

1995 Season Review...

# Golf

## High School

# Ross opens season

News-Messenger reports

Five lettermen return for coach Dave Fleming's 21st Fremont Ross golf team.

One veteran, Dan Grossman, graduated off the 1994 squad. Grossman helped the Little Giants to a clean sweep in six Great Lakes League matches before the team settled for second in the GLL following the league tournament.

Rob Hammer and Eric Brough, junior Jim Straight and sophomores Mark Walter and Troy Ritchie are the lettermen. The five, Fleming said, will probably be in the lineup "most of the time."

"I think we are better this year," Fleming said. "We lost Grossman, who was an awesome player, but all the other kids have improved from last year, so we should be pretty tough."

Hammer averaged 35 or 36 strokes per nine holes during preseason practice, with Ritchie a couple shots above that and the rest "right around 40."

"We should have four or five kids shooting in the 30s most every time out," Fleming said. "That will make us pretty tough if they do that. If they keep shooting like they have this summer, this could be the best team I have ever had."

Three others may see varsity duty including freshman Jay Farrell, currently ranked seventh in Fleming's scoring system. His sixth man for today's Maumee Tournament was Chad Donovan, a senior. Mack Cole, another freshman, could also see varsity action.

Fleming indicated this could be his final season at Ross.

"I am looking for a GLL title, for sure, but Napoleon will be tough and Findlay always is," he said. "Winning the GLL is our main goal."

Findlay is competing in the GLL for the first time.

The Little Giants placed third in the nine-team Swanton Invitational. Genoa won with a score of 325, and Wauseon was second at 350.

Rob Hammer shot an 81 as Ross finished at 352.

### TEAM STANDINGS

1, Genoa.....	325
2, Wauseon .....	350
3, Fremont Ross.....	352
4, Eastwood.....	353
5, Toledo Start.....	354
6, Swanton .....	355
7, Springfield .....	367
8, Otsego .....	374
9, Evergreen .....	393

### INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Ross: Rob Hammer 42-39-81, Eric Brough 46-48-94, Troy Ritchie 54-40-94, Jim Straight 40-44-84, Chad Donovan 48-45-93.

## Prep golf

Gibsonburg defeated North Baltimore in its first dual match of the season Tuesday at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fremont.

Nick Kaemming shot a 39, and Derek Johnson backed him with a 42 as the Golden Bears finished at 167 to North Baltimore's 212.

In other matches, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic defeated Cardinal Stritch 155-173 as Ben Sorenson shot a 38 for the Crimson Streaks; and Mansfield Madison topped Fremont Ross in an 18-hole match.

Rob Hammer shot a 3-over-par 74 for Ross, but the Little Giants shot 327 to finish 23 shots behind the Rams.

## **Findlay 175, Ross 175**

Findlay defeated the Little Giants on a fifth-player tiebreaker at the Findlay Country Club.

Rob Hammer shot a 40 for Ross (0-3 ) in the Little Giants' first Great Lakes League match. Nick Evans of Findlay matched that score.

In the tiebreaker, Nate Ackerman of Findlay shot a 46, two shots better than Ross fifth man Eric Brough.

Findlay, 3-1, is undefeated in three GLL matches.

At Findlay Country Club, Par 36

ROSS: Jim Straight 47, Troy Ritchie 44, Chad Donovan 44, Rob Hammer 40, Eric Brough 48.

FINDLAY: Andy Malacos 45, J.J. Rodeheffer 45, Josh Premuda 45, Nick Evan 40, Nate Ackerman 46.

Records: Findlay 3-1 (3-0), Ross 0-3 (0-1).

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## **Napoleon-Ross**

Rob Hammer and Troy Ritchie each shot 39 at Fremont Country Club, leading Fremont Ross to a 165 and its first victory in the Great Lakes League match.

Napoleon shot 183, and both teams are now 1-3.

The Little Giants are 1-1 in the GLL, while the Wildcats are 1-2.

Matt Benedict and Brad Stevens carded 46s for Napoleon.

## Bellevue Invitational

CLYDE — Late results from Saturday's 12-team Bellevue Invitational, held at the par-71, 6,192-yard Green Hills Golf Course.

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2-*Genoa.....	329
3-Bucyrus.....	329
4-Ross.....	332
5-Columbian.....	340
6-Vermilion.....	346
7-Eastwood.....	359
8-Norwalk.....	360
9-St. Paul.....	362
10-Margaretta.....	364
11-Carey.....	384
12-Edison.....	396

### Area individual finishes

BELLEVUE: Aaron Pagnard 77, Mike Artino 80, Jeff Myers 82, Joe Sanchez 88.

GENOA: Bryan Cramer 79, Curt Vogelpohl 79, Mike Cicak 84, Bill Ashline 87, Dan Stevens 87.

ROSS: Chad Donovan 82\*\*, Troy Ritchie 82, Rob Hammer 83, Jim Straight 85.

MARGARETTA: Bob Day 90, Scott Coffman 91, Shayne Ruthsatz 91, Dustin Howard 92.

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# Harding wins by a shot

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Rob Hammer took medalist honors with a 40 at Fremont Country Club, but Marion Harding defeated the Little Giants by a shot.

Harding, with Scott Bell shooting 41, finished at 173 to nip Ross.

In other matches:

**St. Joe at Mohawk**

Ben Sorenson and Kevin Cooney each card-

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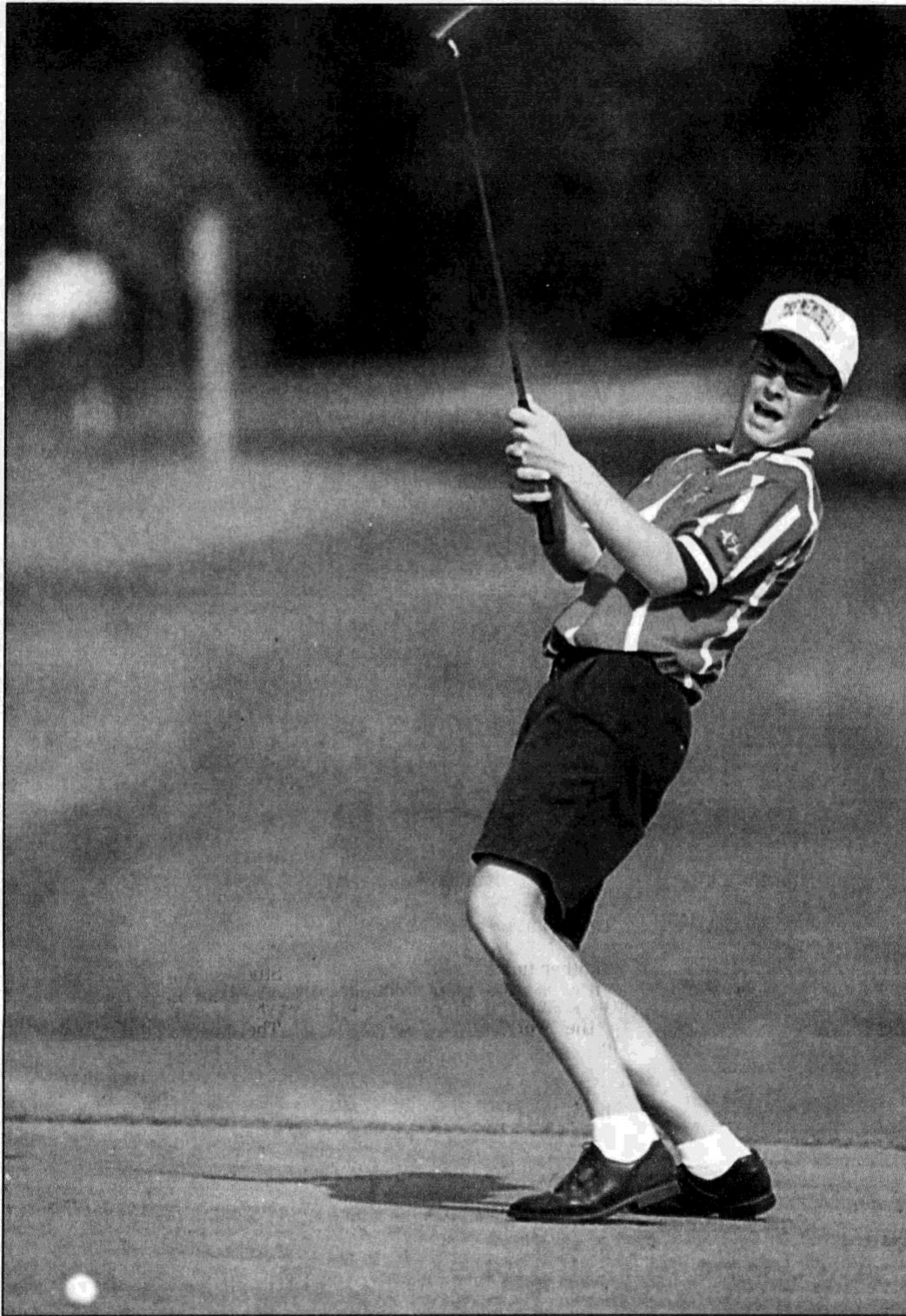
**Marion 173, Ross 174**

**Fremont Country Club**

Ross: Rob Hammer 40, Jay Farrell 44, Chad Donovan 45, Troy Ritchie 45.

Marion: Scott Bell 41, Ryan Walton 42, Evan Taylor 45, Rod Wilson 45.

## Putting around



Associated Press

Fremont Ross golfer Rob Hammer tries to coax a putt into the hole on the third green at Fremont Country

Club Tuesday. Hammer missed the shot but made his par. **Please See golf results on B2.**



## **Ross loses; Bettsville wins**

**News-Messenger reports**

Sandusky edged Fremont Ross by a stroke at Mills Creek as the Little Giants fell to 1-5.

Ross shot 164, with a 39 from Jim Straight, but Sandusky had a 163.

In one other match, Bettsville beat Gibsonburg 152-160.

Bettsville's Brent Weyant shot 37 and three other Bobcats shot below 40.

Gibsonburg got a 39 from Derek Johnson.

**Sandusky 163, Ross 164**

### **Mills Creek**

Ross: Jim Straight 39, Rob Hammer 44, Troy Ritchie 44, Mark Walter 41, Eric Brough 40

Sandusky: Keith Wilson 37, Kirk Fortier 42, Josh James 42, Jason Herb 42.

Records: Ross 1-5, Sandusky 3-4

JV match: Ross 186-208

# Golf

## Ross tops Oregon Clay

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Fremont Ross got back in the win column by shooting 169 and defeating Oregon Clay at Maumee Bay State Park.

Rob Hammer and Jim Straight each shot 41 for the Little Giants, who finished 11 shots better than the Eagles in the Great Lakes League match.

Ross improves to 2-5, and Clay falls to 2-4.

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### Ross 169, Clay 180

#### Maumee Bay State Park

Ross: Rob Hammer 41, Troy Ritchie 43, Jim Straight 41, Eric Brough 44.

Clay: Brent Shimman 46, Nick Danyi 45, Eric Brinkman 42, Don Poulson 47.

Records: Ross 2-5, Clay 2-4.

### Kalida 164, St. Joe 168

Country Acres

### Bedford at Ross

The Little Giants won the Great Lakes League match at Fremont Country Club with a 165, while Bedford finished at 171.

Eric Brough's 40 led Ross, 3-5, and medalist honors went to Bedford's Russell Strouse with a 38.

# St. Joe manages win at Ross Invitational

By **BOB MARKER**  
Sport Editor

Charlie Baker's feelings were tempered.

The Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic High School golf coach was happy his team won its fourth consecutive Fremont Ross Invitational championship Saturday at the Fremont Country Club, but he was unhappy with the way his team won it.

"To tell you the truth," Baker said, "today we were happy just to get out of Dodge. This was one of our poorest performances of the year. It was disappointing because the five boys I played are all members of the club...they did not play up to potential."

Kevin Kayden, the FCC club championship runner-up, led St. Joe with a 79. Ben Sorenson added an 84, the same as Kevin Cooney, and Aaron Zimmerman shot 86.

"The conditions were beautiful...there was no excuse," Baker said. "But we are pleased, fortunate and happy (to win)."

The Crimson Streaks shot 333 in the nine-team tournament, beating runner-up Bellevue by seven strokes and Ross by eight on a sunny day with little wind.

Genoa, which was voted the sportsmanship trophy by the coaches and players, was fourth with 347. Fifth was Toledo St. Francis with 356.

Willard led by tournament medalist Jason Kessler's 77, was sixth with 360.

Rounding out the field were

Port Clinton with 361, Swanton at 369 and Clyde with 376.

Fifth-man Eric Brough was low for Ross with an 82. Rob Hammer was next with 84.

Aaron Pagnard's 81 led Bellevue. Pagnard was out in 43 but carded a 38 on the inward nine. Clyde was paced by Brad Kinnear's 82 but Rob Jennings was the next lowest Flier with a 95.

Brough's round included a quadruple bogey on the 358-yard par-four fourth hole, but he still carded a 40 on the front nine. On the back nine, Ross coach Dave Fleming said Brough had a pair of triple bogeys while finishing with a 42.

"We had too many triple bogeys," Ross coach Dave Fleming said. "When they get in trouble, they go 'space' on me...they can't seem to get it out of there."

Fleming said he had a feeling how his team would do after it placed second in the Toledo Whitmer Invitational Friday with a 325, a dozen strokes behind Perrysburg.

"We played well yesterday so I knew we would not do well today," Fleming said. "I have not had anyone, except for Rob, play well two days in a row."

"If we had played today like we did yesterday, we would have shot 315-320. The wind (Friday) was awful up there."

Hammer shot a 79 in the Whitmer tourney.

## **Northview 155, Ross 159**

### **Spyten Dyuval**

ROSS: Eric Brough 38, Jim Straight 39, Chad Donovan 41, Jay Farrell 41, Rob Hammer 41

NORTHVIEW: Chad Quinn 36, Nick Meyer 37, Jay Robinson 39, Chris Bosinger 43

Records: Ross 3-7 (3-3), Northview 7-3 (6-0)

# **Little Giants fourth at Toledo**

burg's seventh-place finish.

Lakota was sixth in the Red Division with 359. Lima Bath won the division with 317 and runner-up Columbian shot 336.

In another tournament:

### **Northwest Ohio Classic**

Ashland won with 311, while

Fremont Ross was fourth with 325 and Oak Harbor took ninth with 333.

Troy Richie led Ross with a 9-over-par 79 and teammate Rob Hammer shot 81.

Mike Kratzer also shot 79 to lead Oak Harbor.

## Prep golf

Fremont Ross shot 173 Monday at Fremont Country Club, and the Little Giants defeated Fostoria to win their fourth match.

The Redmen shot 190, and Ross improved to 4-7 and 4-3 in the Great Lakes League.

Rob Hammer and Troy Ritchie shot 42 for Ross to match Fostoria's Brent Fisher for medalist honors.

## Golf

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### Bowling Green tops Ross; Rockets edge the Fliers

News-Messenger reports

Two sub-40 rounds for the Bowling Green Bobcats helped them defeat Fremont Ross 161-166 at Fremont Country Club Thursday.

Zach Moore shot a 37 and Pat Myers 38 to lead BG, 10-3.

The Little Giants, 4-8, were led by Jim Straight's 39 and Rob Hammer's 40.