

1972 Golf Season

Little Giant Golfers Bow To Blue Streaks

SANDUSKY—Fremont Ross' golf campaign opened on a sour note with a 7-2 loss to powerful Sandusky at Mills Creek Golf Course Thursday.

The only points for the Little Giants were earned by Jim Decker and Bob Moll, who split with their opponents.

Decker and Scott Boissoneault each earned one team point. Decker fired a 43 while Boissoneault check in at 45. Moll carded a 45 compared to a 42 for Sandusky's Jeff Manuella.

Two Ross sophomores, who were making their varsity debut, Buck Baumann and Rob Hall, were blanked, 2-0. Baumann, who was medalist for Ross with a 42 over the par 36 layout, lost to Jim Kirner. Kirner fired a neat 38.

Bruce Boissoneault decisioned Hall. Boissoneault carded a 42 while Hall checked in at 44.

"It's never a pleasing thing to lose but I thought the sophomores did well considering it was their first varsity match and the weather conditions were terrible," Little Giant head coach Charlie Baker said.

Sandusky earned its final point with a seven-stroke edge in team strokes, 167-174.

Ross managed to pull out a 7-4 win in the reserve match. Winners for the Little Giants were Dave Wightman, Rick Callendar and Jim Nicholas.

The varsity results:

Jim Decker (Ross) and Scott Boissoneault drew, 1-1.

Bob Moll (Ross) and Jeff Manuella drew, 1-1.

Jim Kirner (Sandusky) dec. Buck Baumann, 2-0.

Bruce Boissoneault (Sandusky) dec. Rob Hall, 2-0.

Team Strokes: Sandusky, 167-174.

Ross Blanks Columbian

TIFFIN — Shutouts are a rarity in golf, but the Ross linksters managed to whitewash an opponent Monday.

With three competitors checking in at five over par 41, the Little Giants dumped Tiffin Columbian 9-0 at Mohawk Golf Course for their first victory of the season.

It was almost a year ago that Ross registered its last shutout. The Little Giants defeated Clyde (9-0) at the Fremont Country Club layout on March 15, 1971.

Jim Decker, Bob Moll and Buck Baumann all toured Mohawk in 41. Rob Hall, who was playing in the fourth position, registered a 43.

Decker, a junior letterman, took a 2-0 verdict from Tim Bland while Moll was ousting Don Bland. Tim Bland recorded a 43 and Don Bland checked in with a 42.

Baumann defeated Brett Bozarth, who had a 43. Baumann recorded the 41 despite a triple bogey seven. Hall had little trouble with Tom Mowery of Columbian who scored a 49.

Ross' final point came for team strokes. The Little Giants used 166 strokes while Columbian needed 177.

The Ross resumes action at Clyde Green Hills Thursday when it faces Clyde.

The results:

Jim Decker (Ross) def. Tim Bland, 2-0.

Bob Moll (Ross) def. Don Bland, 2-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross) def. Brett Bozarth, 2-0.

Ron Hall (Ross) def. Tom Mowery, 2-0.

TEAM STROKES: Ross, 166-177.

RESERVE SCORE: Ross, 7½-3½.

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OAK HARBOR — Clyde, with a new lineup, dropped Oak Harbor, 4-0, in their first game of the season for the Flier linksters at Green Hills.

Junior letterman Jim Humbert registered a 41 and was five over par 38. He netted a 2-0 victory over Brett Knopp, who scored 46.

Kim Kinnear, a sophomore, registered a 41 and was five over par in the Flier column. He disposed of Jim Knopp, who had a 43, and while Knopp checked in with a 46.

Oak Harbor's only victory was in the team strokes. Knopp scored a 42 and earned a 2-0 victory over Jim Crockett.

Both teams return to action Saturday at Green Hills. The Fliers will play Fort while Oak Harbor (1-2) meets the Columbian at Green Hills.

The results:

Jim Humbert (Clyde) def. Jim Knopp (Oak Harbor), 2-0.

Jack Cooper (Clyde) and Jim Knopp (Oak Harbor) dec. Jim Knopp (Oak Harbor), 2-0.

Kim Kinnear (Clyde) dec. Jim Knopp (Oak Harbor), 2-0.

Jay Pinson (Oak Harbor) dec. Jim Knopp (Oak Harbor), 2-0.

Ross Linksters Now 2-1

CLYDE — Ross has ended the hopes of Clyde's golf squad for an undefeated season.

The Little Giants, with all three entrants shooting 39 and the fourth a 41, dropped the Fliers from the unbeaten ranks with a 7-2 victory at Green Hills Golf Course Thursday.

The only loss for Ross came in the No. 1 position where Jim

Decker was blanked by Jim Humbert. Humbert fired a three over par 38 while Decker checked one stroke back.

In the second slot, Bob Moll decisioned Jack Cooper. Moll fired a 39 while Cooper checked in with a 41.

The third 39 belonged to sophomore Buck Baumann. He blanked Kim Kinnear. Kinnear,

who's also a sophomore, trailed Baumann by one stroke.

In the No. 4 slot, Rob Hall carded a 41 compared to Mark Crockett's 46. Ross also received a point for low team strokes. The Little Giants used 158 blows compared to Clyde's 165.

"All the scores, including Clyde's, could have been a little better if it wouldn't have been for the wind," Ross head coach Charlie Baker said.

"I'm pleased with our consistency. It's sure nice to see four scores bunched together like that."

Ross, which is now 2-1 for the season, plays its fourth straight road match at Findlay Tuesday. It will be the first time this season the Little Giants will play 18 holes in dual meet competition.

The results:

Jim Humbert (Clyde, 38) def.
Jim Decker (39), 2-0.

Bob Moll (Ross, 39) def. Jack Cooper (41), 2-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 39) def.
Kim Kinnear (40), 2-0.

Rob Hall (Ross, 41) def. Mark Crockett (46), 2-0.

Team Strokes: Ross, 158-165.

Little Giant Netters Defeated By Trojans

Ross' tennis squad is still looking for its first point.

The Little Giants were blanked for the second straight meet, 5-0, by a talented Findlay squad at the Rodger Young Park courts Thursday.

In the No. 1 match, Ross' Larry Shilling dropped a 6-0, 6-2 verdict to Tom Somers. Jeff Wingo lost by scores of 6-3 and 6-0 to Randy Wynkrap.

Somers and Wynkrap participated in the Class AAA state competition last spring as a doubles team.

Ross' first double squad composed of Scott Hiltz and Sherman Gibson was dropped 6-2 and 6-0 by Monney Lovell and Bob Scully. Brent Snook and Greg Wyant combined to trim Lowell Clark and Dave Hurless by scores of 6-0 and 7-5 in the second doubles match.

The Purple and White netters return to action Tuesday at Rodger Young Park against Marion. The first match begins at 4 p.m. The Giants also play three road matches next week. They

Ross Golfers

Pocket No. 3

FINDLAY—A two-over-par performance by junior Bob Moll sparked Fremont Ross to a 10½-2½ win over defending Buckeye Conference champion Findlay at Findlay Country Club Tuesday.

Moll, who lettered as a sophomore, shot a 37-37-74 playing in the No. 2 position. His sparkling play — 14 pars, three bogeys and one birdie — earned a 3-0 decision over Craig Vandlik, who shot a 40-39-79.

“Bob played consistent golf and that’s what we need,” a pleased Little Giant head coach Charlie Baker said. “Bob was more consistent today than I’ve ever seen him.”

Moll had to share the spotlight, however. The other three competitors in the Little Giant lineup—Jim Decker, Buck Baumann and Rob Hall—all posted wins and earned praise from Baker, who has watched his club reel off three straight victories after an opening loss to Sandusky.

The results:

Jim Decker (Ross, 42-34-76) def. John Delaney (41-38-79), 2-1.

Bob Moll (Ross, 37-37-74) def. Craig Vandlik (40-39-79), 3-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 38-37-75) def. Pat Jaqua (41-38-79), 2½-½.

Rob Hall (Ross, 39-43-82) def. Dick Coleman (42-41-83), 2-1.

Team Strokes: Ross, 307-320.

Reserve Score: Findlay, 10-5.

“The fellows seem to be improving each time they get on the course,” Baker said. “I was pleased with the improvement they made in their last match and even more pleased with the way things went out there today.

“But we had ideal conditions. There was hardly any wind and that Findlay Country Club course was in excellent condition.”

Decker had his troubles on the first nine and shot a 42, but he scrambled to a two under par 34 on the back side with three birds and a bogey on the card for a 76. Decker earned a 2-1 decision in the No. 1 slot over John Delaney (41-38-79).

Baumann fired a 38 over the front and closed with a 37 in posting a 2½-½ verdict against Pat Jaqua. The Findlay entry had a 41 over the front and came home in 38. They were playing in the third flight.

Hall started with a 39 and finished with a 43 for an 82. His opponent, Dick Coleman, had a 42-41-83. Hall picked up two match points.

In team strokes, Ross used only 307 blows compared to 320 for the Trojans. That is the lowest stroke total for a Ross quartet since Baker took over as head coach five years ago.

Golfers Nicked

Supposedly, there's no place like home.

Don't try and tell that to a member of the Ross golf team today.

The Little Giants, after playing their first four matches of the spring on the road and gaining a 3-1 report card, opened the home portion of their schedule at Fremont Country Club Friday and dropped a 5-4 verdict to Port Clinton.

Ross got points from the top and bottom of its lineup but in between were a pair of 2-0 losses.

Jim Decker, a junior letterman, birdied the final two holes for a 39 and posted a 1½-½ verdict over Mark Heenan, who also had a 39. Decker gained his match point with a 20 foot birdie putt on the final hole.

Rob Hall, playing in the No. 4 position, carded a 41 and took a 2-0 decision from John Gill. Hall, one of two sophomores in the Ross lineup, had a two-stroke advantage.

Mark Solbodian carded a 39 in the third flight match to decision sophomore Buck Baumann, who birdied the final hole to finish with a 40.

Both squads used 164 strokes.

**MILLSTREAM
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Ross Linksters Blank Bellevue

Ross' golf team rebounded from last Friday's tough 5-4 loss to Port Clinton and whipped Bellevue, 9-0, on wind-swept Fremont Country Club Monday.

Sophomore Buck Baumann was medalist for the Little Giants with a four over par 40 on the front nine. He captured a 2-0 decision from Don Wright. Baumann and Wright were playing in the No. 3 position.

Jim Decker, playing in the No. 1 spot, gained an unusual forfeit victory. Decker's opponent, Jay Ball, walked off the course after hitting his tee shot on the ninth hole.

Decker finished his round with a 41. Bellevue's team stroke was also forfeited when Ball left the course since there was no way the Bellevue team strokes could be counted.

The second flight points belonged to junior Bob Moll, who fired a 42. Tim Soule of Bellevue finished with a 48.

Rob Hall completed the Little

Giant sweep. He decisioned Craig Soule. Hall used 44 strokes compared to Soule's 47.

Ross' reserve squad also posted a convincing victory, 8½-½. And, the overall medalist for the day was a member of the Ross reserve club.

Rick Callendar, playing the treacherous back nine, finished with a neat 39, three over par. Scott Young and Dave Wightman also equaled or bettered scores turned in by varsity players with 42s. Callendar is a junior, Wightman a senior and Young, a sophomore.

Ross, which is now 4-2 for the spring, continued its schedule today with a home match against Marion Harding. The Giants entertain Sandusky Thursday.

The results:

Jim Decker (Ross, 41) won by forfeit over Jay Ball.

Bob Moll (Ross, 42) def. Tim Soule (48), 2-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 40) def. Don Wright (45), 2-0.

Rob Hall (Ross, 44) dec. Craig Soule (47), 2-0.

Team Strokes: Ross wins point by forfeit.

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Ross Pays Debt

One debt has been paid. Ross High's golf team is going through the season with a pair of black marks—losses to Sandusky and Fort Clinton. Last year, when head coach Charlie Baker's club earned a big credit on its tally sheet with a convincing 10½-2½ revenge victory over highly-touted Sandusky at Fremont Country Club.

"That is the one we wanted," a delighted Baker said. "They wanted to win this one real bad. The boys wanted to show that they are a much better club than what we showed Sandusky earlier."

There is probably no doubt in the mind of any Sandusky golfer, however, that everything together—including a brilliant two over par 74 by Bob Moll—in rolling to its sixth victory in eight outings.



Bob
Moll
Fires 74

Moll was the sharpest of the Little Giants. He toured the front nine in even par 36 before attacking the rugged back in 38.

"Simply put, he played super," a grinning Baker said in reviewing Moll's card. "I would say that 74 is equivalent to a 71 at Findlay Country Club. That's how much respect I have for the Country Club course."

Moll's 36 on the front side came even though he needed three putts to get down on the ninth green. Jeff Manuella, who had the misfortune of going against Moll, carded a 38-45-83. Moll earned three team points for the Little Giants in the No. 3 position.

Jim Decker, playing in the top spot on the Ross lineup, took a 2½-½ verdict from Jim Kirner. Only one stroke separated the two. Decker checked in with a 37-40-77 while Kirner had 37-41-78.

Jim played well considering the tremendous pressure he was under," Baker said. "That was an excellent match between those two fellows."

Sophomore Buck Bauman opened with a 39 but skied to a 45 over the last nine and ended with an 84. He lost a 2½ verdict to Scott Boissonsault, 45-38-73.

In the No. 4 slot, sophomore Rob Hall broke 80 for the first time this spring in dual, meet competition and downed Dan Spars. Hall scored 39-40-80. He was trying to get his game together and shot 48-49-97 which gave Hall a 2-0 edge.

Ross totaled 314 strokes compared to Sandusky's 341 which gave the Purple and White its final point.

"With the exception of Bauman, I found that all the kids had steady rounds," Baker said. "And, I can't complain that much about Buck. He has been doing a whale of a job for being only a sophomore."

Hall has been trying to break 80 and finally got there. He had been worrying a lot about it and I believe it affected his game, but I'll be happy if he can just keep playing consistently."

Ross also took the reserve match, 13-3.

Ross High Linksters Grab Sixth Victory

The scores were higher than those head coach Charlie Baker wants, but Ross' golf squad still dumped Clyde, 9½-3½, in a dual meet at Fremont Country Club Tuesday.

The Little Giants, who won the Buckeye Conference title Monday at Elyria, didn't have a competitor under 76 in ringing up their sixth dual meet victory in eight starts.

Jim Decker, who was dropped to the No. 2 position after playing No. 1 in all the previous meets, was medalist for the day with his 37-39-76. He posted a 3-0 verdict over Clyde sophomore Jack Cooper, 44-46-90.

Ross also received a 3-0 decision from Bob Moll, medalist in the conference meet. He had a 39-40-79 in dumping Jim Humbert, 40-43-83.

Sophomore Buck Baumann picked up two team points for the Purple and White. He fired 42-38-80 compared to Kim Kinnear's 40-46-86.

Mark Crockett was Clyde's only victor. He trimmed Rob Hall 2½-½. Crockett, a freshman, had a 44-45-89 to a 44-50-94 for Hall.

Ross resumes its dual meet schedule Thursday at Marion Harding. The Presidents finished second in the Buckeye race.

The results:

Bob Moll (Ross, 39-40-79) def. Jim Humbert (40-43-83), 3-0.

Jim Decker (Ross, 37-39-76) def. Jack Cooper (44-46-90), 3-0.

Buck Bauman (Ross, 42-38-80) def. Kim Kinnear (40-46-86), 2-1.

Mark Crockett (Clyde, 44-45-89) def. Rob Hall (44-50-94), 2½-½.

Team Strokes: Ross, 329-348.

Ross High Medalist Plays For Reserves

Things went so well for Ross on the golf course Friday that the Little Giant medalist wasn't even playing for the varsity.

Scott Young, playing in the reserve match fired at two-over-par 74, but it wasn't needed in the varsity's 13-0 rout of Fostoria at Fremont Country Club.

Buck Baumann had a 76 to take varsity medalist honors. He topped Larry Billings, 3-0. Billings shot a 50-46-96 compared to Baumann's 38-38-76.

Also scoring 3-0 wins for the Little Giants were Jim Decker, Bob Moll and Rob Hall.

Decker, who toured the front nine in 38 and came back with a 39 for 77, had a 20-stroke cushion against Wesley Wright, 47-50-97.

In matching scores, Moll had the toughest match of any Ross player. He fired an 83 (43-40) compared to Randy Keckler's 86 (44-42).

Hall, a sophomore who has been playing consistently good golf for head coach Charlie Baker throughout the spring, carded 39-42-82. His opponent, Larry Groer, had 50-46-96.

The victory hiked Ross' dual meet report card to 8-3. The Little Giants will entertain Findlay Tuesday before they attempt to successfully defend their Class AAA sectional championship Friday at the Country Club.

The reserves also whitewashed the Fostoria reserves, 16-0. Winning points besides Young were Lee Curtis (81), Rick Callendar (85), Dave Wightman (87) and Jim Nicholas (90).

The results:

Jim Decker (Ross, 38-39-77) def. Wesley Wright (47-50-97), 3-0.

Bob Moll (Ross, 43-40-83) def. Randy Keckler (44-42-86), 3-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 38-38-76) def. Larry Billings (50-46-96), 3-0.

Rob Hall (Ross, 39-43-82) def. Larry Groer (50-46-96), 3-0.

Team Strokes: Ross, 318-375.

Ninth Season Victory Easy For Ross Golfers

This has been a year of firsts for Ross golf coach Charlie Baker.

First the Little Giants won the Buckeye Conference championship. Tuesday at Fremont Country Club the locals whipped Findlay, 11½-1½, to gain a dual meet edge over Buckeye Conference schools for the first time in Baker's coaching career.

The win gives Ross a 3-2 mark against Buckeye opponents. They took both matches from Findlay while splitting with Sandusky and Mansfield.

A pair of juniors—Jim Decker and Bob Moll—paced the latest Ross win—the ninth in 12 starts.

Decker fired a 78 with a 37 on the front and 41 over the back while Moll was one stroke back with a 38-41-79. They both captured 3-0 victories. Decker disposed of John Delaney (48-42-90) while Moll was dumping Greg Vanlick (41-45-96).

"The rounds of Decker and

Moll were superb when you consider the conditions," Baker said. "It was windy, cold and wet. Before the match even started I predicted nobody would break 80."

Sophomore Buck Baumann also posted a 3-0 verdict. He had an 82 (40-42) compared to Pat Jaqua's 48-48-96.

In the fourth flight, Ross' Scott Young and Dick Coleman split, 1½-1½. Both golfers shot identical rounds — 46-42-88. Young was playing in his first varsity match of the spring for the Little Giants. He took the place of sophomore Rob Hall. Young earned his starting slot with a 74 in a reserve match last Friday against Fostoria.

The results:

Jim Decker (Ross, 37-41-78) def. John Delaney (48-42-90), 3-0.

Bob Moll (Ross, 38-41-79) def. Greg Vanlick (41-44-85), 3-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 40-42-82) def. Pat Jaqua (48-48-96), 3-0.

Scott Young (Ross, 46-42-88) and Dick Coleman (46-42-88) drew, 1½-1½.

Team Strokes: Ross, 327-345.

Baker Says Decker Ready

Ross Golfers Nab 10th Win

CLYDE — Ross won its 10th golf match of the spring, defeating Bellevue, 8½-½, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course Monday but the biggest story surrounding the Little Giants concerned a non-participant.

Head coach Charlie Baker announced last night that junior Jim Decker, who sustained a chipped bone in his small finger while participating in a gym class basketball game Thursday, has been cleared for play in the

AAA District Tournament at Toledo Glengary Friday.

Baker, who didn't have Decker for last Friday's sectional where Ross squeezed into the district by winning a sudden death playoff with Sandusky or for yesterday's match, received the news Monday afternoon.

"The team doctor told us Jim would be able to play Friday," Baker said. "Now it will be up to Jim to decide if he can play."

"I doubt very much if he'll play

a complete round until Friday. We're supposed to practice tomorrow (Tuesday) at Glengary, but Jim will play only a few selected shots. We don't want to do anything that might damage the finger further and keep him out of the district."

The Little Giants won their first nine-hole match of the spring in routing Bellevue. In previous nine-hole contests, Ross dropped decisions to Sandusky, Port Clinton and Marion.

Sophomore Scott Young, who has been inserted into the varsity lineup in Decker's absence, was team medalist with a fine 38. He took a 2-0 decision from Bill Craig, who carded a 53.

Other 2-0 winners for the Little Giants were Bob Moll and Rob Hall.

Moll turned in a 39 while playing out of the No. 1 position.

His opponent, Don Wright, had a 40.

Despite a seven on the par five fourth hole, Hall still whipped Tim Soule. Hall, one of three sophomores in Ross' lineup, had a 43 while Soule checked in with 47.

Sophomore Buck Baumann earned 1½ points in his match with Jay Ball. Baumann finished his round with a 42 while Ball toured the layout in 43.

Ross concludes the dual meet portion of its campaign against Bowling Green Wednesday at Fremont Country Club.

The results:

Bob Moll (Ross, 39) dec. Don Wright (40), 2-0.

Buck Baumann (Ross, 42) dec. Jay Ball (43), 1½-½.

Rob Hall (Ross, 43) dec. Tim Soule (47), 2-0.

Scott Young (Ross, 38) dec. Bill Craig (53), 2-0.

Team Strokes: Ross, 162-183.



Ross Rolls Again

Ross posted its fourth shutout of the spring in rolling past Bowling Green, 13-0, at Fremont Country Club Wednesday.

The dual meet was the last of the spring for the Little Giants, who finished 11-3. But they still have an appearance in the Class AAA District Tournament at Toledo Glengary Country Club Friday and with that appearance rides a possible ticket to the state tournament in Columbus May 26 and 27.

Ross tuned up for its district outing by firing its best round of the spring over the rugged par 72 Country Club layout. The Little Giants had a 310—the best previous combined score by a Ross quartet at the CC was a 314 last month against Sandusky.

A pair of juniors, Bob Moll and Jim Decker, tied for medalist honors with 76. Moll, who had rounds of 39 and 37, was playing in the number one position while Decker (36-40) was in the fourth slot.

Decker played in his first match since sustaining a chipped bone in the small finger of his hand last Thursday during gym class. He missed the sectional tournament where Ross placed third and also the dual meet against Bellevue Monday.

"Based on Jim's performance today, he will be playing in the district," Baker said. "Jim said after the round that the finger wasn't bothering him."

Decker and Moll both enjoyed big advancements on their foes. Dave Simons, who was playing Moll, shot a 42-39-81 while Decker's toe, Dan Beattie, had 43-42-85.

Sophomore Rob Hall turned in the next best score for Ross, 40-38-78. It was his low round so far this spring at the Country Club.

Another first-year player, Buck Baumann, playing in the second slot had an 80. He carded 40 on both sides.

Hall topped Roger Schoen, 42-43-85 while Baumann was defeating Par Ricketts, 43-43-86.

Ross will not be unfamiliar with the Glengary layout. The Little Giants played a practice round at the district site Tuesday.

"It's the finest district site I've seen since I've been coaching at Ross," Baker said. "The course is tight and longer than the Country Club. It is an exceptional test for high school golfers."

Glengary measures 6,875 yards and plays to a par of 36-35-71.

The Ross reserves, paced by Scott Young's 83, took a 14½-1½ decision from Bowling Green. Also scoring for the Little Giants were Rick Callendar, Dave Wightman, Lee Curtis and Jim Nicholas.

The results:

Ross 13 - Bowling Green 6
Bob Moll (39-37 - 76) def. Dave Simons (42-39-81)
Buck Baumann (40-40 - 80) def. Par Ricketts (43-43 - 86), 3-0
Rob Hall (40-38 - 78) def. Roger Schoen (42-43 - 85), 3-0
Jim Decker (36-40 - 76) def. Dan Beattie (43-42 - 85), 3-0
Team Strokes: Ross, 310-337