

Ross favored to win GLL golf title

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

The members of the Fremont Ross High School golf team are prepared to make a run at the Great Lakes League championship.

But is their short game?

"That's something we'll keep working on," Ross coach Dave Fleming said. "The kids don't work on that part of the game by themselves. They work on the driver and the long irons ... see how far they can hit the ball."

The Little Giants, third in the GLL a year ago, are the choice

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of the league's coaches to win the title this fall.

"I like the pressure," Fleming said. "The kids do to. I said, 'Let's do it then.'"

Ross, which opens the season Aug. 31 against Tiffin Columbian at Mohawk Country Club, is led by three returning lettermen — senior Dave Zinkand, junior Rob Randall and sophomore Dan Grossman.

"The first three have a year's worth of experience," Fleming

said. "Last year, when they shot a bad score it was 45. This year, when they shoot a bad score it's 42. So they've brought their scores down."

Rob Hammer, an erratic but promising freshman, will fill the fourth spot on the squad.

Junior Josh Gillis as well as sophomores Justin Held, Jon Kingsborough and Kevin Kohr are battling for the fifth spot.

Kohr and Kingsborough are out for the team for the first time.

"It keeps you happy because

Little Giant leaders

Dave Zinkand, Rob Randall and Dan Grossman are the top players on the Fremont Ross High School golf team. Here is what Ross coach Dave Fleming says about the trio:

□ On Zinkand: "He's a pretty steady player, which he should be as a senior."

□ On Randall: "He just goes out and plays golf."

□ On Grossman: "He's always ready to improve."

you know you have something coming back the next year," Fleming said. "If you had two good seniors, two good juniors, two good sophomores and two

good freshman every year, that would be ideal. But it doesn't happen that way."

Dan Swaisgood is the biggest loss to graduation this year.

High school golf

The Fremont Ross High School golfers played well in the rain Wednesday at Fremont Country Club, but the golfers from Bowling Green played better.

The Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic golf team, meanwhile, played better yet at Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

Bowling Green defeated Ross 167-172 on the front nine at Fremont Country Club, while St. Joe beat Tiffin Calvert 156-203 on the back nine at Sycamore Hills.

Mike Windisch of BG shot a 2-over-par 37 to take medalist honors as Dan Grossman led the Little Giants with a 42 in their first match.

Chad Seilheimer's even-par 35 was backed up by Brad Darr's 37 as St. Joe improved to 3-1.

Hammer leads Ross to victory

News-Messenger reports

Rob Hammer's 38 Thursday led Fremont Ross to a 170-175 high school golf victory over Sylvania Northview, the Little Giants' first win after an opening loss.

Rob Randall added a 5-over par 40 on the front nine at Fremont Country Club. Zak

Golf Roundup

Moris' 39 paced Northview, which falls to 1-4.

High School

Ross 170, Northview 175

At Fremont Country Club

Par 35

Northview: Andi Moris 41, Zak Moris 39, Rasmus Pedersen 46, Andy Steele 46.

Ross: Dan Grossman 44, Dave Zinkand 38, Rob Hammer 48, Rob Randall 40.

Records: Northview 1-4, Ross 1-1.

Golf

High School

Bellevue Invitational

At Green Hills

Par 71

Team standings ^N

1-Genoa 321, 2-Bellevue 323, 3-Bucyrus 332, 4-Ross 334, 5-Norwalk 342, 6-Columbian 349, 7-Vermilion 351, 8-Edison 362, 9-Willard 373, 10-Eastwood 380, 11-Margaretta 403, 12-Carey 449.

Area individuals

Genoa: Jamieson Duvall 77, Eric Cicak 77, Kevin Pickerel 83, Greg Placko 84, Chris Varga 88.

Bellevue: Chad Murray (medalist) 74, Ryan More 80, Shawn Miller 83, Jason Cope 86.

Ross: Dave Zinkand 76, Dan Grossman 81, Rob Randall 87, Rob Hammer 90.

Margaretta: Aaron Blanton 96, Rusty Howard 100, Drew Grahl 103, Sean Cullen 104.

St. Joe 155, Ross 177

At Sycamore Hills
Par 35

St. Joe: Chad Seilheimer 34, Kevin Kayden 40, Brad Darr 41, Brian Goetz 40.

Ross: Dan Grossman 42, Dave Zinkand 43, Rob Randall 44, Josh Gillis 48.

Records: St. Joe 5-1, Ross 1-2.

Maumee tops Ross; Clyde wins again

News-Messenger reports

The scoring was high, but Maumee produced lower scores than the Little Giants from Fremont Ross in a 179-186 high school golf victory Wednesday at the South Toledo Golf Club.

Dave Zinkand of Ross and Maumee's Scott Zimmerman shared medalist honors, each shooting a 7-over par 43.

The Little Giants are 1-3.

In other matches, Clyde edged Edison 170-173, Genoa topped

Golf Roundup

Fostoria and Woodmore in a tri-match and Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic beat Oak Harbor 158-176.

Clyde-Edison

The Fliers completed the first round of the Sandusky Bay Conference undefeated as Neal Barrett shot a 3-over 39 on the front nine at Green Hills Golf Course.

Clyde, 9-1, is 7-0 in SBC

matches.

Woodmore tri-match

Genoa shot 162, including a 39 by Eric Troutner, while Fostoria had 175 and Woodmore 200.

Jeff Beckman led the Wildcats with a 44 at Sugar Creek Golf Course in Elmore.

St. Mary's-Oak Harbor

At Mills Creek, Patrik Haglund shot a 1-over 37 for St. Mary's. Oak Harbor, 6-4 and 3-4 in the SBC, got a 39 from Matt Lochotzki.

Streaks win Ross title by 20 strokes

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic High School golf coach Charlie Baker is looking for improvement from the Crimson Streaks.

The Streaks took the first step Saturday.

With the dual meet portion of the schedule more than half over, the Streaks began tuning up for the tournament season with a championship in the Fremont Invitational Saturday.

Led by Chad Seilheimer, easily the best golfer in the nine-team field, St. Joe finished at 326 or 20 shots better than runner-up Bellevue.

"At this stage of the season, I'm pleased with the way the team is beginning to jell," Baker said. "Today ... we became a unit."

Seilheimer's 2-over par 73 on the 6,374-yard Fremont Country Club course, was 10 shots better than the scores of Dan Grossman of Fremont Ross and Clyde's Ty Newsome.

Newsome defeated Grossman on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff for individual runner-up medalist honors.

Seilheimer had birdies on the 372-yard ninth hole and the 508-yard 13th.

"I hit a lot of shots close, but my putting was just OK," he said. "It's my home course, and



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BILL RANDALL of Fremont rubs the ailing shoulder of Dan Grossman of Ross. Grossman shot an 83 while battling tendonitis.

I know it so well. I really didn't have to think out there.

"I know where all the trouble is at, and I avoided it."

Ross finished third with 353, while Toledo St. Francis was another four shots back.

"The first three guys played well," Ross coach Dave Fleming said. "We need to dig up a fourth

score."

Rob Randall and Dave Zinkand backed up Grossman's 83 with 84 and 85, respectively, but the Little Giants settled for Rob Hammer's 101 for its fourth score.

St. Joe, perhaps, won the tournament on the front nine.

In addition to Seilheimer's

even-par 35, fifth-man Brian Goetz shot 39 going out in his first 18-hole high school tournament. It was also the first time Goetz had played at Fremont Country Club.

"I was so surprised (after the 39) that I went up and hugged him," Baker said. "I knew he was capable. It just exploded for him today."

Goetz's 84 was matched by Brad Darr, who survived a 10 on the 390-yard 11th hole when he took six shots to get out of a green-side bunker. Darr bounced back with a birdie on the 125-yard 12th hole, and finished with pars on the remaining holes on the back side.

"I'm happy with his ability to come back," Baker said. "That shows that we're not giving up out there."

Kevin Kayden added an 85 to St. Joe's total.

Clyde finished two strokes behind St. Francis at 359.

"We were hoping that we could come in here and finish fourth," Clyde coach Ralph Hohenstein said.

Hohenstein said each of the Fliers set out to shoot 43 on both nines.

"Except for Ty, they were all pretty disappointed," he said.

Genoa, which won the team Sportsmanship Award, finished sixth with 361. The Comets were followed by Port Clinton (388), Elyria (397) and Willard (407).

Clay166
Bowsher180
Ross192

At Fremont Country Club

Par 36

Clay: Josh Breier 41, Dan Lcszkai 42, Derek Schlager 41, Scott Harrington 42.

Bowsher: Jeremiah Coyle 43, Carl Cook 47, Matt Maxon 48, Brian Govert 42.

Ross: Dave Zinkand 45, Dan Grossman 46, Rob Randall 50, Ken Gottron 51.

Records: Ross 2-5 (2-1).

Ross 174, Bedford 176

At Giant Oaks

Par 36

Ross: Dave Zinkand 42, Dan Grossman 45, Rob Randall 39, Ken Gottron 48.

Bedford: Mike Nagy 46, Nick Bond 46, Dave Studniczok 40, Cody Crawford 44.

Records: Ross 3-5 (3-1).

Zinkand paces Ross golfers

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Dave Zinkand shot a 4-over-par 40 on Monday as Fremont Ross notched a 165-167 high school golf victory over Oak Harbor at Oak Harbor Golf Club.

In other matches, Clyde topped Sandusky Perkins 168-186 and Bettsville defeated Seneca East 164-197.

Rob Randall shot 41 for Ross, which improved to 4-5 with the win over Oak Harbor.

Matt Lochotzki shot a season-low 35 to lead Oak Harbor, 9-7.

Clyde-Perkins

At Green Hills, Neal Barrett

Golf Roundup

shot 4-over 40 and Keith Driscoll and Ty Newsome added a 41 for Clyde, 12-4 and 10-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Mike Lee shot 44 to lead Perkins, 8-2 and 7-2 in the SBC.

Bettsville-Seneca East

At Nature Trails, Bettsville's Jason Sisco was the medalist with a 2-over 38 and teammate Matt Fitzpatrick shot 41.

The Bobcats are 5-4, while Seneca East fell to 4-8.

Todd Aichholz led the losers with a 46.

Whitmer.....170

Findlay.....172

Ross.....174

At Fremont Country Club

Par 35

Whitmer: Scott Blausey 41, Wynn Martin 42, Jeff Martin 44, Jeff Common 43.

Findlay: Scott Allen 43, Dave Scarpatti 43, Kirk Wanstedt 43, Bryce Williams 43.

Ross: Dave Zinkand 39, Rob Randall 42, Dan Grossman 46, Ray Appleby 47.

Records: Ross 4-6 (3-2).

Ross-Fostoria

Dan Grossman had two birdies and seven pars in a 2-under round of 34 on the back nine at Fostoria Country Club as the Little Giants improved to 5-7 and 4-2 in the Great Lakes League.

Ross defeats Sandusky

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Dave Zinkand led Fremont Ross to a high school golf victory over Sandusky Tuesday.

Zinkand shot a 3-over par 39 at Mills Creek Golf Course in Sandusky as the Little Giants defeated the Blue Streaks 168-196.

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Grossman

Golf Roundup

added a 40
for Ross, 6-7, Rob Randall a 43
and Rob Hammer a 46.

- Sandusky has just one win in
14 matches.

- In other matches, Lake defeated Lakota 175-202, Woodmore beat Otsego 158-195, Danbury outshot Bettsville and Old Fort and Bellevue beat Norwalk 146-167.

Golf

High School

Ross 168, Sandusky 196

At Mills Creek
Par 36

Ross: Dave Zinkand 39, Dan Grossman 40, Rob Randall 43, Rob Hammer 46, Sandusky: Brandon Camp 44, Keith Wilson 47, Paul Homberger 49, Kris Balde 56.

Records: Ross 6-7, Sandusky 1-13.

Ross falls

Findlay edged Fremont Ross^N 174-176 in a high school golf match Wednesday at Findlay Country Club.

Dan Grossman led the Little Giants, 6-8, with a 4-over-par 40.

In other action, Bettsville was better than Carey, New Riegel and Pandora-Gilboa in a quadrangular.

The Bobcats, led by Jason Sisco's 6-over 41 at Loudon Meadows, shot 180. Carey finished a stroke back followed by New Riegel with 188 and Pandora-Gilboa with 194.

Bettsville improved to 10-7.

