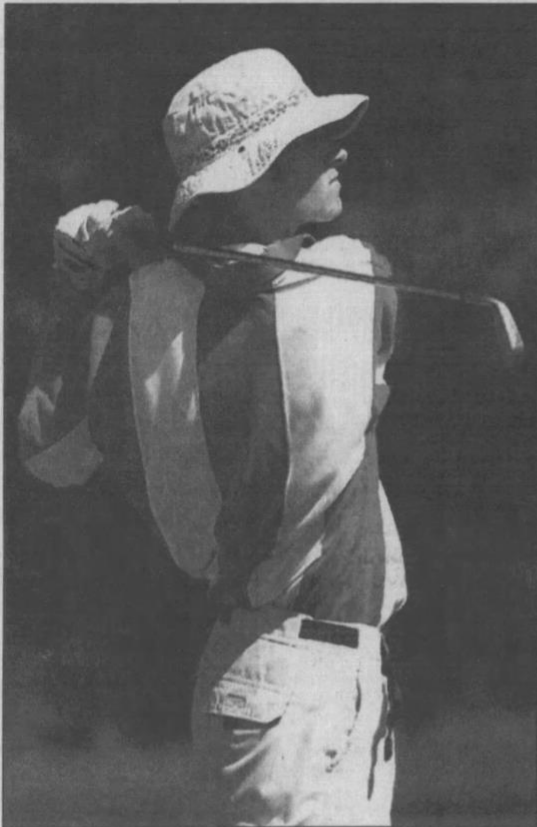


2001 Season Review...

# A Sycamore sweep



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DAN LICURSI, left, of St. Joseph Central Catholic tees off Tuesday on the ninth hole of the white course at Sycamore Hills Golf Course. Fremont Ross golfer Josh Harnish, right, prepares to leave the same tee during the Golden Bear Invitational.

## Ross finishes first, St. Joe second at invitational

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Having been bounced from practice at the Fremont Country Club earlier this week, the Fremont Ross golf team was in search of a new place to call home.

The Little Giants settled in quite comfortably Tuesday at the Sycamore Hills Golf Course, winning the Golden Bear Invitational.

Fremont Ross won the 11-team invitational with a score of 323, and St. Joseph Central Catholic finished second with 330. Calvert rounded out the top three with 339.

The rest of the field included Danbury (341), Emmanuel Baptist (345), Gibsonburg (360), Elmwood (366), Woodmore B team (376), Lakota (394), Northwood (398) and Maumee Valley Country Day (492).

Because of the country club championship this week, the Little Giants were unable to practice and sought out the club pro at Sycamore Hills, who turned them to Gibsonburg head coach Tom Hiser.

"I'm not going to turn away anyone who wants to play in our invitational," Hiser said.

Ross is a much larger school than the other 10 competitors, but the other teams weren't intimidated.

"It wasn't something we were conceding Fremont Ross. They came in and played good golf," Hiser said.

The Little Giants' play excited first-year head coach Desi Morehart.

"I thought it was quite good. Starting out this year, I knew our kids were doing much better than last year. They exceeded my expectations today," she said.

The foursome of Josh Harnish (76), Kevin Vasser (81), Joe Garza (84) and Philip Foster (82) led the Little Giants to the crown.

Harnish was three shots behind the medalist, Dan Sandy of Emmanuel Baptist. Sandy shot a 73.

With all the disruption and missed practice, such a finish was encouraging.

"I was hoping for probably top five," Morehart said of her expectations.

Also refreshing was the close win over city rival SJCC.

"Oh, of course," Morehart said. "Some of the kids had to rub it in a bit."

Having Ross in the tournament for the first time drew a favorable response. "No one complained at all. They (other teams) were surprised to see Fremont Ross here," Hiser said.

Said Morehart, "It's kind of fun playing with local teams."

For their part, the Crimson Streaks had a shot to win, finishing a close seven strokes behind Ross.

The SJCC team performed well with only a week of practice under its belt.

"I was overall pretty happy with how they played," head coach Greg Kohler said. "All four of the kids that scored for us could have easily shaved two to three strokes. But, you're going to have that being the first tournament of the year."

The scoring foursome consisted of Dan Licursi (80), Vince Golamb (80), David

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# Little Giants set scoring record

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SWANTON — The Fremont Ross golf team set a school scoring record on the way to a second-place finish Thursday at the Swanton Invitational.

Led by Philip Foster's 76, the Little Giants racked up an 18-hole total of 316, nine strokes behind champion Eastwood. Wauseon finished third with a score of 317.

"The guys are doing very well," Ross coach Dessie Morehart said. "We're excited about the upcoming season."

Josh Harnish fired a 77, Joe Garza an 80 and Kevin Vasser an 83 for Ross. John Chandler of Holland Springfield was the match medalist with a 73.

On Wednesday, Ross finished

ninth in the 20-team Lorain Admiral King Invitational. The Little Giants shot a 347. Lakewood St. Edward won with an even 300.

Garza led the way with an 82, Harnish and Foster carded 88s and David Fausnaugh recorded an 89.

Ryan Glass of Sandusky shot a 71 and was the match medalist.

Ross hosts the Fremont Invitational at 9 a.m. Monday at the country club.

Dearsman medals at Oak Harbor

OAK HARBOR — Clyde's Brad Dearsman sizzled his way to a 32 on the front nine en route to a 70 and the individual title at the Oak Harbor Invitational.

Dearsman edged David Ford of Oak Harbor and Sean Darling

of Sandusky St. Mary by one stroke for medalist honors.

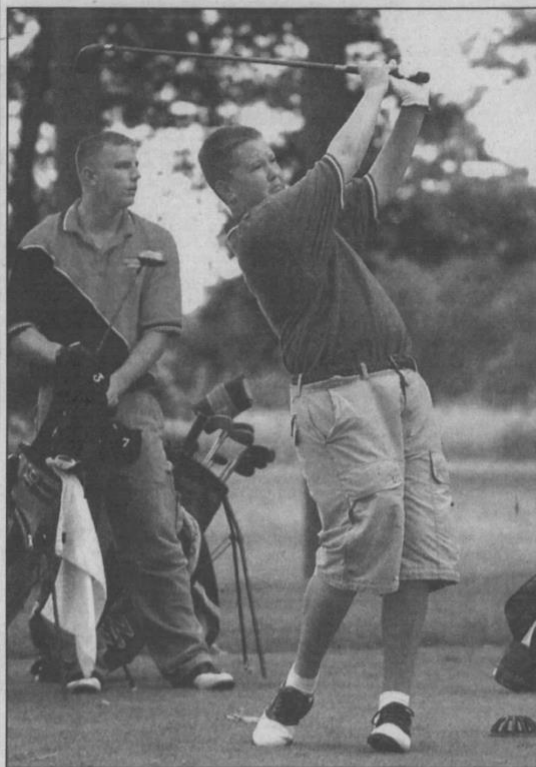
Edison won the invitational with a 308, a stroke better than St. Mary. Oak Harbor was third at 313, Margaretta came in fifth with a 323 and Clyde finished sixth in the seven-team event at 328.

For Oak Harbor, Adam Burbach shot a 78 and Adam Knieriem and Chay Jenkins pitched in with 82s to go along with Ford's 71.

Margaretta got a 75 from Grant Kuns, an 80 from Andrew Kuns and 84s from Josh Cullen and Scott Gast.

Chris Cleveland fired an 81, John Meggitt carded an 83 and Ryan Harrell had a 94 for the Fliers.

## Fall Roundup



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KEVIN VASSAR of Fremont Ross tees off while Gibsonburg's Brian Wassil looks on during Monday's Fremont Invitational at the Fremont Country Club.

# Streaks turn tables on Ross

## Zimmerman leads St. Joe with 78

News-Messenger reports

The St. Joseph Central Catholic golf team avenged a week-old loss to Fremont Ross on the Little Giants' home course.

St. Joe finished seventh, the highest place among seven area teams, at the Fremont Invitational Monday at the Fremont Country Club.

Mike Zimmerman spurred the Crimson Streaks by shooting a 78.

St. Joe managed a team score of 346, 36 strokes behind tournament winner Findlay.

The Woodmore Blue team finished ninth at 348, Oak Harbor was 10th at 354, Ross placed 12th with a 360, Clyde was 13th at 362 and Bellevue came in 16th at 366. Gibsonburg placed 19th with a 401.

Zimmerman didn't play in this past Tuesday's Golden Bear Invitational at St. Joe's home course, Sycamore Hills. Ross won the invitational, and St. Joe finished second.

But the Crimson Streaks easily handled the Little Giants on Monday. St. Joe's Dan Licursi carded an 85, Vince Golamb a 91 and Robbie LeJeune 92.

For Woodmore, Brett Bowen and Scott Bergman



ZIMMERMAN

David Ford of Oak Harbor led all area golfers with a 76. Rocket teammates Adam Burback shot an 87, Adam Kneriem a 93 and Chay Jenkins a 96.

Josh Harnish led the way for Ross with an 88. Kevin Vassar and Philip Foster chipped in with 90s, and Wes Eckhardt had a 92.

Clyde got a 78 from Brad Dearsman, a 92 from Chris Cleveland, a 93 from Cory Whittaker and a 99 from Doug Meyer.

Nate Velloney paced Bellevue with a 77. Shane Middleswarth recorded a 92. Jason Howard had a 94 and Jake Zeller and Jake Grice carded 98s.

For Gibsonburg, Brian Wassil led the way with a 91. Craig Mintz had a 102, A.J. Sleet a 104 and Derek Edings a 105.

Old Fort 154, N. Baltimore 187 KANSAS — Old Fort's

fired 83s, and Chris Pavlica, Briak Chako and Jake Runion turned in 91s.

Drew Gaietto birdied three of the final four holes on his way to a one-under-par 35 Monday at Nature Trails.

Gaietto was the match medalist, beating teammate Chad DeMonte and North Baltimore's Adam Benedict by two strokes.

Matt Hoke added a 40, Caleb Rice a 42 for Old Fort, which competed in its first dual match of the season.

### TENNIS

Ross 3, Huron 2

HURON — The Little Giants swept the singles matches to upend the Tigers.

Erica Wolfe, Meghan Michaels and Mekenna Smith of Ross each won their singles matches. Wolfe defeated Abby Cook 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Michaels downed Meredith Skaggs 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; and Smith took care of Elizabeth Moore 6-4, 6-0.

Huron claimed both doubles matches. Lauren Skaggs and Jen Furey defeated Kelli Goetz and Stephanie Clarke 6-1, 6-3. Alexis Faust and Katie Klaus beat Erika Parker and Devon Michaels 6-0, 7-5.

Ross is at Whitmer today.

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## **GOLF**

### **Ross sixth at Bellevue**

**BELLEVUE** — Philip Foster fired a 77 to lead Fremont Ross to sixth place Saturday at the 14-team Bellevue Home Savings Invitational.

The Little Giants shot a 328, 26 strokes behind champion Eastwood. Margaretta finished fourth at 322, and Bellevue was eighth at 333.

Ross also got an 83 from Josh Harnish and a pair of 84s from Austin Young and David Fausnaugh.

Scott Gast led Margaretta with a 74, and teammate Josh Cullen added a 79.

Bellevue got an 84 from Nate Velloney and a pair of 85s from Mack Terveen and Matt Consolo.

## **GOLF**

### **St. Joe 169, Ross 174**

The Crimson Streaks remained undefeated in dual meets as David Babione fired a match-best 39 to lead SJCC over Ross at Fremont Country Club.

Mike Zimmerman and Dan Licursi shot a 40 and 42, respectively. Vince Golamb shot a 48.

Josh Harnish had a 42 to pace Ross (1-1). Wes Eckhardt was a close second with a 43, Kevin Vassar had a 44 and Philip Foster had a 45.

SJCC travels to Clyde on Tuesday. Ross participates in the Galion Invitational on Saturday.

## Ross eighth at Galion

GALION — Josh Harnish shot an 80 Saturday to lead the Ross golf team to eighth place in the Galion Invitational.

The Little Giants shot a 348. Perkins won the tournament with a 311.

Dave Fausnaugh added an 85 for Ross. Austin Young pitched in with an 89.

## Golf

### High School

#### Quad Match

At Chippewa Golf Club

#### Team Scores

Woodmore .....	148
Genoa .....	155
Ross .....	162
Elmwood .....	175

#### Ross

Josh Harnish .....	38
Kevin Vassar .....	41
Joe Garza .....	41
Austin Young .....	42

#### Woodmore

Scott Bergman .....	32
Brett Bowen .....	35
Brian Chako .....	40
Chris Pavlica .....	41

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## **Golf**

### **High School**

**Ross 162, Elmwood 175**

#### **Ross Scores**

Josh Harnish.....	38
Kevin Vassar.....	41
Joe Garza.....	41
Austin Young.....	42
Dave Fausnaugh.....	43
Philip Foster.....	44
Record: Ross 2-3.	

## **GOLF**

### **Ross 10th at Napoleon**

**NAPOLEON** — Kevin Vassar's 84 led Fremont Ross to a 343 team score and 10th place Saturday at the Napoleon Invitational.

Josh Harnish added an 85, Austin Young an 86 and David Fausnaugh an 88 for the Little Giants. Napoleon won the tournament with a 301.

On Friday, Ross dropped a 178-181 decision to Oregon Clay. Joe Garza led the way with a 44.

## **GOLF**

**Whitmer 155, Ross 162,  
Central Catholic 167**

Kevin Vassar fired a 39 to lead Ross to a second-place finish in a tri-meet on Thursday.

Josh Harnish followed with a 40 and Dave Fausnaugh had a 41. Austin Young rounded out the Little Giant effort with a 42.

Ross travels to Genoa for the Genoa Invitational on Saturday.

## **GOLF**

**Ross third at Genoa**

GENOA — Josh Harnish and David Fausnaugh each broke 80 as the Fremont Ross golf team finished third Saturday in the 13-team Genoa Invitational.

Harnish shot a 77, Fausnaugh a 79 for Ross. The Little Giants finished with a team score of 326, seven shots behind Genoa and Perkins. Genoa won on a fifth-score tiebreaker.

Ross also got an 83 from Kevin Vassar and an 87 from Joe Garza.

Bellevue finished in a tie for seventh with a 337. Nate Velloney led the Redmen with an 83.