

1975 Season...



THE ROSS LITTLE GIANTS golf team for 1975. Front row (left to right): Dave Hosie, Mike Pitts, Ray Paulson, Jeff Hush, Scott Harman, Rich Shurmer;

Back row: Head coach Charlie Baker, Bob Williamson, Dave Stein, Alex Garcia, Charlie Lease, Brian Koenig, and Rex Mason.

Ross golfers begin today

Three lettermen form the nucleus of the Ross Little Giants golf squad this season.

"We have a young team as far as experience is concerned," Charlie Baker, who is beginning his 10th year as the head mentor of the squad, said.

"We have some boys such as Rich Shurmer who is a senior but has had little varsity match experience," he pointed out. "As far as the year in school is concerned, it does not necessarily designate the golfer's experience."

Dave Howie, Dave Stein, and Alex Garcia, in that order, are the lettermen and the top three golfers on Baker's 10th squad. Howie and Stein are both juniors while Garcia is a senior. Shurmer will probably be the fourth man for today's opening match with Tiffin.

The fifth Ross player is Brian Koenig, a sophomore while the number six slot is being occupied by another sophomore, Rex Mason.

Baker said that any of the top six spots could change at any time. The veteran coach listed a number of players who could break into the top "sixsome."

"A couple of juniors, Scott Harman and Jeff Hush, along with a senior, Bob Williamson, all could be there before the season progresses too far."

Rounding out the team for Baker are three sophomores who will most likely be playing junior varsity golf. Ray Paulson, Charlie Lease, and Mike Pitts are the three first year performers.

"Findlay has got to be the top team in the Buckeye Conference," Baker commented, "but we have an outside chance at the BC. What we definitely want to do is improve on that 9-6 mark that we had last season."

Ross failed last year to make it out of the sectional, only the second time in nine years that the Little Giants have not gotten out of the sectional or district under Baker's tutelage.

The Fremont County Club is the home course for Ross and the Little Giants will act as hosts to the Class AAA sectional on Oct. 3.

The Buckeye Conference Tournament will be Sept. 29 at Elyria's Forest Hills Country Club.

Ross golfers win match by 22 strokes

TIFFIN — Alex Garcia's 38 over a sodden Seneca Hills Golf Course layout powered Ross to an opening season 22-stroke win over Columbian.

Garcia's round was one stroke better than teammates Dave Howie and Rich Shurmer but the trio supplied the strength in a 157-179 Ross win.

"We played in conditions where you could not see a hundred yards," Ross coach Charlie Baker said. "There was no lightening but we played in the rain for approximately four holes.

"As a matter of fact, we almost called off the match twice," Baker said.

Rounding out Ross' scoring was Dave Stein's 41. Fifth man Brian Koenig registered a 44. The low four scores count in the team total.

Malcolm Porter shot a 42 for Columbian's best effort.

Ross 157, Columbian 179

Ross

Dave Howie	39
Rich Shurmer	39
Dave Stein	41
Alex Garcia	38
Brian Koenig	44
Team total	157*

Columbian

Malcolm Porter	42
Mark Applegett	51
Steve Kirby	45
Duane Manz	49
Jeff Hoyda	43
Team total	179*

*Low four score count in team total

Ross loses by 11 to Perrysburg

Perrysburg leveled Ross' golf record at 1-1 with an 11-stroke win in an 18-hole match at the Fremont Country Club Thursday evening. Final score was 344-355.

"We were only three shots down after the front nine," Ross coach Charlie Baker recalled, "but we committed suicide on the back nine."

Brian Wolfe of Perrysburg took medalist honors with an 84. Teammate Jeff Pietch was one stroke off that pace and Ross' Rich Shurmer matched Pietch's 85 for low Little Giants' honors.

Dave Stein shot an 87 for Ross.

Ross' next match is with Sandusky at Mills Creek on Tuesday.

Perrysburg 344, Ross 355
Perrysburg

Phil Smalley	46-47-93
Dave Meek	40-46-86
Dave Nunf	44-45-89
Jeff Pietch	38-47-85
Brian Wolfe	43-41-84
Team total	344*

Ross

Dave Howie	45-50-95
Rich Shurmer	43-42-85
Alex Garcia	42-47-89
Dave Stein	41-46-87
Brian Koenig	42-52-94
Team total	355*

*Low four scores count in team total.

Garcia's 37 leads Little Giants

SANDUSKY — Alex Garcia stepped into the leadoff spot for Ross' golf team and fired a 37 to lead the Little Giants to win number two in three matches.

Sandusky fell to the Little Giants, 157-165.

Garcia's 37 was the only round below 40 over the Mills Creek layout, a par-36, 3,250 yards long.

A trio of Little Giants fired four-over-par 40s. Dave Stein, Rich Shurmer,

and Dave Howie hit that figure.

Shane Smith shot a 40 for Sandusky to take team medalist honors.

Ross will entertain Clyde Thursday in a 4 p.m. game at the Fremont Country Club.

Ross 157, Sandusky 165

Ross	
Alex Garcia	37

Dave Stein	40
Rich Shurmer	40
Brian Koenig	44
Dave Howie	40
Team total	157*

Sandusky

Bob Kirner	41
Mike Baumann	42
Shane Smith	40
Brant Willard	49
Darrell McCollister	42
Team total	165*

*Low four scores in team total
Season record: Ross 2-1

Depot Tournament

(Games at Rodger Young)
Shelter Bar 15, Chuds 0
Score by innings

WP: Jim Kania; LP: Roger Simmons
Doubles: Al Seeger, Chris

Garcia and Stein lead Ross victory

SANDUSKY — Ross picked up win number three in four matches with a 155-161 golfing win over Perkins.

Alex Garcia and Dave Stein tied for medalist honors in the match for Charlie Baker's Little Giants squad. Garcia, a senior, and Stein, a junior, shot one-over-par 37s at The Keys Golf Course.

Dave Howey's 40 and Brian Koenig's 41 rounded out the Ross scoring.

Toby Schwanger was low man for Perkins with a 39.

Ross will host Marion Thursday at the Fremont Country Club in its next match.

Ross 155, Perkins 161

TEAM SCORING

ROSS: Alex Garcia 37, Dave Howey 40, Dave Stein 37, Rich Shurmer 42, Brian Koenig 41; Team total 155*

PERKINS — Rex Cole 42, Toby Schwanger 39, Mike Losey 43, Dave Carpenter 40, John Giesler 40; Team total 161*

*Low four scores count in team total

Marion raps Ross

Marion Harding handed Ross its second loss in five golf matches 164-174.

Played at a soggy Fremont Country Club course, Marion's Tim Hickman eagled the first hole, a par-five, 475-yarder, to start Ross off on the wrong foot.

Hickman ended up the match with a medalist low of 39. Teammates Jim Ballinger and Dave Miller chipped in with 40s.

Dave Stein was low man for Ross with 40. Dave Howey and Rich Shurmer had 44s.

Ross' next match is at

Findlay on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Marion 164, Ross 174

Team scoring

MARION — Tim Hickman 39, Ken Hutchins 45, Jim Ballinger 40, Dave Miller 40, Scott Smart 50; Team total 164*

ROSS — Alex Garcia 46, Dave Howey 44, Dave Stein 40, Rich Shurmer 44, Charles Lease 45; Team total 174*

*Low four scores in team total



Moore's 65 burns Ross

FINDLAY — "If it isn't the lowest round, then it has to be one of the best ever shot in the state by a high school golfer," explained Charlie Baker, head coach of the Ross High School golf team.

Baker was aghast at the round turned in by Findlay junior Ted Moore. The Trojan golfer fired a 32 on the front side of the Findlay Country Club layout and turned in a 33 on the backside for a 65.

The sizzling round paced Moore's team to a 317-335 win over Ross.

Moore hit 17 greens in regulation in what Baker termed as a "near perfect" round of golf. The 65 was two

strokes off the course record held by former Fremont Country Club pro Joe Kotlarczyk.

Taking medalist honors for Ross was junior Dave Stein with a 78. Second low went to Alex Garcia with an 82.

Ran Van Gunten of Findlay turned in a 79.

Findlay 317, Ross 335

Team scoring

ROSS — Alex Garcia 43-39 — 82, Dave Stein 42-37 — 78, Dave Howey 44-45 — 89, Brian Koenig 44-45 — 89, Rich Shurmer 45-45 — 90, Charles Lease 44-42 — 86; Team total 335*

FINDLAY — Ted Moore 32-33 — 65, Ray Van Gunten 40-39 — 79, Rick Fidshun 42-43 — 85, Rick Bell 41-disq., Mike Webb 47-45 — 92, Eric Senour 43-45 — 88; Team total 317*

*Low four scores in team total.

Ross golfers win; Stein has 36

Dave Stein whipped the cold wet weather and the Fremont Country Club for a 36 to lead Ross to a 165-176 win over Sandusky in a tuneup for Monday's Buckeye Conference Tournament.

Monday's championship play will begin at noon at Elyria's Forest Hills Country Club. It is the same course that Ross won on four years ago.

Thursday, at the local course, Stein played near flawlessly under the conditions. He was the only player to break 40 for the nine holes.

Dave Howey was second low for Ross with a 42.

Mike Baumann's 43 paced Sandusky.

Ross 165, Sandusky 176

TEAM SCORING

SANDUSKY — Bob Kirner 41, Shane Smith 47, Mike Baumann 43, Cork Williams 48, Darrell McClositer 45; Team total 176*

ROSS — Alex Garcia 46, Dave Stein 36, Dave Howey 42, Rich Shurmer 43, Charles Lease 44; Team total 165*

*Low four scores in team total

Junior varsity score: (Tie) Ross and Sandusky at 189

JV medalist: Brian Koenig, Ross, 45

Little Giants defeat Bellevue

Dave Howey notched a 38 and Alex Garcia chipped in with a 40 to lead Ross to a five-stroke win over Bellevue.

The Little Giants fired a 166 to the Redmen's 171 at the Fremont Country Club.

Bob Hunter of Bellevue shot a 40 to take medalist honors for his team. Paul Schoen was next with a 42.

Dave Stein's 41 and Rich Shurmer's 47

rounded out the Ross scoring.

The Little Giants travel to Marion Thursday to try to improve on a 5-3 dual meet record.

Ross 166, Bellevue 171

TEAM SCORING

BELLEVUE — Ben Ball 44, Bob Hunter 40, Tom Ruppert 45, Paul Schown 42; Team total 171

ROSS — Dave Howey 38, Alex Garcia 40, Dave Stein 41, Rich Shurmer 47; Team total 166

Junior varsity match: Ross 191, Bellevue 195

JV medalist: Brian Koenig, Ross, 44

Ross by one stroke

MARION — Ross gained a little revenge against the top two golf teams in the Buckeye Conference. The Little Giants shot a 166, a stroke better than BC champ Findlay and way ahead of runnerup in the BC tourney, Marion, at 176.

Dave Stein shot a 37 to lead Ross to the win with Alex Garcia turning in a 41. Dave Howey and Rich Shurmer shot 44s to round out the Ross scoring.

Ted Moore's 35 led Findlay while Tim Hickman and Dave Miller had 42s for Marion.

Ross 166, Findlay 167, Marion 176

Team scoring

ROSS — Dave Howey 44, Dave Stein, 37, Alex Garcia 41, Rich Shurmer 44, Brian Koenig 46; Team total 166*

FINDLAY — Ted Moore 35, Ray Van Gunten 39, Rick Fidishun 46, Rick Bell 47, Mike Webb 49; Team total 167*

MARION — Tim Hickman 42, Jim Ballinger 48, Ken Hutchings 47, Dave Miller 42, Craig Claypool 45; Team total 176*

*Low four scores in team total.

Season record: Ross 7-3

Golf

Ross topples Port Clinton

The Ross High School golf team defeated Port Clinton 160 to 162 in a match played Monday afternoon at Sun Valley Country Club.

Dave Stein shot a 38, low for the winners, while Rick

Johnsen had a 39 for the losers.

Ross is now 8 and 3 for the season. The club will host Findlay today in a match to be played at Fremont Country Club.

Ross 160, Port Clinton 162

Team scoring

Ross — Dave Stein 38, Alex Garcia 47, Dave Howey 37, Charles Lease 43 and Rich Shurmer 42; *team total 160.

PORT CLINTON — Rick Johnsen 39, Scott Donner 43, Mike Gill 38, Alan Qualman 44 and Craig Rosiar 42; *team total 162.

*Low four scores team total.

Findlay nips Ross

Findlay avenged a one-stroke loss to Ross a week ago by nipping the Little Giants' linksters by the same margin at the Fremont Country Club Tuesday night.

With Ted Moore firing a one-under-par 35, the Buckeye Conference champs shot a 161, one better than Ross.

Moore, only a junior, birdied the final two holes to register his medalist round. Rick Fidishun was second low for Findlay with a 41.

Dave Stein carded a 38 to

take medalist honors for Ross. Dave Howey, playing out of the number one spot for the Little Giants, shot a 39.

Ross will take on Bellevue tonight at Sleepy Hollow in the final match before sectional play on Friday.

Findlay 161, Ross 162

Team scoring

FINDLAY — Ted Moore 35, Ray Van Gunten 42, Eric Senour 45, Mike Webb 44, Rick Fidishun 41; Team total 161*

ROSS — Dave Howey 39, Dave Stein 38, Alex Garcia 41, Rich Shurmer 45, Charles Lease 45; Team total 162*

*Low four scores in team totals
Season record: Ross 8-4

Fostoria is Ross' ninth golf victim

Alex Garcia shot a 38 to pace Ross to a 171-188 golfing win over Fostoria at the Fremont Country Club Monday.

The win was the ninth in 13 matches for the Little Giants.

Garcia, a senior, was the only player under 40 for both teams. Dave Howey and Rich Shurmer had 43s for Ross.

Both teams used only four golfers instead of the customary five in the match.

Bob Holderman was low for Fostoria with a 42.
Ross 171, Fostoria 188

TEAM SCORING

FOSTORIA — Bob Holderman 42, Jim Haig 49, Scott Hopkins 51, Don Needles 46; team total 188

ROSS — Dave Howey 43, Alex Garcia 38, Rich Shurmer 43, Charles Lease 47; team total 171

Reserve match: Ross 206, Fostoria 213

Reserve medalist: Bob Williamson, Ross, 50

Season record: Ross 9-4

'Best of year' for Ross; Clyde takes first loss

Clyde absorbed its first golfing loss of the season as Ross came out on top of a triangular meet. The Fliers had won 12 straight matches without a loss.

The Little Giants tuned up for the Class AAA District Tournament at Riverby Country Club, Friday, by firing their best nine-hole round this fall, a 151. Clyde turned in a 160 and Bowling Green finished on the bottom with a 176.

Alex Garcia of Ross shot a two-under-par 34 at the Fremont Country Club to take medalist honors. Playing the best game ever, Garcia double bogied the fourth hole but canceled that out with birdies on holes one, seven, eight, and nine.

Dave Stein shot a 35 for Ross. The Ross junior bogied the second hole but birdied three and seven in the consistent round.

Mike Zimmerman shot a 37 to lead Clyde while low man for Bowling Green

was Dave Shun with a 40.

Clyde, runnerup in the Class AA Section at Mohawk Country Club last Friday, will be shooting for an appearance in the state tourney when they travel to Hillcrest Golf Club in Findlay Friday for district play. The top two teams plus medalist, if not a member of the two low teams, will make the trip to the state.

Ross will have to meet the same qualifications in the Class AAA District at Riverby to advance to state play.

Ross 151, Clyde 160, Bowling Green 176

TEAM SCORING

CLYDE — Tim Hirt 42, Mike Zimmerman 37, John Hoffman 41, Bill Baker 42, Dave Moch 40; team total 160*

BOWLING GREEN — Dave Shun 40, Brian Rigby 47, Jim Uaoman 48, Bob Simon 42, Mark Mazur 47; team total 176*

ROSS — Dave Stein 35, Dave Howey 42, Alex Garcia 34, Rich Shurmer 40, Charles Lease 42; team total 151*

*Low four scores in team total