

1998 Season Review...

**Lexington 60, Ross 55,
Sandusky 52**

Field Events

Shot Put—1-Severse (S) 49-6; 2-McKenna (L) 47-5; 3-Worrdorf (L) 46-9; Discus—1-McKenna (L) 136-3 3/4; 2-Frank Kaiser (R) 132-8 3/4; 3-Seavers (S) 126-7; Long Jump—1-Demetrius Simms (R) 21-9 3/4; 2-Reggie Jones (R) 20-8 1/4; 3-Allen Lutes (R) 20-0 1/2; High Jump—1-Damyan (L) 6-5; 2-Kight (L) 6-3; 3-Reggie Jones (R) 6-2; Pole Vault—1-Aleingarter (L) 12-0; 2-Peugent (S) 11-6; 3-Lamp (L) 10-0.

Track Events

3200—1-Lexington 9:07.3; 2-Ross 9:10.3; 3-Sandusky 9:31.6; 100 Hurdles—1-Alexander (S) 15.7; 2-Ness (L) 16.5; 3-Wilhart (S) 17.0; 100—1-Kenny Morissette (R) 10.8; 2-Demetrius Simms (R) 11.2; 3-Kelly Lytle (R) 11.2; 1600—1-Matt Kotch (R) 5:04.6; 2-no name given (S) 5:04.9; 3-Anthony (L) 5:06.8; 400—1-Ross 43.6; 2-Sandusky 45.7; 3-Lexington 46.8; 400—Bohland (L) 52.3; 2-Parschauer (S) 53.2; 3-Edwards (L) 53.4; 300 Hurdles—1-Marshall (S) 42.3; 2-Alexander (S) 44.0; 3-Ness (L) 44.8; 800—1-Slone (L) 2:09; 2-Holmes (S) 2:14.7; 3-Werling (S) 2:16.9; 200—1-Kenny Morissette (R) 22.9; 2-Demetrius Simms (R) 23.5; 3-Kelly Lytle (R) 23.6; 3200—1-Dolan (S) 11:19.0; 2-Fields (L) 11:19.5; 3-Ryan Werling (R) 11:22.0; 1600—1-Sandusky 3:33; 2-Lexington 3:37.8; 3-Ross 3:50.2.

Ross girls win meet; Rockets sweep Lakota

News-Messenger reports

LEXINGTON — Fremont Ross' girls team opened the season with a win over Sandusky and Lexington.

Michelle Salas won the shot put with a toss of 38-2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Ross also won the 1600 relay race in 10:45.4.

The Ross boys team placed second to Lexington as Demetrius Simms won the long jump (21-9 $\frac{3}{4}$) and placed second to teammate Kenny Morrisette in the 200 dash.

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Ross 69, Sandusky 56, Lexington 39**Field Events**

Shot Put—1-Michelle Salas (R) 38-2 3/4; 2-McNair (L) 31-2 3/4; 3-Jennifer Hiller (R) 30-6 1/2; Discus—1-Michelle Salas (R) 122-6; 2-Zess (S) 92-11; 3-Kristen Knoke (R) 89-7 1/4; High Jump—1-Ralph (S) 4-10; 1-Matthews (S) 4-10; 2-Ross (L) 4-0; Long Jump—1-Chrisy Linder (R) 15-7 1/2; 2-Ralph (S) 15-0 3/4; 3-Shanton (L) 14-3 3/4.

Track Events

4x800—1-Ross 10:45.4; 2-Lexington 10:54.2; 3-Sandusky 11:14.8; 100 Hurdles—1-Grant (L) 17.1; 2-Lee (S) 17.7; 3-Spayde (S) 19.3; 100—1-Graves (S) 12.5; 2-Fallon Bailey (R) 12.7; 3-Ferguson (S) 12.7; 4x200—1-Ross 1:51.10; 2-Lexington 1:55.8; 3-Sandusky 1:59.8; 1600—1-Wilke (S) 5:55; 2-Wolf (L) 6:00.2; 3-Frontz (R) 6:07.7; 4x100—1-Sandusky 50.9; 2-Ross 52.6; 3-Lexington 54.7; 400—1-Ferguson (S) 60.3; 2-Kenya (S) 63.9; 3-Tiffany Sweeny (R) 64.5; 300 Hurdles—1-Grant (L) 51.6; 2-Spayde (S) 55.6; 3-Jessica Mason (R) 57.2; 800—1-Frontz (R) 2:37; 2-Jami Toeppe (R) 2:39.4; 3-Wert (L) 2:39.9; 200—1-Graves (S) 26.4; 2-Fallon Bailey (R) 27.4; 3-Tanisha McKinstry (R) no time given; 3200—1-Swartz (L) 13:16.1; 2-Kristyn Warner (R) 13:34.5; 2-Allison Kelly (R) 13:35.6; 4x400—1-Sandusky 4:19; 2-Ross 4:27.1; 3-Lexington 4:40.4.

Ross girls win in Bedford

News-Messenger reports

BEDFORD, Mich. — Fremont Ross senior Michelle Salas broke her own school record in the discus as the Little Giants beat Bedford and Findlay in a meet Thursday.

The Little Giants finished with 65 team points, Bedford had 57 and Findlay 44.

Salas took first place with a discus throw of 122 feet, 8 inches, breaking her previous record of 122-6. She also won the shot put with a distance of 37 feet, 8½ inches. Ross's Kristen Knocke was second in the discus with a 97-5.

Falloon Bailey won the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.8 seconds.

Christy Linder won the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, one inch.

The boys team placed second at Bedford with 47 points.

Ross swept the long jump competition with Demetrius Simms taking first with a 21 foot-7½ inch jump, Allen Lutes was second with a 20-10 and Reggie Jones was third with a 20-9.

Jones was first in the high jump

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with a 5-10.

The Little Giants 400 relay team won with a time of 45 seconds.

In another meet Thursday:

Gibsonburg 66 Danbury 65

LAKESIDE— Gibsonburg senior Eric Rogers broke his own school record in the shot put and led the Golden Bears win at Danbury.

Rogers shot put of 47 feet, 3 inches was the best at the meet. Last season he set the record with a 46-6¾ shot.

The Golden Bears' Corey English won two events. He finished the 1600 race in 4:59.16 and the 3200 in 10:48.

The Lakers took the girls meet 80-47.

The Golden Bears 3200 relay team of Sarah Hilt, Amber Sherrard, Vanessa Gansz, Katie Fisher finished first in 12:04.3.

Hilt also won the 1600 in 6:15 and the 3200 in 13:33.

Track/Field

High School Boys

**Bedford 75 1/2,
Ross 47,
Findlay 43 1/2**

Field Events

Shot Put—1-D. Marshall (Fi) 47-4 1/2; 2-Snowberg (B) 47-4; 3-Frank Kaiser (Fr) 23-5; Discus—1-Kidwell (Fi) 42-3; 2-Frank Kaiser (Fr) 139-4; 3-Gallego (Fi) 128-2 1/2; Long Jump—1-Demetrius Simms (Fr) 21-7 1/2; 2-Allen Lutes (Fr) 20-10; 3-Reggie Jones (Fr) 20-9 1/2; High Jump—1-Reggie Jones (Fr) 5-10; 2-Mersh (Fi) 5-8; 3-Lake (B) 5-8; Pole Vault—1-Roberts (B) 9-6; 2-Hite (Fi) 9-0; 3-Mannor (B) 8-6.

Track Events

3200—1-Bedford 8:42.6; 2-Fremont 8:55.6; 3-Findlay 8:58.7; 110 Hurdles—1-Lake (B) 15.4; 2-Height (Fi) 16.9; 3-Allen Lutz (Fr) 17.9; 100—1-Kenny Morrisette (Fr) 11.0; 2-Ball (Fi) 11.4; 3-(tie) Songo (B), Demetrius Simms (Fr) 11.5; 1600—1-Davis (B) 4:40.5; 2-Jolliff (Fi) 4:49.4; 3-Letso (Fi) 4:57.9; 4x100—1-Fremont 45.0; 2-Bedford 45.7; 3-Findlay 46.7; 400—1-Winterstem (B) 52.0; 2-Ball (Fi) 55.1; 3-Screid (B) 55.6; 300 Hurdles—1-Lake (B) 40.9; 2-Height (Fi) 43.5; 3-Fondren (B) 44.5; 800—1-Davis (B) 2:05.00; 2-Lisk (B) 2:08.3; 3-Hayter (B) 2:09.1; 200—1-Kenny Morrisette (Fr) 22.6; 2-Kelly Lytle (Fr) 23.5; 3-Songo (B) 23.6; 3200—1-Dansize (B) 10:19.7; 2-Koepher (B) 10:56.6; 3-Roberts (Fi) 11:02.3; 1600—1-Bedford 3:40.2; 2-Findlay 3:45.5; 3-Fremont 3:47.1.

High School Girls

**Fremont Ross 65,
Bedford 57,
Findlay 44**

Field Events

Shot Put—1-Michelle Salas (Fr) 37-8 1/2; 2-Mohrbach (B) 33-10; 3-Detrick (B) 32-1; Discus—1-Michelle Salas (Fr) 128-8 (new school record); 2-Kristen Knoke (Fr) 97-5; 3-Adams (Fi) 92-9; Long Jump—1-Christy Linder (Fr) 16-1; 2-Miller (B) 15-1; 3-Emerson (Fi) 14-5; High Jump—1-Powell (Fi) 5-3; 2-Cramer (Fi) 4-8; 3-Keta (Fi) 4-8.

Track Events

3200—1-Ross 10:37; 2-Bedford 10:39; 3-Findlay 10:47; 100 Hurdles—1-No name given (B) 17.8; 2-No name given (Fr) 17.9; 3-No name given (B) 18.3; 100—1-Fallon Bailey (Fr) 13.2; 2-Cowell (B) 13.3; 3-(tie) Tingrey (B), Gayl McFadden (Fr) 13.7; 1600—Dezura (Fi) 5:36.6; 2-Elzinga (B) 5:37.4; 3-Reno (B) 5:54.2; 4x200—1-Fremont 1:52.2; 2-Findlay 1:54; 3-Bedford 1:55.5; 4x100—1-Fremont 52.06; 2-Bedford 54.44; 3-Findlay 57.0; 300 Hurdles—1-Miller (B) 51.5; 2-Davis (B) 52.1; 3-Jessica Mason (Fr) 55.4; 800—1-Duzra (Fi) 2:34.1; 2-Cline (Fr) 2:46; 3-Mihalec (B) 2:46.5; 200—1-Fallon Bailey (Fr) 27.8; 2-Coleman (Fi) 27.9; 3-Wenner (Fi) 28.3; 3200—1-Nicholson (B) 12:40.18; 2-Erwin (Fi) 12:44; 3-Blanchard (B) 21:52; 1600—1-Bedford 4:22.7; 2-Fremont 4:23; 3-Findlay 4:33.

FREMONT ROSS

Boys

Coach: John Elder

1997: District champions

Key losses: Harry Liggins, Johnny Alridge, Kurt Snyder, Jeremiah Smith, Shawn Tooman

Key runners: Rashad Brown, Sr., high jump, sprints; Demetrius Simms, Sr.; long jump, sprints; Kenny Morrisette, Sr., sprints; John Framstad, Jr.; distance; Chris Shull, Sr., thrower; Frank Kaiser, Jr., thrower; Kelly Lytle, Fr.; Nick Hicks, Fr.; Wes Hineline, Jr.; Habner Herrera, Jr.

Coach Elder's outlook:

"I think we can be pretty good by the end of the year, though people may look at our dual meet record and wonder."

Girls

Coach: John Elder

1997: District runners-up

Key losses: Marcy Reinbolt, Tonya Elder, April Brenamen, Monica Wood

Key runners: Michelle Salas, Sr., thrower; Christy Linder, Jr., long jump, sprints; Sara Thiessen, Jr., sprints; Fallon Bailey, Fr., sprints; Jamie Toepper, Sr., distance; Lindsay Frontz, Jr., distance; Alison Kelly, Sr. distance; Kristyn Warner, Sr., distance; Molly Gocke, So., distance; Molly O'Connor, Sr., distance.

Coach Elder's outlook:

"We've already told (the distance runners) we're counting on them. We're pretty excited about what the girls can do this year."

Little Giants' schedule:

Tuesday	at Clay
Apr. 18	at Clyde Invitational
Apr. 21	Fostoria
Apr. 25	at Tiffin Columbian Invitational
Apr. 28	Sandusky
May 5	at Margaretta
May 9	Fremont Invitational

Clay 67 $\frac{1}{2}$, Ross 47 $\frac{1}{2}$, Whitmer 49 $\frac{1}{2}$

CLAY— Michelle Salas won two field events as Fremont Ross finished second in a meet with Whitmer and Clay.

Salas won the shot put with a 39-2 and the Discus with a throw of 122-1.

Falloon Bailey won the 200 in 27 seconds for the Little Giants.

The boys also finished second. , Frank Kaiser won the shot put with a 47-7 and the discus with a 146-5. Reggie Jones won the high jump with a 6-2 jump and Demetrius Simms' long jump of 21-4 was a winner.

**Whitmer 97 $\frac{1}{2}$,
Fremont Ross 60 $\frac{1}{2}$,
Clay 9**

Field Events

Shot Put—1-Frank Kaiser (F) 47.7; 2-Brian Hill (F) 43-3/4; 3-Sheriff (W) 42-7; Discus—Frank Kaiser (F) 146-5; 2-Hoel (W) 123-1; 3-Stevens (W) 118-7; High Jump—1-Reggie Jones (F) 6-2; 2-Veres (W) 6-0; 3-Hill (W) 5-10; Long Jump—1-Demetrius Simms (F) 21-4 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2-Reggie Jones (F) 20-3; 3-Horton (W) 19-11 $\frac{3}{4}$; Pole Vault—1-Henry (W) 12-0; 2-Goosen (W) 12-0; 3-Kadlick (C) 10-0.

Track Events

110 Hurdles—1-Rayford (W) 15.6; 2-Myrice (W) 15.7; 3-Allen Lutes (F) 16.5; 100—1-Kenny Morrisette (F) 11.1; 2-Roberts (W) 11.1; 3-(tie) Robert Atkins (F), Horton (W) 11.4; 1600—1-Morris (C) 4:42.3; 2-Armertiut (W) 4:46.1; 3-Docrates (F) 4:55.1; 400—1-Kenny Morrisette (F) 52.8; 2-Henry (W) 53.9; 3-Zuber (W) 55.4; 300 Hurdles—1-Rayford (W) 41.3; 2-Bielawski (W) 42.0; 3-Myrice (W) 42.4; 800—1-Baidel (W) 2:07.9; 2-Morgan (W) 2:17.9; 3-Warner (C) 2:18.3; 200—1-Roberts (W) 22.6; 2-Kelly Lytle (F) 22.9; 3-Welch (W) 23.9; 4x800—1-Whitmer 8:35.6; 2-Fremont 8:57.8; 3-Clay 9:00.0; 4x100—1-Whitmer 43.9; 2-Fremont 46.0; 3-Whitmer #2 47.2; 4x400—1-Whitmer no time given; 2-Fremont, no time given; 3-Clay no time given.

**Clay 67 $\frac{1}{2}$,
Fremont 47 $\frac{1}{2}$,
Whitmer 49 $\frac{1}{2}$**

Field Events

Shot Put—1-Michelle Salas (F) 39-2; 2-Bench (C) 32-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3-Baumhower (W) 32-2; Discus—1-Michelle Salas (F) 122-1; 2-Baumhower (W) 109-10; 3-Bench (C) 94-2; High Jump—1-(tie) Allen (C), Maloch (W) 4-10; 2-Darth (C) 4-8; Long Jump—1-Mickles (W) 15-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2-Christy Linder (F) 15-4; 3-Osborne (W) 14-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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100 Hurdles—1-Mickles (W) 16.6; 2-Wasserman (C) 17.2; 3-A. Dartt (C) 18.1; 100—1-Fallon Bailey (F) 12.7; 2-Owens (W) 13.2; 3-Martin (C) 13.7; 1600—1-Sekinger (C) 5:15.7; 2-Jami Toepp (F) no time given; 3-Damschroder (F) no time given; 400—1-Johnson (C) 1:03.1; 2-Wagner (W) 1:03.5; 3-Warner (C) 1:07.5; 300 Hurdles—1-A. Dartt (C) 51.4; 2-Maloch (W) 51.9; 3-Snyder (W) 52.4; 800—1-Harrington (C) 2:29; 2-Frontz (F) 2:37.4; 3-Danslager (F) 2:39.5; 200—1-Fallon Bailey (F) 27.0; 2-Johnson (C) 27.1; 3-Peterson (W) 28.0; 3200—1-Sekinger (C) 12:39.8; 2-Schaffer (C) 12:43.0; 3-Kristyn Warner (F) 13:05.0; 4x800—1-Clay 10:01.6; 2-Whitmer 10:17.6; 3-Fremont 10:25.1; 4x200—1-Fremont 1:52.1; 2-Clay 1:54.8; 3-Whitmer 1:57.3; 4x100—1-Fremont 52.2; 2-Whitmer 53.8; 3-Clay 54.9; 4x400—1-Whitmer no time given; 2-Clay no time given; 3-Fremont no time given

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Team Results

1, Whitmer 143; 2, St. John's 112; 3, Bedford 85; 4, Sandusky 84; 5, St. Francis 82; 6, Fremont Ross 68; 7, Southview 45.

Individual Results

Field Events

High Jump—1-Whitmer (Veres, Hill, Rayford) 17-7; 6-Reggie Jones (F) 6-0; Pole Vault—1-Sandusky (Peugeot, Taylor, Fantozz) 35-0; Shot Put—1-Sandusky (Seavers, Bahnsen, Smith) 130-1/2; 5-Fremont (Frank Kaiser, Brian Hill, Brandon Bartson) 350-11; Long Jump—1-Whitmer (Bourn, Horton, Martin) 59-8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 2-Fremont (Reggie Jones, Allen Lutes, Robert Atkins) 58-9 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Track Events

Distance Medley (800, 200, 400, 1600)—1-St. Francis (Sadowski, Decker, McClellan, Fitzgerald) 8:07.7; 5-Fremont (Brett Spicer, James Brunner, Nick Hicks, Zamarripa) 8:33.6; 4x800—Whitmer (Tucker, Ordorjca, Baidel, Henry) 8:13.6; 5-Fremont (Matt Kotch, Jon Framstad, Wes Hineline, Ryan Daugherty) 8:47.4; 110 Hurdles—1-Jake Lake (B) 14.7 (new record); 5-Allen Lutes (F) 16.2; 100—1-Adam Gardner (S) 10.9; 2-Kenny Morissette (F) 11.0; 1600—1-Jeff Davis (B) 4:28.4; 6-Matt Kotch (F) 4:55.6; 4x200—1-Whitmer (Horton, Ray, Burganheim, Welch) 1:33.8; 400—1-Jeremy Roberts (W) 50.1; 5-Habner Herrera (F) 56.8; 300—1-Jake Lake (B) 39.6; 3-Jordan Mackey (F) 42.6; 800—1-Austin Hulbert (SJ) 1:58.9; 7-Ryan Daugherty (F) 2:18.0; 200—1-Brad Haudan (SJ) 23.2; 6-Kenny Morissette (F) 26.2; 480 Shuttle Hurdles—1-Whitmer (Bielawski, Myrice, Goossen, Rayford) 1:01.3 (new record); 3-Fremont (Allen Lutes, Jordan Mackey, Greg Burroughs, Wes Hineline) 1:07.0; Sprint Medley (100, 100, 200, 400)—1-Whitmer (Horton, Roberts, Martin, Beidel) 1:36.6 (new record); 2-Fremont (Kelly Lytle, Robert Atkins, Nick Hicks, Jordan Mackey) 1:40.7; 3200—1-Jeff Davis (B) 9:40.9; 5-Jon Framstad (F) 10:53.5; 4x100—1-Fremont (Kelly Lytle, Robert Atkins, James Brunner, Kenny Morissette) 44.6; 4x400—1-Sandusky (Parschauer, Alexander, Marshall, William) 3:29.7; 6-Fremont (Nick Hicks, Habner Herrera, Kelly Lytle, Jordan Mackey) 3:49.6.

Ross finishes sixth at Gold 'W' tourney

TOLEDO — The Fremont Ross track team placed sixth at Whitmer's Gold "W" Tournament.

Whitmer placed first with 143 points. The Little Giants totaled 68 points.

The Ross 400-meter relay team of Kelly Lytle, Robert Atkins, James Brunner and Kenny Morissette took first place in 44.6 seconds.

"We performed well," said Ross coach John Elder. "We have only four athletes that competed here last year. We're making steady improvement and our work ethic is excellent."

Mansfield Invitational

MANSFIELD — Fremont Ross also competed in the Mansfield Invitational.

The Ross 4x100 team of Kelly Lytle, Robert Atkins, Demetrius Simms and Kenny Morrisette finished fourth in 43.5.

Ross sweeps SJCC, Fostoria

Clyde teams top Huron

News-Messenger reports

Ross's Kenny Morrisette won an event and tied for first in another as Ross won easily in a meet with Fostoria and St. Joseph Central Catholic Tuesday.

Morrisette won the 200 in 23.5 and tied teammate Robert Atkins in the 100 with an 11.2.

Demetrius Simms won the long jump with a 20-foot-10 inch jump, Reggie Jones won the high jump with a 6-2 and Jon Framstad won the 1600 and 3200.

Ross finished with 96 points, Fostoria totaled 53, and St. Joe had 15.

The Crimson Streaks' Andy Szakovits tied a school record in the shot put with a 47-9. Pat Militello originally set the record in 1990.

Michelle Salas continued her dominant season for the Ross girls. She won the shot put with a 38-2 and the discus with a 124-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Little Giants totaled 83 points and St. Joe had 40. Fostoria had 36.

Other Ross winners included Christy Linder (long jump), Fallon Bailey (100 and 200), Jami Toeppel (800 and 1600), the 4x800 relay, the 4x200 relay and the 4x100 relay.

Abby Chudzinski won the 400 for St. Joe, Angie Reineck won the 300 hurdles and the Streaks' 4x400 relay team also won.

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Morrisette races to victories

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross's Kenny Morrisette dominated the sprint events Saturday at the Bill Krouse Invitational, leading the Little Giants to a fourth-place finish in the 16-team event.

Morrisette won the 100- and 200-meter dashes and anchored the winning 400 and 800 relays for Ross. He won the 100 in 10.8 seconds and the 200 in 22.6. He teamed with Kelly Lytle, Robert Atkins and Demetrius Simms to run the 400 relay in 1:31.2 for a new school record and the 800 in 1:31.2.

Simms and Atkins joined Reggie Jones to win the long jump relay with a combined distance of 63 feet, $11\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

St. Joseph Central Catholic finished 11th in the boys meet as Nick Haynes tied for second in the 400 run. His time of :51 beat his own school record by .2 seconds.

"It was a great competition for us," St. Joe coach Joe Colon said. "There were 16 teams and most are Division I. This helps our kids get ready for districts."

In the girls events, Michelle Salas led Fremont Ross to wins in the shot put and discus relays as the Little Giants finished sixth.

Salas teamed with Kristen Knoke and Judy Steinberger to throw a combined 108 feet, $10\frac{1}{2}$

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inches. Salas, Knoke and Kellie Staib threw the discus 302-8.

"Michelle Salas is getting better and better," Ross coach John Elder said.

Freshman Fallon Bailey finished second in the 100 dash in 12.4 seconds, was third in the 200 in 26.9 and anchored the 400 and 800 relay teams, both of which finished second.

"Fallon Bailey had a busy, excellent day. It's hard to tell she is a freshman," Elder said.

In another meet Saturday:

Ohio Bank Invitational

FOSTORIA — Lakota's Charlie Garcia finished first in the 200-meter dash and 400 run and teammate Trent Tucker won the 800 as the Raiders' finished third in the Ohio Bank Invitational's Div. I-II meet.

Garcia won the 200 in 22.5 and the 400 in 51.7, and also ran the 100 in 11.5 to finish .2 seconds behind winner Steve Radcliff of Elmwood.

Tucker won the 800 run in 2:01.9.

In the boys Div. III competition, Gibsonburg finished third, Old Fort fifth and Woodmore sixth.

Gibsonburg's Eric Rogers won the shot put with a throw of 45 feet, 11 inches and the Golden Bears' 400 relay team of Ralph

Miller, Mark Poseler, Del Enders and Johnny Molina finished second in 46.6. They were beaten in that event by Woodmore's team of Chad Shope, Jeff Michael, Chris Workman and Ben Kuhlman, who ran in 46.2.

Gibsonburg's 3200 relay of Jason Young, Corey English, Brian Henderson and Molina set a new school record when they finished second with a time of 8:30.3.

Old Fort's Derek Huber won the discus with a throw of 135-5 and teammate Jeremy Riehm won the 3200 in 10:00.2.

Woodmore's Jeff Michael won the 300 hurdles in 42.6.

In the girls Div. I-II meet, Lakota finished sixth. Wendy Fraley won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 2 inches.

Woodmore's girls took second in the Div. III meet, with Gibsonburg finishing fifth and Old Fort seventh.

The Wildcats' 3200 relay team of Meredith Magsig, Lindsay Travis, Amanda Roadarmel and Kathy Camp won in 9:58.1, and the 400 relay team of Keri Harman, Renee Lavigne, Laura Wright and Ashley Gahn won in :54.

Magsig also won the 3200 run in 12:07.9.

Gibsonburg's Emily Walter ran the 100 in :14 to tie for third.

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Track

High School

Ross 66, Sandusky 66

Field Events

High Jump-1 Brown(R) 6-2; 2 Jones (R) 6-0; 3 Williamson (S) 6-0; Long Jump-1 Simms(R) 20-0; 2 Lutes (R) 19-1/2; 3 Jones(R) 18-9 1/4; 4 Smith(S) 18-6; Discus- Seavers(S) 146-6; 2 Kaiser(R) 136-4; 3 Bahnsen(S) 122-1; Shot Put- Seavers(S) 50-8; 2 Bahnsen(S) 43-4 1/2; 3 Holland(R) 42-11; Pole Vault-Fantozz(S) 11-0; 2 Ries(S) 10-6; 3 Taylor(S) 10-6;

Running Events

1600- 1 Holmes(S) 4:46, 2 Dreston(S) 4:56, 3 Burris(R) 4:59, 400- 1 Carr(S) 54.8, 2 Herrera(R) 57.41, 3 Holland(R) 59.2, 300 Hurdles-1 Alexander(S) 40.6, 2 Marshall(S) 41.25, 3 Mackey (R) 42.2, 800-Dreston(S) 2:14.5, 2 Dougherty(R) 2:16, 3 Spicer(R) 2:18.3, 200-1 Morrisette(R) 23.0, 2 Lytle (R) 23.82, 3 Bronner(R) 24.3, 4 McGinness(S) 25.4, 3200- 1 Burris(R) 11:05, 2 Doland(S) 11:16, 3 Zemarrapa(R) 11:19.7, 4x400-1 Sandusky, 2 Ross, 100 Hurdles-1 Alexander(S) 15.8, 2 Marshall(S) 16.1, 3 Mackey(R) 16.2, 100-1 Morrisette(R) 11.0, 2 Lytle(R) 11.53, 3 Atkins(R) 11.5, 4x800 Relay- 1 Ross 9:04, 2 Sandusky 9:58, 4x100 Relay- 1 Ross 43.8, 2 Sandusky 50.63, 4x400 Relay- 1 Sandusky 3:48, 2 Ross 3:54.

High School Girls

Ross 96, Sandusky 28

Field Events

High Jump- 1 Mathews (S) 4-9, Long Jump- 1 Linder(R) 14-8, 2 Lewis(S) 13-6, 3 Ruffin(S) 13-3 1/2, Discus- 1 Salas(R) 119, 2 Less(S) 101-6, 3 Knoke(R) 95-4 1/2, Shot Put- 1 Salas(R) 40-51 1/2, 2 Hillier(R) 33-6, 3 Nally(R) 32-4,

Running Events

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Ross postpones invite

Giants' girls run past Sandusky



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison
GAYLE McFADDEN of Fremont Ross gets the hand off from Taneshia McKinstry during the girls' 800-meter relay race. Ross won the race and topped Sandusky 92-28 in a Great Lakes League meet.

Boys team earns tie with GLL rival

By MICHAEL PIDANICK
Staff writer

Fremont Ross appears to have a solid chance at finishing near the top at the Great Lakes League tournament, which is just two weeks away.

The Little Giants' girls won easily and the boys team earned a tie in a home meet with GLL rival Sandusky Tuesday.

Several Ross athletes appear to be peaking at the right time. "This was a pretty good meet for us," said Ross coach John Elder. "Our first goal is to win the GLL Tournament (May 12 at Bedford, Mich.), and then we'll try to get as many athletes as far as we can."

The Ross girls easily defeated the shorthanded Blue Streaks 92-28. With tournament time looming, Sandusky held

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several of its girls out of the meet to avoid injuries, Elder said.

"This is not an indication of how good (the Blue Streaks) are," Elder said. "At the GLL, they could very well beat us or we could beat them again."

Freshman sprinter Fallon Bailey won the 200-meter dash in 28.5 seconds, .75 faster than teammate Gayle McFadden, and also ran on the Little Giants' 400 and 800 relays, both of which took first.

"We did pretty well today," Bailey said. "I would have been better if Sandusky had all of their girls."

Senior Michelle Salas won the discus with a throw of 119 feet and the shot put with a 40-

51'. She averages around 123 in the shot put.

Christy Linder won the long jump in 14-8. Jami Toeppel won the 1600 in 5:44, freshman Jessica Mason won the 300 hurdles in 52.7, Allison Kelly won the 3200 in 12:42.7 and the Little Giants' 1600 relay won in 4:40 while the 3200 relay squad won in 10:22.

"Our girls distance runners are starting to run real well," Elder said.

In the boys competition, the Blue Streaks earned the tie with a victory in the 1600 relay race in 3:48 to close out the meet.

Elder said the outcomes of the individual meets aren't as important as how the individual athletes are progressing.

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Officials: Track is deteriorating

By BRIAN SPIESS
Sports editor

School officials have postponed the 38th Annual Fremont Ross Track Invitational for at least a year, saying the North Street running track has deteriorated and is not safe.

But those same officials — principal Joe Johnson, athletic director Art Bucci and track coach John Elder — allowed competitors from Ross and Sandusky to run on the track in Tuesday's dual meet.

"To be honest we are concerned about liability and there is less liability in a dual meet because there are less teams and less participants," Johnson said Tuesday afternoon, just before the team's final home meet.

"We've got our fingers crossed."

The surface of the all-weather track has been scraped off, meaning that competitors now run directly on the concrete base. This can lead to a variety of injuries, the school trainer said, from shin splints to soreness.

Elder said the track has been in bad shape for at least six years, but he realized during an April 21 home meet that it had become dangerous. He met with the athletic director and principal Friday and they decided to cancel the invitational.

On Monday Bucci sent a fax to participating schools St. Joseph Central Catholic, Clyde, Sandusky and Findlay that stated:

"Due to the condition of our track, we are postponing the 38th Annual Fremont Ross Track Invitational. With safety being our number one concern for the student athletes, the corresponding date for the relays will be Saturday, May 8th, 1999."

Elder and Bucci said there is no correlation between the timing of the announcement and Tuesday's vote on an income tax renewal for the school.

"It's not a scare tactic," Bucci said.

Elder said he did not recommend canceling Tuesday's meet because there was less time to do so and because it was one of only two home meets.

"Plus, we may not run the kids as much in a dual meet and it may not be as intense," Elder said. "In a Saturday meet the kids are more intense."

The invitational began in 1960 and has featured as many as 12 schools. Elder believes many of the schools dropped out over the years because of the track.

"It's not supposed to be this chewed up," Elder said, pointing to the track's north straightaway. "I think it's obvious that it is falling apart."

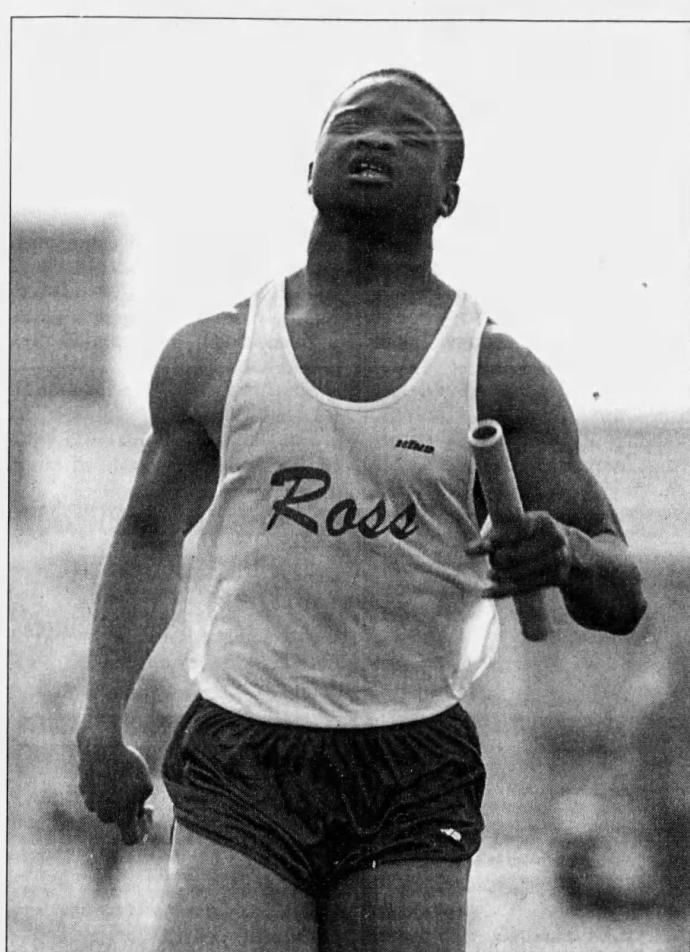
Some of the lane markings painted before the last resurfacing have begun to show through.

Johnson said money to fix the track would come from existing funds in the buildings and grounds budget. Those funds had been earmarked for improvements to Harmon Stadium.

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News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison
THE ROSS TRACK has several cracks in its surface.



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KENNY MORRISETTE of Fremont Ross crosses the finish line first in the boys 400-meter relay race Tuesday against Sandusky.

Ross boys earn tie against rival Streaks

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One of the Little Giants performing well is senior sprinter Kenny Morissette. He won the 100 and 200 meter runs and anchored Ross's winning 400 relay team as the boys teams' tied at 66.

Morissette won the 100 in 11 seconds and the 200 in 23 seconds. The 400 team won in 51.2. Morissette and the 800 team finished second.

"I've been running consistent 11s (seconds)," Morissette said. "I would like to get down to 10.7 or 10.8 for the tournaments."

Morissette is optimistic about

his relay teams as well.

"We are trying to get to the top," Morissette said. "We're pretty doggone good in the 400 relay."

Ross's Demetrius Simms won the boys long jump with a distance of 20 feet, Rashad Brown took the high jump with a 6-2 and Josh Burris won the 3200 for the Little Giants with a time of 11:05. The Little Giants' 3200 relay team won in 43.8 seconds.

Elder said the Ross-Sandusky rivalry makes for a fun meet.

"It's a good competition," he said. "We like to compete against each other. In tournaments, we root for each other's kids to do well."

Track

High School

Ross 66, Sandusky 66

Field Events

High Jump-1 Brown(R) 6-2; 2 Jones (R) 6-0; 3 Williamson (S) 6-0; Long Jump-1 Simms(R) 20-0; 2 Lutes (R) 19-1/2; 3 Jones(R) 18-9 1/4; 4 Smith(S) 18-6; Discus- Seavers(S) 146-6; 2 Kaiser(R) 136-4; 3 Bahnsen(S) 122-1; Shot Put- Seavers(S) 50-8; 2 Bahnsen(S) 43-4 1/2; 3 Holland(R) 42-11; Pole Vault-Fantozz(S) 11-0; 2 Ries(S) 10-6; 3 Taylor(S) 10-6;

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High School Girls

Ross 96, Sandusky 28

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Ross closes gates on track

**School practices
Monday afternoon
at Margaretta**

By MICHAEL PIDANICK
Staff writer

Fremont Ross's track is closed.

School officials decided at Monday's Board of Education meeting to chain up the North Street facility's gates because they said the surface of the 19-year-old track has deteriorated and is unsafe until repairs are made.

Ross decided April 24 to postpone the 38th Fremont Ross Invitational, but Monday's development means the track will not be used by high school athletes or

taxpayers in the near future. "It's kind of sad, but it's in the best interest of the kids," said Ross track and field coach John Elder. "As a Fremont person, it's sad to see the state of our facility."

Said Ross athletic director Art Bucci: "It's a shame that we have to do this. This isn't to punish the community. It's for the safety of the kids and for those who use it."

"The usefulness of our track is done."

No timetable has been set for repairs, but Bucci is hoping to have something done in the warm months.

"I would love to see it done this summer," said Bucci. "Once we get to the winter we can't do anything and then you get into spring."

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The estimated cost of repair ranges from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

Repairs would include moving the pole vault and long jump areas outside the track itself, but still inside the fenced area, said Steve Goetz, supervisor of classified operations.

"When and how (it will be fixed) are two good questions," Bucci said. "We don't know. We will meet with the superintendent to see if funds can be allocated. But there is a lot of deterioration in (other school) buildings. ... The educational facilities come first."

Bucci and Elder agreed that getting funds from company sponsors is a viable option.

"It would be nice to get funds

from other sources," Elder said. "The facility in Clyde was funded with community resources."

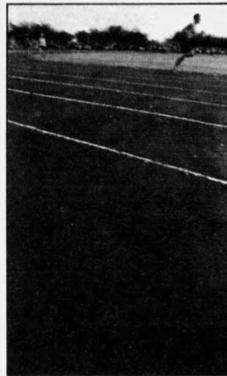
In the early 1990s Clyde solicited funds from the community to pay for its track at the Race Street high school. Fliers' athletic director Bob Bishop said the school's building funds were needed to pay for secondary items such as the fence.

"But basically it was raised by the community," Bishop said.

The Little Giants, who will compete at the regional meet Wednesday at Fostoria, are forced to find new practice facilities.

Ross traveled about 25 minutes to Margaretta High School on Monday afternoon to use the Polar Bears' facility. Elder said

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News-Messenger file photo

THE ROSS track is deteriorating.

Ross track closed for repairs

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the athletes noticed the difference in the surfaces.

"The kids were saying, 'Wow this is so much better,' " he said. "But it's sort of an inconvenience. We get home later."

Bucci believes the team will suffer if the track cannot be open by next spring.

"If you don't have a home facility, then you have to practice on just the grass or travel elsewhere," he said. "And if you don't have a facility your numbers (of athletes) are going to dwindle."

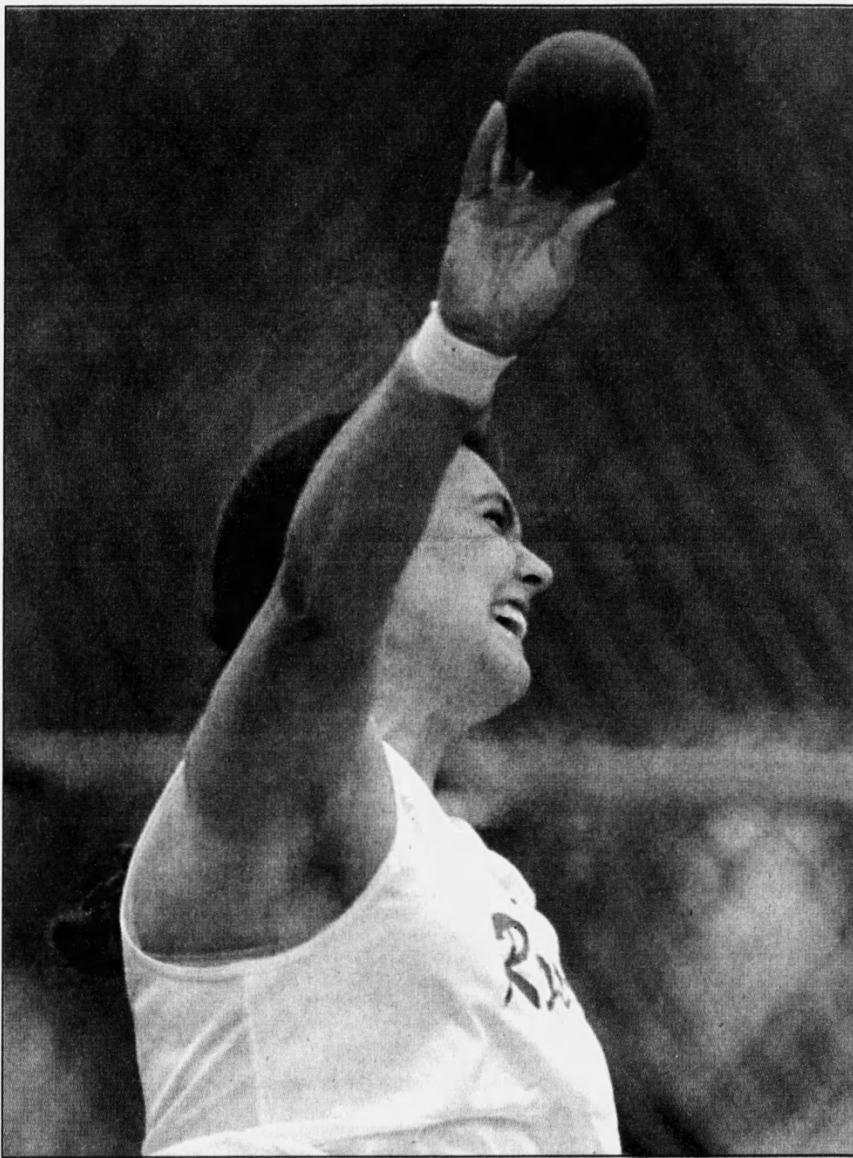
The facility was well-used by the community.

"When we got back from Margaretta (Monday) there were about 20 people using it," said Elder, who was on the track team during the facility's first season in 1979. "When things get used that is going to happen."

YMCA Director Chuck Collins said the members who have used the Ross track to run will use city streets or the YMCA indoor walking and running track while the school's facility is repaired.

"If you're an avid runner, you're going to hunt a place to run," Collins said.

Salas tosses around records



News-Messenger file photo/Andrew Morrison

MICHELLE SALAS, a senior, is the Fremont Ross record holder in shot put and discus.

Michelle Salas profile

School: Fremont Ross

Grade: Senior

Sports: Track (discus, shot put)

Family: Parents Marc and Patti Salas; sisters:

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Melissa, 16, Mallory, 10; brothers: Michael, 15, Matthew, 12, Marc, 3.

Hobbies: Band, science

Ross senior has 2 school marks

By MICHAEL PIDANICK
Staff writer

When a person has been at something as long as Fremont Ross senior Michelle Salas has been throwing shot and discus, success becomes habitual.

"When I go out there I try not to think about it," said Salas, who began throwing for the junior high team in seventh grade. "I try to make it second nature. I don't want to worry about it. I just do it."

For Salas, The News-Messenger's Athlete of the Week, breaking records has become second nature. She broke her own records in the shot put and the discus Wednesday in the Great Lakes League tournament at Sandusky High School.

"She is the best girl thrower in Fremont Ross history," said Ross head coach John Elder. "She has all the records to prove it."

In the GLL tournament, Salas won the shot with a throw of 41 feet, five inches, topping the mark of 41-3 she set April 25 at the Tiffin Columbian Invitational. As well as breaking her school mark in the shot, she also set a meet record in the discus with a 138-4. Her old mark of 130-6 was set April 18 at the Clyde Invitational.

Little Giants' field coach Joe Bajornas doesn't expect either record to stand very long.

"She still has the sectionals, the districts and hopefully the state (tournaments)," he said. "I think she'll be extending the records a little."

Last season, Salas qualified for the state tournament in both events, and placed sixth in the shot put.

"She needed her final throw to place and she came through," Bajornas recalled. "There is enormous pressure down there and she did it."

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Salas will attend Kent State

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Her goal for this season is to place third in the shot and sixth in the discus at the state.

Bajornas is looking a little higher.

"I think she can place top three in both," he said. "I don't want to jinx her or anything, but she has been shooting for this since day one."

As a junior high athlete, Salas knew she had talent but she has surprised herself.

"I was always throwing farther than the other kids," she said. "But I never thought I would be throwing this far."

Salas said the secret to being a good thrower comes with hard work and practice.

"It (throwing) is all about form. The more you practice, the more you get down."

Elder said Salas has all the attributes of a great athlete.

"She is intelligent, she works hard, she sets goals and strives for them," he said. "Just like all great athletes do."

"She is a very coachable young

lady."

Said Bajornas: "She's very explosive. She is a good athlete and she has good technique. When you mix athleticism and technique you get a successful athlete."

Bajornas, who is in his third season as field coach, said Salas has made a lot of improvement.

"She has always had the athletic ability, but as a sophomore she had a little trouble with her technique and her glide. But she has made great strides."

Salas is successful off the field too. She is an honor student and is involved with the school band and enjoys participating in science fairs. She also has three younger brothers and two younger sisters.

Next season, Salas will attend Kent State University, where she will throw shot and discuss.

Bajornas expects success at that level.

No matter what she does she will be successful because she'll work hard to get it."