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## Mierke, Spann, relay team win crowns

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SANDUSKY -- Friday was a below average day for Fremont Ross's Brett Mierke.

But any day that includes a Greater Buckeye Conference championship should more than suffice.

Mierke cleared 6 feet to win the high jump as the Little Giants' boys were second as a team, 12 points behind first-place Sandusky.

"It wasn't a great day," he said. "Normally I go 6-4. I did what I had to do to take first and help the team."

Mierke said a GBC event title was high on his list of goals.

"It's always a great accomplishment to be No. 1 in the league," he said. "The main thing is to get the team points and now do well at districts. It's one meet at a time."

Ross's Darien Spann won the long jump and finished second in the 200, and 800 and 1,600 relays.

"The day went pretty well," Spann said. "Last year I didn't even make the finals (in the long jump). I worked hard between (GBC meets) to get where I am."

Spann said the team has the potential to finish the season strong.

"I'm really excited," Spann said of finishing second. "We did the best we could."

"My teammates did great. We've improved through the year."

Ellen Silva narrowly held off a Findlay runner as Ross's anchor leg in the first-place 1,600 relay. The Little Giants finished fifth as a team while Findlay won the girls' portion.

"I knew she was close but I didn't realize how close she was until the end when she stuck her baton out," Silva said.

"I'm really excited. The 4X4 has really come together. They've become girls you can rely on."

Alesha Overmyer, Carlea Harper and Donisha Walk rounded out the 1,600 relay.

Victoria Logan took the shot put and was third in the discus for Ross.

Aaron Spencer captured second in the 400, Josh Ballenger was second in the shot put and Justin Hines was second in both hurdle events while Devontay Woods was third in the 100, Wyatt Harvey was third in the 800, Ballenger was third in the discus and Kristopher Esparza was third in the 1,600

for the Little Giants.

Woods, Hines and Spencer comprised the rest of the second-place 800 relay while Harvey, Hines and Spencer rounded out the second-place 1,600 relay for Ross.

Harper was second in the 100 and 200 while Jericha Martin, Walk, Essence Price and Overmyer were third in the 400 relay. Silva, Walk, Martin and Harper were third in the 800 relay.

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Fremont Ross's Darien Spann runs in the 4 x 200 relay during the Greater Buckeye Conference track meet Friday at Sandusky. (Brenda Soule | News-Messenger correspondent)