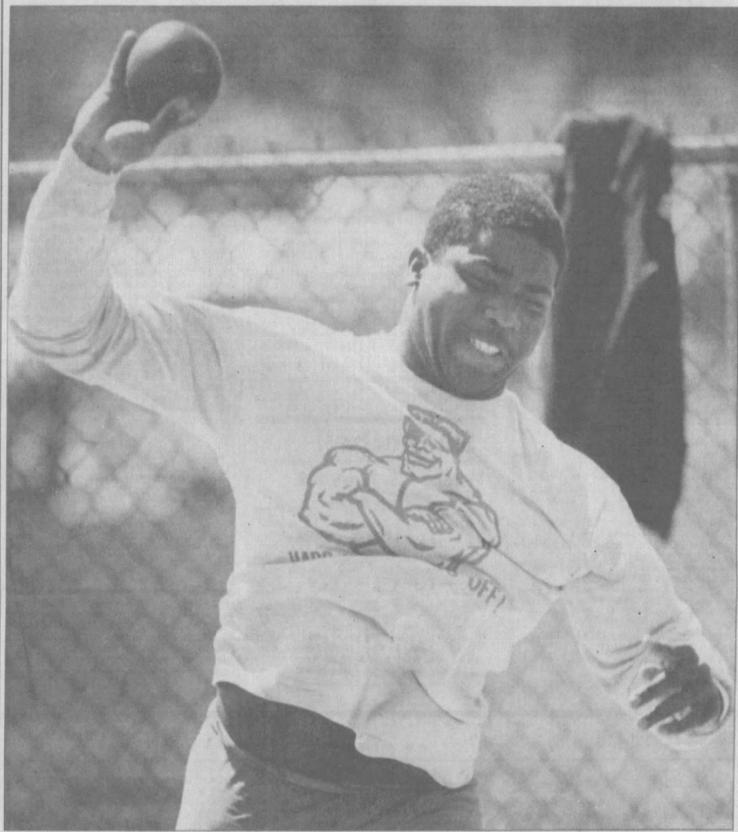


1988 Fremont Relays...



CARDELL BEACHUM of Ross strains as he tosses the shot during the Fremont Relays Saturday. Beachum, along with Mark Gonzales and Jeff Green, finished second in the event.

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Elder not disappointed as track bridesmaid

Little Giants drop behind Columbian twice

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John Elder was not disappointed even though Tiffin Columbian forced Fremont Ross into a bridesmaid role twice Saturday at the 28th Fremont Relays.

The Tornadoes nipped the Ross boys 74-71 and the Columbian girls held off the Little Giants 76-70, walking off with both first-place trophies in the eight-team alignments. It was the Columbian girls second successive title.

Elder, in his first year as head coach of the Ross track programs, knew it was going to be a good day when he stepped outside.

"The weather had something to do with it," Elder said. "In the past, we have been a warm-weather team.

"We have had a lot of injuries, especially in the boys sprinters, but they came back and I think it was because of the warm weather."

The temperature soared into the 70s in the afternoon but that was accompanied by strong winds that blew constantly and were spiced by gusts in excess of 30 mph.

Following Ross in the boys competition were defending champ Bowling Green with 68, Marion Harding at 56, Toledo Start with 41, Port Clinton at 26½, Oregon Clay with 25½ and Cardinal Stritch with seven.

Bowling Green was also third in the girls meet with 48. The Bobcats were followed by Toledo Start with 42, Port Clinton with

40, Cardinal Stritch with 34, Marion Harding with 24 and Oregon Clay with six.

Columbian won two boys events in the all-relay format while Ross was first in four and tied for first in a fifth. The Ross girls were first in three events and Columbian took the top spot in two.

The Ross boys won the discus, 400, sprint medley and 800 and tied for first in the high jump.

"It was nice that we won the discus," Elder said, "because they have been throwing so well."

All of our high jumpers have cleared six-feet this year and when you have that, you are going to be in it to the end in relays," Elder said.

Matt Manbeck, Jason Hall and Jeff Draeger had a combined discus toss of 370 feet, six inches. Draeger led the team with a 135-foot toss. Manbeck stepped in for Corey Reed, who was at Miami of Ohio for a "meet the freshmen" football players day.

The high jump team was comprised of Kevin Crawford, Adam Bulger and Tracy Hufford. The trio cleared 17-6, tying Toledo Start.

The 400 team of Terry Carter, Cardell Beachum, John Liggins and Maurice Jones won in 46.2 seconds. The sprint medley (100, 100, 200 and 400) was comprised of Bulger, Carter, Jones and Crawford, winning in 1:39.5.

Carter, Beachum, Liggins and Jones turned in a 1:38.4 in the 800.

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"The girls were strong," Elder said. "Our sprint teams are coming along and the distance runners looked good.

"We got points in all the events except the shot put," the Ross coach said.

The 3200 team of Amy Ritzman, Kaylene Bartson, Lisa Abdoo and Stacey Pasch won in 10 minutes and 30 seconds while the 400 team of Kelly Shaffer, Vicky Hinojosa, Trella Warfield and Celeste Heidelberg posted a 53.3 effort.

The 800 team of Heidelberg, Warfield, Shaffer and Shannon Carter won in 1:53.4.

The Ross girls compete Friday in the Whitmer Relays while the boys are in the Sandusky Relays Saturday.

High School Girls

Fremont Relays

TEAM STANDINGS

Columbian	76	Port Clinton	40
Ross	70	Stritch	34
B. Green	48	Harding	24
Start	42	Clay	6

Field events

(Winner, Ross finish)

High jump: 1-Stritch 14-0; 5-Ross (Kim Mathews, Sandy Hammer, Jackie Weaver) 8-3.

Long jump: 1-Port Clinton (Jen Heigel, Jacqueline Mattos, Deanna Barrere) 42-7 $\frac{1}{4}$; 3-Ross (Kelly Shaffer, Amy Ritzman, Hammer) 41-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Discus: 1-Marion 250-0; 3-Ross (Heather Driscoll, Emily Wise, Shari Root) 242-2.

Track events

Shuttle hurdles: 1-Stritch 1:09; 3-Ross (Shannon Carter, Weaver, Monica Schnee, Jenny Zienta) 1:11.

3200: 1-Ross (Ritzman, Kaylene Bartson, Lisa Abdoo, Stacey Pasch) 10:30.

400: 1-Ross (Shaffer, Vicki Hinojosa, Trella Warfield, Celeste Heidelberg) 53.3.

Sprint medley: 1-Start 1:59.5; 4-Ross (Devona McDonald, Hinojosa, Jessica Jefferson, Mathews) 2:07.

Distance medley: 1-Columbian 14:22.7; 2-Ross (Bartson, Pasch, Samantha Augugliaro, Tami Stanley) 14:24.6.

800: 1-Ross (Heidelberg, Warfield, Shaffer, Carter) 1:53.4.

1600: 1-Columbian 4:25.1; 2-Ross (Carter, Bartson, pasch, Ritzman) 4:27.2.

High School Boys

Fremont Relays

TEAM STANDINGS

Columbian	74	Start	41
Ross	71	Port Clinton	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
B. Green	68	Clay	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Harding	56	Stritch	7

Field events

(Winner, Ross finish)

Shot put: 1-Tiffin Columbian 141-5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2-Ross (Cardell Beachum, Mark Gonzales, Jeff Green) 132-3.

Pole vault: 1-Bowling Green 32-0; 5-Ross (DuPont, Darr, Bryan).

Discus: 1-Ross (Matt Manbeck, Jason Hall, Jeff Draeger) 370-6.

High jump: 1-(tie) Start and Ross (Kevin Crawford, Adam Bulger, Tracy Hufford) 17-6.

Long jump: 1-Columbian 58-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; 4-Ross (Norman Crawford, Draeger, Doug Pearson) 52-7 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Track events

Shuttle hurdles: 1-Marion Harding 59.9; 5-Ross (Joel Salazar, Norman Crawford, Brian Moreno, Carter) 1:07.

3200: 1-Bowling Green 8:28; 5-Ross (Chad Woodrich, Shane Hill, Aaron Potter, Elias Cabral) 9:08.

400: 1-Ross (Terry Carter, Cardel Beachum, John Liggins, Maurice Jones) 46.2.

Sprint medley: 1-Ross (Bulger, Carter, Jones, Crawford) 1:39.5.

Distance medley: 1-Clay 11:39.6; 5-Ross (Crawford, Woodrich, Hill, Potter) 12:19.6.

800: 1-Ross (Carter, Beachum, Liggins, Jones) 1:38.4.

1600: 1-Bowling Green 3:40.4; 4-Ross (Salazar, Bulger, Draeger, Crawford) 3:42.4.