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Stellar spring athletes saluted

The graduations have been held, finals have been taken and another school year is at its end.

Additionally, the spring sports season has come to its conclusion, and we can't let it pass without commending some of our local athletes who have stood head and shoulders above the rest:

- In tennis, Fremont Ross's Malcolm Leake advanced to districts as a freshman singles player.
- In softball, the Little Giants won a Greater Buckeye Conference crown, while the Oak Harbor girls emerged as the Sandusky Bay Conference champions. In the SLL, Woodmore completed an amazing turnaround, going in four years from a team that couldn't win a league game to a team that defeated Elmwood to win a district title and advance to regionals.
- And in track, many local athletes have acquitted themselves well, advancing to the state championships in Columbus. Woodmore's Erin Pendleton repeated as state discus champion in Division III, while SJCC's Jessica Molyet improved her standing over last year to third place in the same event. Lakota's Jacob Smith finished third in the Division III 110 hurdles and Clyde foreign exchange student Juho Hietenen, who had never attempted to compete in the high jump before this spring, ended up fifth in the state during the Division II meet.

We salute anyone with the drive and discipline to attempt to play sports, but we commend these athletes in particular for mixing their talent and drive to come out ahead.
