

1971 District Tournament...

# Ross Linksters Miss State Trip

**FINDLAY**—Findlay and Ashland will represent the Northwest District in the Class AAA state high school golf tournament at Ohio State University next weekend.

The two state entrants outscored seven other schools in the district tournament at Findlay Hillcrest Golf Club yesterday.

Findlay's foursome used 323 strokes to win the district title and Ashland was runner-up with 324. Fremont Ross placed seventh with 334.

Only five strokes separated the top five teams in the final standings. Sandusky missed the trip to the state by one stroke. The Blue Streaks checked in with a 325.

Sylvania and Lima Senior were

next in line with 327 and 328 respectively. Marion Harding with a 331 score, finished in sixth place.

Toledo Rogers (352) and Defiance (357) finished behind Ross.

"I'm certainly not happy with our finish," Ross head coach Charlie Baker said. "We didn't play quite as well as I expected. But we didn't blow up either."

"I was happy with our score. That total represents only three strokes more than we had in winning our sectional last week. When you take only three more strokes on a foreign course that's nothing to kick about.

"I figured for us to get a trip to the state meet we had to have two guys in the 70s. We didn't get anybody there. The course played tough. There were very few scored below 80."

Sophomore Bob Moll led the Ross delegation with a 44-37-81. His brother, Bill, checked in with a 40-42-82. Jim Decker carded a 41-42-83 and Lee Curtis checked in with a 41-47-88.

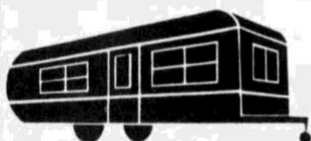
"The rounds sort of speak for themselves," Baker said. "None of our kids putted well. Bob Moll just shot super on the back nine."

The tournament completed the Ross season but Baker is already looking forward to next year.

"This was a tremendous experience for our three sophomores (Decker, Bob Moll and Curtis)," Baker said. "We might have been a little nervous today because of the type of tournament it was. But that type of pressure will take care of itself in the future. The kids now know what it's like."

"There is no way I can complain. I was happy with our score today and our season."

Lima Senior's Steve Clark was district medalist with a 40-37-77. He will also participate in the state competition.



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