

1973 Sectional Champions

In sectional golf tournaments

Ross, St. Joseph, Oak Harbor win titles

Local and area golfers grabbed team and individual championships in sectional tournaments in all three classes Friday.

Ross, St. Joseph and Oak Harbor all earned team championships while Buck Baumann, Steve Poseler and Jim Ford earned individual honors for their respective teams. Clyde's Jack Cooper also played well enough to advance to the district tournament as an individual, but the Fliers just missed out as they finished fourth in their field.

While Ross advanced in AAA, Oak Harbor was joined in the

move forward in AA by Woodmore and Port Clinton and St. Joe took Bettaville along in the advance in A.

Ross captured the AAA tournament at Fremont Country Club, topping a field of 11 teams with a total stroke score of 321. Sandusky was second with 325 and Tiffin Columbian finished third with 342.

The three teams advance to the AAA district at Glangarry Country Club in Toledo next Friday.

St. Joe captured the sectional Class A crown at Rolling Acres in Nova with a stroke victory over Bettaville. Sandusky St. Mary finished third in the 14 team field.

Area teams swept the first three places in the AA sectional at Chippewa Golf Course at Curtis.

Oak Harbor led the 13 team field with Woodmore finishing second and Port Clinton's Redskins taking the third spot.

At Mohawk Country Club in Tiffin, Clyde's strong contingent just missed qualifying for the district, placing fourth in a 13 team field that was led by Lima Central Catholic. Gibsonberg was sixth and Lakota seventh in the same grouping.

Clyde's Jack Cooper tied for low 18-hole score, but lost out in a sudden death playoff for medalist honors.

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JIM DECKER FOLLOWS THROUGH
Had second best score for Ross

Little Giants win by four

In Class AAA sectional golf tournament action at the Fremont Country Club, Ross High's Little Giants battled the gusty wind and a field of 10 other golf teams and came out on top.

The Little Giants, paced by tournament medalist Buck Baumann, defeated their nearest rival—Sandusky—by four strokes.

With Baumann shooting a six-over par 79 in the treacherous playing conditions, the Giants totaled 321 strokes—their highest round of the year.

Baumann shot a 37 on the front nine, tying him with Rick Bressler of Sandusky for the lowest nine hole score of the day. He had a 41 on the back nine. Baumann started on the tenth tee so he played the front nine second.

"He came back real well," head coach Charlie Baker lauded after the match.

"The wind gusts made club selection extremely difficult," Baker added as he looked at the Giants' scores.

Jim Decker had the second best round for Ross, shooting a 41 on the front nine and a 39 on the back nine.

Rob Hall started on the tenth tee and opened up with a 39 on the back nine. He had a 42 for an 81.

Fourth man in the crew was Bob Moli, who shot a 42-48-82. The Ross team's overall strength was demonstrated by the fact that Baumann won the medalist honors for the entire tournament and he was only four strokes ahead of the highest score on the Little Giants' team.

Poseler paces Crimson Streaks to crown

NOVA—With Steve Poseler completely outclassing the rest of the field the St. Joseph Crimson Streaks captured the Class A Sectional golf championship at Rolling Acres Golf Course here Friday.

A field of 18 small school golf teams battled water and winds on a course that early in the morning had to be cleared of debris from the tornado that swept through the area Thursday.

St. Joe nipped neighboring Bettaville by just one stroke for the title and gained revenge over Sandusky St. Mary.

The Crimson Streaks finished with 346 strokes in the poor playing conditions while Bettaville battled around in 347 strokes.

Sandusky St. Mary, which had beaten St. Joe in a dual meet after finishing behind the Streaks in the conference competition, had 354 strokes.

Sandusky was the only crew to even come close to the Little Giants in the windy fairways.

The Blue Streaks, also demonstrating balance, had 325. Scott Boissoneault had 41-39-80. Bruce Boissoneault shot 40-41-81. Rick Bressler shot 37-44-81. Monte Wagner had 40-43-83.

Third place Tiffin Columbian was 17 strokes behind Sandusky. Tom Mowery led the way for Tiffin with 42-38-80. Rod Bland had 41-42-83. Scott Kirby shot 43-45-88 and Mark Loneway had 41-56-91.

Defending champion Ashland finished in fourth place, failing to qualify for the district tournament. Dave Imhoff, who shot 39-46-85, had the best round for the Ashland outfit. Ashland had 349 strokes.

Maumee was fifth in the field with 353 strokes.

Bellevue finished sixth with 362 strokes. Mike Ball led the way for the Redmen with 44-43-87. Craig Soule had 44-46-90. Don More shot 45-47-92 and Don Wright finished with 50-43-93.

Other teams in the standings were as follows: Bowling Green, 365 strokes; Toledo Central, 375 strokes; Toledo Waite, 385 strokes; Toledo Woodward, 411 strokes; and Oregon Clay, 413 strokes.

Ross, Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian will play in the district tournament at Glangarry Country Club in Toledo. Two schools will emerge from a field of 16 in the district and head for the State tournament.

But, the big story of the day for the Streaks and the tournament was the stick-out performance by Poseler.

Despite the rough conditions, the St. Joe golfer fired a 35-39-74 round over the par 36-36-72 course.

Poseler's round was all the more outstanding when considered against the second best round of the day, Kirk Steffanni of Bettaville finished ahead of all the rest of the field with an 83.

He was in second place, but he was nine strokes behind Poseler.

St. Joe got its total of 346 with an 89 from Bill Heckters, a 92 from Bob Moody and a 91 from Tom Light.

The scores were high for the Streaks, but the weather conditions helped make them high. Scores in the entire field were high—except for the round by Poseler.



BUCK BAUMANN DETERMINED
Class AAA medalist in action

The medalist honors were the second in a row in a big meet for Poseler. He fired the same score to take honors in the Sandusky Bay Conference meet last Saturday.

St. Joe, Bettaville and St. Mary advance to the district tournament. Action in the Class A district tournament will be at Hillcrest Country Club in Findlay next Friday.

The final standings in Friday's sectional tournament were as follows:

St. Joseph, 346; Bettaville, 347; Sandusky St. Mary, 354; Mansfield St. Peter, 358; New London, 358; Plymouth, 381; New Washington, 396; Fostoria St. Wendelin, 401; Mohawk, 401; Old Fort, 403; Norwalk St. Paul, 437; Hopewell-Louden, 444; Africa, 474; New Ringold, 584.

In addition to Kirk Steffanni's 83, other scores for Bettaville were as follows: Warren McGee, 86; Bret Steffanni, 87; and Kim Steffanni, 91.