Buckeye Conference Meet

Ross is 3rd in Buckeye track meet

LORAIN — A record-setting performance by Jeff Opelt and a determined mile relay team led Fremont Ross into a surprising third place finish in the Buckeye Conference Track Meet. The Little Giants trailed the Sandusky Blue Streaks, winners for the 7th time in a row and winners of 10 of the last 11 BC meets, and Admiral King.

Ross, with a clutch performance by the mile relay team and a first and a third in the pole vault, nudged Findlay by one-half point for third with 35½ points. Findlay was disqualified in the 880-relay and that blunder cost them the third place finish.

Ross and the Trojans are now in a tight race for the Buckeye Conference All-Sports Trophy and the third place by Ross could help the Little Giants take a long stride in collecting that honor.

Jeff Opelt was the Ross star of the night. The Little Giant senior won his specialty, the pole vault, and returned as the Conference champ. Opelt had won the pole vault as a sophomore but injuries kept him from repeating last year.

Opelt and Steve Gowitzka kept the pressure on the rest of the field of vaulters virtually all night in the chilly, windy weather that at times hampered the vaulters.

Opelt and Gowitzka did not miss until the bar went to 13 feet. Opelt cleared the bar easily on his first effort but Gowitzka missed all three tries, just barely touching the bar on his last effort but enough to knock it off the standards.

With the record clearly in sight, Opelt kept clearing the bar until the 14-2 mark, the Ross vaulter broke the old Buckeye Conference mark of 14-1½ set by Jerry Klopp of Elyria in 1968 at Sandusky. Opelt tried for 14-6 but failed three times as the cold weather started to take its toll. The 14-2 mark officially set a new Ross school record also.

The mile relay team of Terry Shearon, Jim Heidelburg, Sam Starks, and Tim Smith, covered the distance in 3:29.4, beating Findlay by nearly a second. Shearon had given the Ross team a three-yard lead on the first leg while Heidelburg opened the lead to six on the second leg.

Starks kept that margin on his portion of the race but on Smith's leg, the rest of the field pulled close on the second turn and the back stretch. But Smith never did let the field get within a couple of yards before turning on the speed in the last turn and winning the race easily.

Heidelburg finished third in the long jump with his best effort of the season for Ross, a 20-9 effort. The long jump came on his last effort. He also was fourth in the 220.

Paul Fahrbach placed second in the high jump with a Ross school record-equalling 6-2 effort. Fahrbach set the Ross record previously this season.

Starks was fourth in the mile with a 4:41.6. John Williams of Marion nosed out Findlay's Brent Beams to set a new record in the distance with a 4:26.9.

Picking up other points for Ross were Mike Pendelton with a fifth in the discus; the 880-yard relay team, tied for second; Tim Smith, second in the 440 in 51.9; and Larry Liggins in the 180 lows, fifth.

Bob Sherman of Sandusky was the individual star of the meet with three firsts and one second. Stan Tillman won two events for Mansfield.

THE POLE BENDS AND JEFF OPELT IS ON HIS WAY
...Ross vaulter sets new Conference mark with a 14-2 effort

BOB SHERMAN OF SANDUSKY WINNING ONE OF HIS THREE EVENTS
...This time the 100-yard dash; Jim Heidelburg of Ross (right) did not place in the event

Buckeye meet results

TEAM STANDINGS: Sandusky 56, Admiral King 37½, Fremont Ross 35½, Findlay 35, Mansfield Senior 32, Marion Harding 22, Lorain 17, Elyria 5

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP: Stan Tillman, (MS) 6-2; Paul Fahrbach (FR) 6-2; Dave Tisler (L) 6-0; Pete Detro (MH) 6-0; Tom Massey (M) 5-10

LONG JUMP: Bob Sherman (S) 21-8; Dane Harris (AK) 21-1; Jim Heidelburg (FR) 20-9; Tony Randleman (S) 20-4; Tom Brown (F) 20-0¼

SHOT PUT: Bryon Cato (AK) 58-2; Stan Johnson (S) 57-2¼; Monty Wicks (AK) 55-2; Bill Talbot (S) 52-8; Jeff Bury (F) 48-8

DISCUS: Stan Johnson (S) 169-4; Bill Talbot (S) 160-8; Byron Cato (AK) 156-2; Monty Wicks (AK) 154-6; Mike Pendelton (FR) 143-1

POLE VAULT: Jeff Opelt (FR) 14-2 (Record); Mark Hill (MH) 13-0; Steve Gowitzka (F) 12-6; Jeff Meade (L) 12-6; Mike Ward (S) 12-0. Old Record: 14-1½ by Jerry Klyop, Elyria, 1968.

RUNNING EVENTS

120-HIGH HURDLES: Stan Tillman (M) 14.8; Jeff Meade (L) 14.8; Ephram Hagins (AK) 15.4; Larry Lippert (S) 16.2; John Titus (M) 16.2

100-YARD DASH: Bob Sherman (S) 10.1; Ed Sterling (F) 10.2; Dana Harris (AK) 10.3; Sam Ware (M) 10.4; Tom Taylor (M) 10.4

MILE RUN: John Williams (MH) 4:26.9 (Record); Brent Beams (F) 4:26.9; Jim Gosser (S) 4:28.5; Sam Starks (FR) 4:41.6; Jeff Martin (M) 4:41.8; Old record: 4:27.6 by Tim Wasco (Lorain) 1970, and Osmond Pearson (Sandusky), 1971.

880-RELAY: Mansfield (Lewis Allen, Stan Tillman, Sam Ware, Tom Taylor) 1:31.6; (Tie) Admiral King and Fremont Ross 1:34.7; Elyria 1:35.6; Lorain 1:35.9

440-DASH: Bob Sherman (S) 51.5; Tim Smith (FR) 51.9; (Tie) Doug Robinson (F) and Bob Siudzinski (F) 52.3; Cliff Jones (M) 52.4

180-LOW HURDLES: Stan Tillman (M) 19.8; Jeff Meade (L) 20.0; Ephram Hagins (AK) 20.3; Andy Baxter (L) 20.7; Larry Liggins (FR) 21.6

880-RUN: Brent Beams (F) 2:01.0; Steve Cardwell (M) 2:01.4; Jim Gosser (S) 2:02.2; John Williams (M) 2:02.3; Jeff Hahn (E) 2:03.8

220-DASH: Ed Sterling (F) 22.3; Bob Sherman (S) 22.4; Dana Harris (AK) 22.4; Jim Heidelburg (FR) 22.8; Jeff Meade (L) 23.3

TWO MILE RUN: Frank Sparks (S) 9:41.1; Paul Garver (AK) 9:42.6; Harry Yoxtheimer (F) 9:42.7; Mike Pasenow (E) 9:56.5; Kevin Cramer (F) 10:01.0

MILE RELAY: Fremont Ross (Terry Shearon, Sam Starks, Jim Heidelburg, Tim Smith) 3:29.4; Findlay 3:30.3; Mansfield 3:31.3; Marion 3:35.4; Sandusky 3:36.6

Golf results

Wagner-Pfisterer tourney is won with 12-under par, 60

A 60, 12 under par, won the Second Annual Wagner-Pfisterer Scramble Tournament at Sycamore Hills. The team of Harry and Dick Houghtaling, Paul Russell, and Bill Molyet combined for the round that took the top spot over 35 other foursomes.

A two-way tie for second at 62 went to the team of Jerry Hassen, Larry and Ralph Wolf and Terry Brion, along with the team of George Mensch, Mike Lenox, Bob Ayers, and Mort Hannamon.

There was a four-way tie for fourth at 63 and another four-way tie for eighth at 64. All of the fourth and eighth place teams finished in the tournament.

for the fifth hole. Gaylor Miller on 12 and Jim Hanover on 14 also won closest to the hole honors.

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The Fremont Giants opened the 1974 season with a lopsided 15-2 win over the Old Fort Pirates in the Northwestern Ohio Latin-American League.

The Giants pounded out 12 hits in the game with Dave Shultz collecting four of them, three singles and a double. Joe Guerrero was the winning pitcher, giving up only three