisa Brown and Merri Emch won in 10:38.16.

Heidi Dolph, Brown, Reineck and Lisa Sandwisch comprised the 440 team which posted a 56.1 clocking. The mile team of Kricky Medon, Neeb, Brown and Emch won in 4:32.2.

Hope Kesler won three individual events and ran on the winning 800 relay team for Old Fort.

Kesler leaped 5-1 to win the high jump and came back to finish first in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Joining her on the relay team were Stephanie Haack, Richele Wise and Leslie Gibson.

Old Fort also got firsts from Haack in the 100 and 300 hurdles, Richele Wise in the 400 and the 1600 relay team of Haack, Richele and Renee Wise and Gibson.

Rhonda Delphous won the shot put, the only first place won by Genoa in field events.

Missy Despones won the 100 hurdles and Dana Nelson won the 400 dash for the Comets. Barbie Brooks finished first in the 300 hurdles in 52.82 and Kim Christman won the 200 dash in 28.29.

Genoa teams won the 800 and 1600 relays.

Ross 68, B. Green 64

FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: 1-Emmett (BG) 19-0, 2-Kevin Hively (R) 18-4.

Shot put: 1-Cardell Beachum (R) 42-6, 2-Allen (BG) 42-1½.

Duscus: 1-Shay Moran (R) 131-2, 2-Rocky Buehler (R) 112-10.

High jump: 1-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-0, 2-Randy James (BG) 5-10.

Pole vault: 1-Kallmyer (BG) 12-0, 2-Gargasz (BG) 11-6.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Brian Doty, Scott Nossaman, Dave McDonald, Pat Hetrick) 8:31.2.

110 high hurdles: 1-Steve Letzring (R) 16.28, 2-Gerwin (BG) 16.85.

100 dash: 1-Scott Provard (R) 11.42, 2-Emmett (BG) 11.5.

1600 run: 1-Harris (BG) 4:48.9, 2-Fearnside (BG) 4:49.85.

400 relay: 1-Ross (Provard, Hively, Luther McKinstry, Kevin Crawford) 45.44.

400 dash: 1-McDonald (R) 54.33, 2-Thomas (BG) 55.41.

300 low hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 42.41, 2-Smith (BG) 42.59.

800 run: 1-Doty (R) 2:05.83, 2-Harris (BG) 2:08.72.

200 dash: 1-Emmett (BG) 23.14, 2-Provard (R) 23.49.

3200 run: 1-Fearnside (BG) 10:41.75, 2-McFee (BG) 10:55.87.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (McDonald, Doty, Crawford, Hetrick) (no time).

Ross 66, B. Green 62

FIELD EVENTS

High jump: 1-Gretchen Hiltner (BG) 4-10, 2-Pam Pitts (R) 4-8.

Shot put: 1-Deb Weaver (BG) 30-9½, 2-Regina Johnson (R) 29-7½.

Discus: 1-Weaver (BG) 97-1, 2-Minerva Nevarez (R) 88-6.

Long jump: 1-Jennifer Rollins (R) 14-7, 2-Christie Harlen (BG) 13-9½.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Bowling Green (Schultes, Tuneburg, Harden, Daly) 11:02.2.

100 hurdles: 1-Hiltner (BG) 16.15, 2-Tammy Schiets (R) 16.93.

800 relay: 1-Ross (Schiets, Heather Toepple, Missy Provard, Rollins) 1:57.8.

1600 run: 1-Tami Stanley (R) 6:09.02, 2-Cathy Mallia (R) 6:15.97.

400 relay: 1-Bowling Green (Green, Zalovich, Noaker, Beaupre) 1:01.98.

400 dash: 1-Shelly Hines (R) 1:05.02, 2-Jennifer Newman (BG) 1:08.97.

300 hurdles: 1-Hiltner (BG) 49.44, 2-Jenny Zienta (R) 51.69.

800 run: 1-Laura Schultes (B) 2:33.89, 2-Stacy Pasch (R) 2:47.34.

200 dash: 1-Pitts (R) 26.91, 2-Tammy Beaupre (BG) 27.75.

3200 run: 1-Schultes (BG) 12:55.39, 2-Nicki Buehler (R) 13:40.78.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Rollins, Zienta, Provard, Hines) (no time).

Ross 5th in Whitmer Relays

TOLEDO — Scott Provard accounted for 22½ points to lead Ross to a fifth place finish Saturday ion the Whitmer Relays.

Toledo Rogers won the meet with 112 points. St. John's was second with 100 while St. Francis finished third with 98. Whitmer had 89 and Ross was next with 76.

Provard won the 100 in 11.3 and finished second in the 200 with a 22.7 clocking. He was also a member of the winning 800 relay team and on the second place 400 relay squad.

Dave Kovaleski won the high jump for Ross with a leap of 6-6 and combined with Kevin Crawford and Steve Letzring to finish second as a team.

The winning 800 relay team was comprised of Luther McKinstry, Maurice Jones, Kevin Hively and Provard, finishing in 1:34.2. The runner-up 400 team was made up of Trent Brown, McKinstry, Jones and Provard.

The Ross 3200 team of Brian Doty, Dave McDonald, Scott Nossaman and Pat Hetrick was third. Letzring was also third in the high hurdles.

Ross splits chilly tri-meet

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Mother Nature may have been the big winner Tuesday, wiping out four area high school track and field meets.

Four other meets were run, but under severe conditions. All were hampered by the cold and in most meets, times and distances reflected those chilly surroundings.

At Marion, the Ross boys team split a double dual-scored triangular meet, defeating Harding 68-65 but losing to Lexington 73-59. In other boys meets, Margaretta slipped past Huron 67-65, Eastwood got past Genoa 75-62 and Port Clinton and St. Mary's both had 80½ points in a triangular at Port Clinton. St. Joe finished on the bottom in that meet with four points.

"It was snowing and sleetting,"

Ross Coach Norm Bray described the weather that greeted his team on its arrival in Marion.

Scott Provard was a double winner for the Little Giants in the triangular, taking the 100 and 200 dashes and also running on Ross's winning 400 meter relay team with Luther McKinstry, Kevin Crawford and Kevin Hively.

Dave Kovaleski was the only other individual winner for the Little Giants, clearing 6-0 in the high jump.

At Port Clinton, St. Joe's best finish was a third in the pole vault by Brian Streacter.

Port Clinton got first-place performances from Brian Watt in the discus, Dave Dalrymple in the shot put, high jumper Mark Maloy and pole vaulter Homer

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DeLeon.

In the running events, the Redskins picked up firsts from Lorne Searight in the high and low hurdles hurdles, Tom Weldon in the 400 dash and the 1600 relay team of Steve Nissen, Weldon, Todd Fehnrich and Dave Libben.

At Castalia, Margaretta's close win was highlighted by the 150-foot, 1½-inch winning effort in the discus by Keith Brummitt. It was the first win in four dual meets for the Polar Bears.

Margaretta got firsts from distance runner Jason Hand in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, James Tyree in the long jump, pole vaulter Bobby Stimmel, Brian Miller in the high hurdles,

Ron Link in the 200, plus the 400 and 1600 relay teams. Brian Miller, Mark Troike, Tyree and Link made up the 400 team with Miller, Mike Friend, Tyree and Link running on the 1600 squad.

Dave Andrews won three events and placed second in another to lead Eastwood's win over Genoa. Andrews won the shot put, 100 and 200 meter dashes and was second in the discus.

Genoa got first places from Mark Whittaker in the discus, Mike Weddle in the pole vault and the 3200 and 400 meter relays teams. The 3200 team was comprised of Tom and Andrew Littlefield, Tim Holcombe and Eric Burrey with the foursome of Weddle, Jim Schlievert, George Childers and Mike Jacobs on the 400 team.

Track

High school girls

Ross	59
Marion Harding	59
Lexington	45

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: 1-Denita Snow (MH) 107-9, 2-Mertler (L) 105-5, 3-Roof (L) 99-9.

Shot put: 1-Snow (MH) 38-3, 2-Mertler (L) 37-8½, 3-Krause (L) 30-3.

Long jump: 1-Tammy Redman (MH) 15-8, 2-Jennifer Rollins (R) 14-11, 3-Kim Crawford (R) 14-3.

High jump: 1-Mickie Steven (MH) 4-8, 2-Natalie Albert (R) 4-8, 3-Pam Pitts (R) 4-6.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Lexington (Penager, Huber, Ward, Nedrow) 10:46, 2-Marion Harding 10:58.0.

100 hurdles: 1-Shannon Carter (R) 16.0, 2-Redman (MH) 16.9, 3-Amy Gibson (L) 17.4.

100 dash: 1-Pitts (R) 13.3, 2-Krause (L) 13.6, 3-Latrina Fields (MH) 13.7.

800 relay: 1-Ross (Rollins, Missy Provard, Heather Toeppe, Carter) 1:54.8, 2-Lexington 1:54.9.

1600 run: 1-Jenny Butler (MH) 5:46.2, 2-Penager (L) 5:51.7, 3-Tami Stanley (R) 6:12.2.

400 relay: 1-Ross (Jessica Jefferson, Toeppe, Provard, Pitts) 53.6, 2-Marion Harding 54.9.

400 dash: 1-Carter (R) 1:03.4, 2-Steven (MH) 1:03.9, 3-Krause (L) 1:05.9.

300 hurdles: 1-Redman (MH) 49.4, 2-Gibson (L) 53.7, 3-Jenny Zienta (R) 53.8.

800 run: 1-Steven (MH) 2:39.2, 2-Penager (L) 2:37.7, 3-Stacy Pasch (R) 2:43.9.

200 dash: 1-Pitts (R) 27.5, 2-Messenger (MH) 28.1, 3-Jefferson (R) 28.4.

3200 run: 1-Hubert (L) 13:08.7, 2-Nedrow (L) 13:10.9, 3-Stanley (R) 13:11.7 (New Ross record. Old record of 13:27.0 set earlier this season by Stanley.)

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Rollins, Shelly Hines, Provard, Carter) 4:22.2, 2-Marion Harding 4:26.0.

Season record: Ross 3-1-1.

3200 run: 1-Madaras (E) 10:32; 2-Ray Burrey (G) 10:47.
1600 relay: 1-Eastwood 4:03.

Ross 68, Harding 65

FIELD EVENTS

Pole vault: 1-Copeland (MH) 12-6, 2-Kelpsig (MH) 12-0.
Long jump: 1-Glass (MH) 19-2, 2-Kevin Hively (R) 18-10.
High jump: 1-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-0, 2-Kevin Crawford (R) 5-10.
Shot put: 1-Cardell Beachum (R) 43-2½, 2-Hunt (MH) 42-2.
Discus: 1-Shay Moran (R) 121-10, 2-Hunt (MH) 120-8.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Brian Doty, Pat Hetrick, Dave McDonald, Scott Nossaman) 8:48.0.
110 high hurdles: 1-Row (MH) 16.0, 2-Steve Letzring (R) 16.3.
100 dash: 1-Scott Provard (R) 11.3, 2-Lavette (MH) 11.6.
1600 run: 1-Doty (R) 4:41.5, 2-Sotczak (MH) 4:45.2.
400 relay: 1-Ross (Provard, Luther McKinstry, Crawford, Hively) 46.0.
400 dash: 1-Fulton (MH) 53.0, 2-McDonald (R) 54.5.
300 low hurdles: 1-Fornoy (MH) 42.4, 2-Glass (MH) 43.1.
800 run: 1-Nossaman (R) 2:09.1, 2-Shind (MH) 2:10.5.
200 dash: 1-Provard (R) 23.7, 2-Lavette (MH) 24.2.
3200 run: 1-Sotczak (MH) 10:27.1, 2-Andy Boedeker (R) 10:57.5.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Hively, Crawford, Doty, McDonald) 3:38.4.

Lexington 73, Ross 59

FIELD EVENTS

Pole vault: 1-Moyers (L) 10-6, 2-Phillips (L) 10-0.
Long jump: 1-Phillips (L) 19-2½, 2-Hively (R) 18-10.
High Jump: 1-Kovaleski (R) 6-0, 2-Phillips (L) 5-10.
Shot put: 1-Milligen (L) 44-5, 2-Beachum (R) 43-2½.
Discus: 1-Milligen (L) 124-5, 2-Moran (R) 121-10.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Doty, Hetrick, McDonald, Nossaman) 8:48.0.
110 high hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 16.3, 2-Newman (L) 17.1.
100 dash: 1-Provard (R) 11.3, 2-Maurice Jones (R) 11.8.
1600 run: 1-Van Ausdale (L) 4:41.4, 2-Doty (R) 4:41.5.
400 relay: 1-Ross (Provard, McKinstry, Crawford, Hively) 46.0.
400 dash: 1-Hostetler (L) 53.2, 2-McDonald (R) 54.3.
300 low hurdles: 1-Newman (L) 43.6, 2-MacCarter (L) 43.9.
800 run: 1-Van Ausdale (L) 2:08.8, 2-Nossaman (R) 2:09.1.
200 dash: 1-Provard (R) 23.7, 2-Shiplett (L) 24.2.
3200 run: 1-Van Ausdale (L) 10:04.5, 2-Clark (L) 10:42.5.
1600 relay: 1-Lexington 3:38.4.
Season record: Ross 3-1.

'Cats edge Clyde

Ross topples Oregon Clay

News-Messenger Reports

Clyde won the final two events but it was not enough to overtake the Woodmore Wildcats in a 68-64 loss Thursday to highlight boys high school track and field meets.

In the other meets, Ross defeated Oregon Clay 83-49, Rossford rolled past Genoa 82-50, and Perkins buried Port Clinton 102-30.

Woodmore won nine events in the evenly matched meet. Randy Schneider was a double winner

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for the Wildcats, winning the 100 and 200 dashes. Sonny Workman of Clyde matched that effort with victories in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

The Wildcats also got a pair of firsts from Todd Shehan in the discus and shot put, and Clyde's Steve Miracle won the long jump and the 400 dash.

Other Woodmore firsts went to Todd Rothert in the high jump, Mike Shuman in the 800 and Ken Sandrock in the 300 hurdles.

The Wildcats also won the 3200 and 400 meter relays. Dave Wagner, Doug Shuman, Beau Havens and Mike Shuman comprised the 3200 team while Jim Reed, Sandrock, Rothert and Schneider ran on the 400 team.

Besides Workman and Miracle, Clyde got firsts from pole vaulter Ed Gillett, Gary Holland in the high hurdles, and the 1600 team of Gary Holland, Bob Michael, Jerry Holland and Miracle, winning in 3:34.3.

Ross freshman Luther McKinstry won two individual events and finished second in another to go along with running a leg of the winning 400 meter relay to pace the Little Giants.

Ross, 4-1, had 11 firsts, seven seconds and seven thirds against the Eagles.

McKinstry won the 200 dash and the long jump and finished second in the 100. He teamed up with Scott Provard, T.J. Hall and Jeff Draeger in the 400 relay.

Ross's other wins went to Steve Letzring in the 100 high and 300 low hurdles, Andy Boedeker in the 1600 and the 3200, 400 and 1600 relay teams.

Brian Doty, Scott Nossaman, Flores and Webb made up the 3200 team with Provard, Draeger, Doty and Nossaman on the 1600 team.

The Little Giants also go wins from Dave Kovaleski in the high jump, 6-6, shot putter Cardel Beachum and Shay Moran in the discus.

Jason Gladden won the 1600 and 3200 runs, running the latter in 10:48, for Genoa. Other firsts for the Comets went to Mark Whittaker in the discus and the 1600 relay team of Eric Burrey, Mike Moreno, Don Applegate and Chris Brossia.

Port Clinton won four events from Perkins. Tom Weldon won the 400, Lorne took the 300 low hurdles, Pat Fahey was first in the 800 and Bryan Watt won the discus for the Redskins.

New faces spark Ross past Oregon Clay 98-30

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The Ross Lady Giants won 13 of 16 events to flatten the Oregon Clay Eagles 98-30 to highlight high school girls track action Thursday afternoon.

In other meets, Woodmore rolled past Clyde 80-48, Rossford downed Genoa 84-43, and Sandusky Perkins dominated Port Clinton 108-20.

Ross's balance took its toll on the Eagles. No individual was a double winner for the Little Giants as several new faces appeared in the winners' circle for the first time.

Lisa Abdoo and Cathia Mallia won the 1600 and 3200 runs, respectively, and Jessica Jefferson won the century dash. Minerva Nevarez won the discus, Regina Johnston was first in the shot and Heather Fought took the high jump.

Other firsts for Ross went to Shannon Carter in the 100 hurdles in 15.73, Shelly Hines in the 400 and Tami Stanley in the 800.

The winning 3200 team had Mallia, Abdoo, Amy Heimert and

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Stacy Pasch running, while Carter, Jennifer Rollins, Missy Provard and Pam Pitts comprised the 800 squad.

The 400 quartet of Jefferson, Carter, Provard and Pitts finished first in 52.17 and the winning 1600 team had Carter, Rollins, Pitts and Micki Buehler running on it.

Clyde won three of four field events but Woodmore bounced back with its depth and won seven of the 12 running events to topple the Fliers.

Rhonda Meadows won the shot put with a heave of 36-7 1/4 and the discus with a toss of 106-7. Dee Miller won the long jump for Clyde's third victory in the field events.

Lisa Sandwisch won the 100 hurdles and the 100 dash to go with other Woodmore firsts in the 1600 by Sheila Neeb and in the 3200 by Kris Bench.

The winning Woodmore 3200 relay team was comprised of Bench, Neeb, Lisa Brown and

Merri Emch with Sandwisch, Brown, Marci Reineck and Michelle Martin on the first place 400 team.

Heidi Dolph, Wendy Yeager, Lori Kuhlman and Martin were on the winning 800 team while Kricky Medon, Neeb, Brown and Emch ran on the first place 1600 squad.

Clyde also got firsts from Bonnie Knight in the 300 hurdles, Davi Miller in the 800 and Lisa Miller in the 400 and 200 dashes.

Kuhlman had Woodmore's other first in the high jump.

Genoa's only firsts were in the 800 and 400 relays plus in the 200.

Heather Bower, Dana Nelson, Tami D'Clute and Kim Christman made up the 800 team with Bower, Missy Despones, Teri D'Clute and Christman on the 400 squad.

Tami D'Clute won the 200 in 28.3.

Ann Gaydosh supplied Port Clinton with its only first places. The Redskins' sophomore sensation won the 1600 in 5:42.3 and the 3200 in 12:04.4.

Ross 83, Clay 49

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1-Cardell Beachum (R) 43-8½, 2-Kennedy (C) 41-2½.

Discus: 1-Shay Moran (R) 123-5, 2-Rocky Buehler (R) 115-6.

Pole vault: 1-Clay (no name) 11-6, 2-Falhiff (R) 9-0.

Long jump: 1-Luther McKinstry (R) 18-1, 2-Beadle (C) 17-6¾.

High jump: 1-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-6, 2-Kevin Crawford 9R) 6-0.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Brian Doty, Scott Nossaman, Flores, Webb) 9:01.78.

110 high hurdles: 1-Steve Letzring (R), 2-Soncrant (C) 17.24.

100 dash: 1-uvendack (C) 11.5, 2-McKinstry (R) 11.6.

1600 run: 1-Andy Bodecker (R) 5:04.15, 2-Hoodgerhyde (C) 5:14.0.

400 relay: 1-Ross (Scott Provard, T.J. Hall, McKinstry, Jeff Draeger) 46.6.

400 dash: 1-Koester (C) 52.17, 2-Crawford (R) 54.9.

300 low hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 42.01, 2-Bezcik (C) 43.9.

800 run: 1-Myers (C) 2:13.25, 2-Flores (R) 2:15.

200 dash: 1-McKinstry (R) 24.13, 2-Duvendack (C) 24.2.

3200 run: 1-Schnee (C) 11:01.5, 2-John Brown (R) 11:05.6.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Provard, Draeger, Doty, Nossaman) 3:42.92.

Season record: Ross 4-1.

Ross 98, Clay 30

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1-Regina Johnston (R) 29-8½, 2-Beeler (C) 27-11.

Discus: 1-Minverva Nevarez (R) 92-3, 2-Freeland (C) 90-3.

High jump: 1-Heather Fought (R) 4-10, 2-Neal (C) 4-10.

Long jump: 1-Neal (C) 14-6½, 2-Jennifer Rollins (R) 14-1½.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Cathy Mallia, Lisa Abdoo, Amy Heimert, Stacy Pasch) 12:03.95.

100 hurdles: 1-Shannon Carter (R) 15.73, 2-Tammy Schiets (R) 16.49.

100 dash: 1-Jessica Jefferson (R) 13.22, 2-Heather Toepppe (R) 14.07.

800 relay: 1-Ross (Carter, Rollins, Missy Provard, Pam Pitts) 1:50.65.

1600 run: 1-Abdoo (R) 6:21.0, 2-Weilly (C) 6:32.0.

400 relay: 1-Ross (Jefferson, Carter, Provard, Pitts) 52.17.

400 dash: 1-Shelly Hines (R) 65.26, 2-Peggy Hodgkinson (R) 67.4.

300 hurdles: 1-Wahl (C) 50.39, 2-Jenny Zienta (R) 52.7.

800 run: 1-Tami Stanley (R) 2:41.45, 2-Abdoo (R) 2:42.0.

200 dash: 1-Ovall (C) 27.54, 2-Jefferson (R) 18.1.

3200 run: 1-Mallia (R) 14:50.31, 2-Melinda Moreno (R) 15:00.7.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Carter, Rollins, Pitts, Micki Buehler) 4:31.49.

Season record: Ross 4-0-1.

Pitts, Kovaleski shatter records at Krause meet

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TIFFIN — Pam Pitts tied a record and shattered another to lead the Fremont Ross girls to a fourth-place finish in the Bill Krause Relays Saturday.

The Ross girls racked up 54 points while winner Ashland had 111 and runner-up Sandusky Perkins 68. Toledo Whitmer was third with 54.

In the boys division, Dave Kovaleski of Ross set a new school mark in the high jump as Ross finished eighth in the 16-team field.

Pitts won two events: the 100 and 200 meter dashes. In the century dash, she tied the meet record with a 12.5 effort. She came back in the 200 to win in 26.6 seconds, a half second ahead of the second-place runner. Pitts set the meet record — 25.8 — for the distance in the preliminaries.

Ross also got a first-place effort from Shannon Carter in the 400 with a 1:01.4. Carter added a second in the 100-meter hurdles with a 15.2 clocking.

The Little Giants' 400 relay team of Jennifer Rollins, Jessica Jefferson, Missy Provard and Pitts finished third in 52.1. The team of Carter, Rollins, Provard and Shelly Hines finished fourth in the 1600 in 4:16.0, with the 800

team of Rollins, Heather Toepppe, Provard and Carter taking fifth in 1:52.3.

Ross's only top five placing in the field events was in the high jump. The team of Heather Fought, Pitts and Natalie Albert tied the Tiffin Columbian team for third with a combined height of 14-2.

Kovaleski, who held the previous Ross high jump mark of 6-7 set last year, added an inch to that while taking the individual first in the event. He combined with Steve Letzring and Kevin Crawford to lead the Ross trio to a first-place tie with Perkins with both teams clearing 18 feet.

Ross picked up another first in the "weight men" 400 meter relay. The squad of Terry Hall, Jeff Draeger, Antonio DuPont and Cardell Beachum ran the distance in 49.6.

Letzring also placed third in the 110 meter high hurdles, clocking in at 15.4. The 400 meter relay team of Trent Brown, Luther McKinstry, Crawford and Scott Provard was third in 45.7.

The Ross boys and girls will host Findlay Tuesday at the Ross track. The first event is slated to begin at 4 p.m.

Elyria leaps past Ross 77-55

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Mark Cannon led Elyria to a 77-55 victory over Ross Tuesday night to highlight area track and field meets.

Cannon high-jumped 6-feet-10 and long-jumped 22-1½ in the meet at the Ross track. Ross high jumper Dave Kovaleski, expected to be Cannon's chief competition in the Buckeye Conference meet, missed the meet while recovering from the flu.

In other boys meets, Woodmore defeated Gibsonburg 114-18, Oak Harbor knocked off Elmwood 104-27, Lakota stopped Eastwood 77-55, Perkins upended Clyde 101-31 and Otsego got by Genoa 71-60. In a triangular, Hopewell-Loudon had 116, Ottawa Hills 29 and St. Joe 21½.

On the girls slate, St. Joe won a triangular with 56 points with Hopewell-Loudon and Ottawa Hills tying for second with 54. In dual meets, Elyria defeated Ross 70-58, Lakota beat Eastwood 98-30, Woodmore downed Gibsonburg 77-51, Perkins topped Clyde 92½-35½, Otsego defeated Genoa 67-59 and Oak Harbor ran past Elmwood 114-18. Cannon's effort offset a pair of firsts by both Steve Letzring and Brian Doty of Ross.

Letzring won the hurdles events, taking the 110 highs in 15.4 and coming back to capture the 300 lows in 41 seconds. Doty won the 1600 in 4:51 and doubled up with a win in the 800,

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finishing in 2:09.7.

Lakota won nine of the 16 events to shoot down the Eagles. Brian Smith won the 1600 and 800 meter runs for the Raiders, taking the former in 4:47.9 and the latter in 2:07.6.

Steve Miracle won the 400, Jerry Holland the 800 and Sonny Workman the 3200 for Clyde in the loss to Perkins. The Fliers 3200 team of Miracle, Workman, Jeff Tomlinson and Holland won in 8:46.5.

Woodmore won 14 of 16 events, including all of the running events while dominating Gibsonburg. Beau Havens won the high jump, shot put and 400 meter dash to lead that Woodmore parade. Tim Ruggerio won the long jump and Glen Owens the pole vault for Gibsonburg.

Bill Harder won two events and ran the anchor leg on a pair of winning relays to pace Oak Harbor's win. He won the long jump with a 20-0¼.

Mark Whitaker won both weight events, the shot put and the discus, for Genoa. Craig Nieset of St. Joe won the 1600 in 4:48 and finished the iron man double with a win in the 3200 in 10:34.5.

Joann Reardon paced the St. Joe girls to the narrow win. She won the long jump, 100 and 200 meter dashes. The Streaks won

the meet in the last event with the team of Carrie Guyer, Caryn Gabel, Dorothy Colon and Elaine Gonya winning the 1600 relay in 4:30.6.

Shannon Carter won the 100 hurdles in 15.3 and the 400 dash in 62.7 in the loss to Elyria. The Ross 1600 team of Shelly Hines, Jennifer Rollins, Missy Provard and Carter won in 4:16.5.

Rhonda Meadows set a Clyde school record in the discus, winning with a toss of 114-7. The old mark of 113-6 was set by Barb Stucky in 1977. Other Clyde wins went to Bonnie Knight in the 300 hurdles and David Miller in the 800.

Jenny Scherger won the 400 and 200 dashes to lead Lakota's win. Tammy Stahl won the shot put with a heave of 34-4½.

Dawn Sheets, Carol Macko and Mary Hablitzel won two events apiece for Oak Harbor. Sheets won the shot put and the discus while Macko won the long jump with a 16-3½ effort and the 200. Hablitzel pulled off the iron girl double, winning the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

At Gibsonburg, Woodmore won nine events to get past the Golden Bears.

Emily Kruse won the 800 and 3200 meter runs for Woodmore and the Wildcats won three of four relays.

Jill Cecil won the discus for Woodmore, sailing the platter 105-3½ and Stephanie Grady heaved the shot 33-7½.

Elyria 77, Ross 55

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: 1-Chris Gubeno (E) 131-0, 2-Steve Ickes (E) 127-3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Shot put: 1-Gubeno (E) 53-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2-Bob Baine (E) 43-6.

Long jump: 1-Mark Cannon (E) 22-1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2-Johnson (E) 19-10.

Pole vault: 1-Jim Carroll (R) 11-0, 2-Brightwell (E) 10-6.

High jump: 1-Cannon (E) 6-10, 2-Greg Resar (E) 6-2.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Elyria (Zack, Brown, Talarek, Marks) 9:03.0.

110 high hurdles: 1-Steve Letzring (E) 15.4, 2-Johnson (E) 16.09.

1600 run: 1-Brian Doty (R) 4:51.0., 2-Zach (E) 4:59.0.

400 relay: 1-Elyria (A. Jackson, Moore, Williams, L. Jackson) 44.4.

400 dash: 1-Moore (E) 53.5, 2-(tie) Pat Hetrick (R) and Clayton (E).

300 low hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 41.0, 2-Brightwell (E) 43.6.

800 run: 1-Doty (R) 2:09.7, 2-Scott Nossaman (R) 2:15.0.

200 dash: 1-Moore (E) 22.4, 2-Scott Provard (R) 23.1.

3200 run: 1-Komlosi (E) 11:06.1, 2-Andy Boedeker (R) 11:08.

1600 relay: 1-Elyria (Williams, Jackson, Clayton, Moore).

Elyria 70, Ross 58

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1-Terri Arnold (E) 35-1, 2-Regina Johnston (R) 31-0½.

High jump: 1-Heather Fought (R) 4-10, 2-Natalie Albert (R) 4-8.

Discus: 1-Arnold (E) 99-10½, 2-Minerva Nevarez (R) 98-6½.

Long jump: 1-Marcia Junior (E) 16-8, 2-Kim Crawford (R) 15-4½.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Elyria (Bonnie Paine, Tracy Manning, Ann Jezeweski, Anne Densmore) 10:43.

100 hurdles: 1-Shannen Carter (R) 15.3, 2-Tara Jones (E) 16.17.

100 dash: 1-Shay Boyd (E) 12.22, 2-Vicki Horton (E) 12.3.

800 relay: 1-Elyria 1:52.1.

1600 run: 1-Densmore (E) 5:37.6, 2-Tami Stanley (R) 6:20.0.

400 relay: 1-Elyria 51.3.

400 dash: 1-Carter (R) 1:02.7, 2-Shelly Hines (R) 1:03.0.

300 hurdles: 1-Paine (E) 51.0, 2-Jenny Zienta (R) 53.1.

800 run: 1-Densmore (E) 2:29.5, 2-Jezeweski (E) 2:42.0.

200 dash: 1-Pam Pitts (R) 26.0, 2-Horton (E) 26.2.

3200 run: 1-Stanley (R) 13:47.3, 2-Heather Merriman (E) 14:26.0.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Hines, Jennifer Rollins, Missy Provard, Carter) 4:16.5.

Ross defeats Sandusky

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Ross and Lakota picked up victories in high school girls track and field Tuesday.

The Little Giants defeated Sandusky 80-47 and Lakota defeated Elmwood 92-31.

In other meets, Clyde lost to Wynford 67-61 and St. Joe finished in the middle of a tri-meet with St. Mary's and Margaretta.

Ross won 10 events with Shannon Carter winning three individual races and anchoring the winning 800 relay team. Carter won the 100 hurdles in 15.6, the 400 dash in 1:07 and the 200 dash in 27 seconds. She teamed up with Shelley Hines, Jessica Jefferson and Missy Provard to win the 800 relay in 1:53.

Lakota won 13 events to easily defeat Elmwood. Tammy Stahl won the high jump and the shot put to be the only double winner

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for the Raiders. She high jumped 4-10 and heaved the iron ball 32-5.

At Wynford, Bonnie Knight won three events and Rhonda Meadows two for Clyde in the narrow loss.

Knight won the 100 hurdles in 17.4, the 100 in 13.8 and the 300 hurdles in 52.6. Meadows heaved the shot 37-6 and sailed the discus 109-5 to win that event.

In the triangular at Margaretta, St. Mary's had 67 points, St. Joe 46½ and Margaretta 42½.

Elaine Gonya and Carrie Guyer were double winners for St. Joe. Guyer captured the long jump with a 15-2½ effort and the 400 dash in 1:04.7. Guyer won both the 100 and 300 hurdles with clockings of 17.4 and 51.8, respectively.

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Ross 80, Sandusky 47

FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: 1-Jennifer Rollins (R) 16-3, 2-Trinette Stokes (S) 13-7.

High jump: 1-Heather Fought (F) 4-8, 2-Dawn Hasselbach (R) 4-4.

Discus: 1-Charlotta Taylor (S) 100-4½, 2-Dianne Montgomery (S) 98-5¾.

Shot put: 1-Montgomery (S) 38-1¼, 2-Tracie Washington (S) 29-10¾.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Tami Stanley, Shelly Hines, Cathy Mallia, Stacey Pasch).

100 hurdles: 1-Shannon Carter (R) 15.6, 2-Jenny Zienta (R) 17.1.

100 dash: 1-Juanita Pickens (S) 12.53, 2-Jessica Jefferson (R) 13.1.

800 relay: 1-Ross (Hines, Jefferson, Missy Provard, Carter) 1:53.

1600 run: 1-Kim Jackson (S) 6:07.0, 2-Stanley (R) 6:14.2.

400 relay: 1-Sandusky (Robyn Williams, Keisha Grant, Trinette Stokes, Wanda Pickens) 53.0.

400 dash: 1-Carter (R) 1:07.0, 2-Hines (R) 1:07.8.

300 hurdles: 1-Beth Weiskittles (S) 55.9, 2-Zienta (R) 56.1.

800 run: 1-Pasch (R) 2:39.0, 2-Lisa Abdoo (R) 2:48.9.

200 dash: 1-Carter (R) 27.0, 2-Pickens (S) 27.4.

3200 run: 1-Stanley (R) 13:39.0, 2-Nicky Buehler (R) 14:05.7.

1600 relay: 1-Ross (Rollins, Zienta, Provard, Hines) 4:39.0.

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Sandusky 73, Ross 59

FIELD EVENTS

Long jump: 1-Eric DeVeese (S) 21-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2-Derrick DeVeese (S) 21-1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Shot put: 1-Joe Nolder (S) 46-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2-Cardell Beachum (R) 43-3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Discus: 1-Nolder (S) 123-0, 2-Shay Moran (R) 121-6.

High jump: 1-Dave Kovaleski (R) 6-2, 2-Kevin Crawford (R) 5-8.

Pole vault: 1-Jim Carroll (R) 12-0, 2-Tony Mann (S) 11-6.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200 relay: 1-Ross (Brian Doty, Scot Nossaman, Pat Hetrick, Kevin McDonald) 8:34.24.

110 high hurdles: 1-Steve Letzring (R) 16.3, 2-D. DeVeese (S) 17.1.

100 dash: 1-Dimitries Jenkins (S) 11.5, 2-Scott Provard (R) 11.5.

1600 run: 1-Jeremy Lilje (S) 4:48.5, 2-Eric Middleton (R) 4:54.4.

400 relay: 1-Sandusky 43.8.

400 dash: 1-Al Bonner (S) 51.9, 2-Tracey Shoemo (S) 52.3.

300 low hurdles: 1-Letzring (R) 42.5, 2-E. DeVeese (S).

800 run: 1-Mark Thom (S) 2:06.4, 2-Hetrick (R) 2:08.9.

200 dash: 1-Provard (R) 23.7, 2-Maurice Jones (R) 24.1.

3200 run: 1-Middleton (R) 10:47.6, 2-Moore (S) 10:49.6.

1600 relay: 1-Sandusky 3:34.4.

Ross girls finish 3rd at Marion

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The Fremont Ross girls finished third and the boys sixth in the Marion Harding Relays Saturday.

Shannon Carter was named the outstanding female runner in the meet with two individual firsts and a second in the 400. She also ran on the winning Ross shuttle hurdles team.

The Little Giants finished with 66 points to trail winner Cleveland Heights' 121 and Ashland's 97. Fourth was Worthington and fifth Columbus Mifflin in the 12-team meet.

Ross had 32 points in the boys meet, which was won by Lima Senior with 118. Second was Cleveland Heights with Worthington third, Malabar fourth and Findlay fifth.

In other meets, Lakota's boys finished fourth and the girls seventh in the Sidney Invitational. Also, Woodmore's teams finished second Friday night in the Ottawa Hills relays.

Carter won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.18 seconds and came back to win the 220-yard

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dash in 26.02. Pam Pitts was third in the 220 with a 26.48 clocking. Carter was second in the 440 in 1:00.97.

Pitts was also second in the 100 in 13.06.

The winning hurdles team was comprised of Jennifer Rollins, Jenny Zineta, Kim Crawford and Carter, posting a time of 1:08.88.

Other place winners for Ross included a fourth in the 880 relay, fifths by Natalie Albert in the high jump, Shelly Hines in the 440 and the 440 and mile relays. Regina Johnston in the shot put and Zienta in the 300 hurdles finished sixth.

Brian Doty was second in the 880 and third in the mile to lead the Ross boys effort. He ran the 880 in 2:00.57 and the mile in 4:36.03. High-jumper Dave Kovaleski finished third, clearing 6-4.

Ross was also third in the two-mile relay.

Other finishes for the Ross boys included a fifth in the 440 relay, sixths by Scott Provard in the 100-meter dash and the 220 and sixths in the shuttle hurdles and the mile relay.



News-Messenger/Bob Marker

PAM PITTS is ready to take off to the Fiji Islands.

Ross track ace Pitts hopes to compete internationally

She needs financial help to make trip to Fiji Islands this summer

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Hopefully, Pam Pitts will get by with a little help from her friends.

Pitts, a Ross High School senior track star, will become a jetsetter this summer as she represents Fremont and Ohio in international track. She is one of 30 girls to be invited to join the Ohio team for a series of track and field meets involving teams from around the world in the Fiji Islands June 27-July 10. The meets are part of the International Sports Exchange program.

Dave Kovaleski, another Ross senior, was selected for the boys team but declined the opportunity.

The Fiji Islands are located east of Australia near the Samoa Islands.

"I know they are south of Hawaii," the outgoing Pitts laughed. "And I know they are beautiful. The water and animals are beautiful — I love animals — it looks like paradise."

All that from brochures on the group of 322 islands.

Along the way, she will have touched down in California and Hawaii. Not bad for a kid whose longest trip is to Florida each summer. That is not counting the trip from Colorado, where she was born 18 years ago, to Fremont at the tender age of four months.

The daughter of Melanie and Roger Pitts, 522 Bidwell, said the selection to the team was a shocking experience.

"They notified me at the end of March," she recalled. "I had no idea I was being considered for it."

According to the Ross sprinter, Zanesville Coach Wayne Clark liked her style at the state track meet last spring and that prompted her selection. She will

be running the short sprints and relays for the Ohio team.

Pitts is hoping that the Fiji Islands venture is the first of many for her after her high school running career. She will enter the United States Navy officer training program in

be in there."

This past Saturday, at another Buckeye Conference meet, she was again forced to sit out while resting another injury.

"That was hard," she said. "I wanted to be in there so bad. It was so hard on me. I wish I had stayed home."

But, as Zienta pointed out, she helped talk her teammates into a runner-up finish.

Friends are numerous for Pitts, but she does have one very special friend, one that she covets more than the rest, and he will be making the trip to the Fiji Islands with her.

No, it's not her Dad.

"No, I am probably the only girl in the world with a 'My Buddy' doll," she laughed. "That was made for boys, but I did not like the 'My Sister' doll. 'My Buddy' is my good luck piece; he goes wherever I go."

She is being sponsored by the Fremont chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but she could use some more help from her other friends. Pitts needs to raise approximately \$1,795 for the trip and she admits that she is far short of that goal.

Individuals and businesses may help her represent Fremont internationally by sending donations to either Security Savings, P.O. Box 85, Fremont, or to Norm Bray, 215 S. Collinwood, Fremont, 43420.

Pitts, now recovered from the leg injury, and her Ross teammates will be competing today in the Class AAA district meet at Ross High School. The pole vault begins today at 3:30 with the running event preliminaries at 4:30. The remainder of the field events and the running event finals begin at 10 a.m., Saturday.

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September. According to her, she will be able to compete in track during her stint in the Navy.

Pitts, who was nominated by her classmates as the "silliest female" at Ross, agrees with that description and adds that she gets along with everyone.

Another description of her is that of a leader and a competitor, according to Ross Coach Harold Zienta.

"She has been the girls' captain the last two years," he pointed out, "and she really gets the girls up. I remember when she was a sophomore at the Buckeye Conference meet, she had a pulled muscle in her leg but she got into the 200 and qualified for the finals. But she pulled the muscle again at the end of the preliminary."

"She had to sit out the final and I remember seeing her sitting in the stands, tears running down her face; I know if she could have, she would have



SPECIAL AWARD winners at the Ross High School spring sports awards program were, front row, left to right: Taunya Downing, Shelly

Leggett, Pam Pitts; back row: Kevin Brooks, John Cahill, Dave Kovaleski, Pat Hetrick, John Stierwalt and Scott Provard.

Ross honors spring sports stars

News-Messenger Reports

Shelly Leggett and Dave Kovaleski were named Ross High School's outstanding senior athletes during the spring sports award program Tuesday evening.

In addition to those honors, Pat Hetrick won the Ken Svanoe Award and six athletes were named most valuable performers in the five spring sports.

Leggett and Kovaleski were three-sport stars at Ross. Kovaleski's award is called the Baron-Sherman Award, the 20th year for the honor.

Hetrick's award carries a \$500 scholarship and is sponsored by the Ross Booster Club. It is in honor of Ken Svanoe, a 1963 graduate of Ross who died in the Vietnam war.

John Stierwalt was named the MVP for the baseball team and also won the trophy for the top batting average. Coach Dan Fought also handed the most improved player honor to Gregg Gallagher and the best defensive player trophy to Scott Weber. Weber also took home a

captain's trophy. The coaches award went to Mike Zelms.

Taunya Downing was named the softball team's most valuable player. She, along with Lora Almaguer and Leggett, received captain's trophies from Coach Christy Holland. Other softball awards went to Aimee LeJeune as the best defensive player and Almaguer as the top offensive player.

Holland announced that junior Angie Flores was named to the Northwest Ohio District first team and will play in an all-star game in Findlay on June 10. Downing was a second team selection with LeJeune, Leggett and Almaguer receiving honorable mention.

Scott Provard won the MVP honor for boys track to go along with the most valuable runner award. Coach Norm Bray awarded the most valuable field events trophy to Kovaleski, while Hetrick, Kevin Hively and Kovaleski received captain's trophies.

In girls track, Pam Pitts won the most valuable award. The

most valuable runner honor went to Shannon Carter, and Minerva Nevarez won the most valuable field events performer trophy. Tami Stanley was named the most valuable first year performer by Coach Harold Zienta.

Ross's runner-up second court doubles team members, Kevin Brooks and John Cahill, shared the most valuable player award for the boys tennis team. Ross assistant athletic director Gary Nossman, taking over for Coach Pete Michaels who could not attend because of prior commitments, presented the awards. Cahill also won the most improved player trophy and John Battles and Ramon Eickert took home captain's trophies.

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