

1995 Regional meet...

High School

Area runners head to regional meet Saturday

News-Messenger reports

Five boys teams and six girls teams along with five individuals will participate in the Regional Cross Country meet at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin Saturday.

Competing in the boys meet are Fremont Ross (Division I); Lakota and Clyde (Division II); Old Fort and Gibsonburg (Division III).

Aaron King from Margaretta, Phil Clapp from Bellevue and Jon Burroughs of Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic will participate as individuals — King and Clapp in Division II and Burroughs in Division III.

In the girls meet, teams from Fremont Ross (Division I); Bellevue and Clyde (Division II); Lakota, Woodmore and St. Joe (Division III) will compete.

Brooke Bowe of Gibsonburg in Division III and Beth Bales of Margaretta in Division II will also run.

Youth finally took its toll on the Fremont Ross girls, who lost a tiebreaker and placed fifth in the Division I race.

Jami Toeppe was the Little Giants' lone state qualifier, finishing fourth.

"Last week's race was by far their best (team) race of the year," Ross coach Cathy Mallia said, referring to the Little Giants' runner-up finish at district. "but this kind of thing happens often to young teams at big meets. We have a bunch of sophomores and sometimes young teams are not always able to deal with the pressure. They will be juniors next year, and things will be different."

The Ross boys qualified Jeremiah Wagner and Jeremiah Smith for the state meet. They placed fourth and seventh, respectively, in the Division I meet.

"Team-wise it was disappointing," Ross coach John Elder said, "but it happens here (the Northwest Region). Our top two (Wagner and Smith) did what we wanted them to do, but we were hoping that our three, four, and five runners would have all been in the top 50.

"Those three, Kurt Snyder, Eli Semer and Jon Framstead ran what they have been run-

ning all year. We were hoping they would break out and run faster today."

In Division III, defending state champion Vincent Fries led Seneca East teammates to the regional title, winning the race in 16:14. Gibsonburg was seventh and Old Fort 12th in the team standings.

Old Fort's Brock Cleveland moved on to Columbus by placing 11th, and Gibsonburg's Steve Smith finished 12th to earn a trip to state.

In Division II, the Lakota boys Raiders finished 13th in the team standings and the Clyde Fliers were 16th.

Ben Ingersoll of Clyde qualified for state competition by placing 12th.

"At the beginning of the race I almost psyched myself out," Ingersoll said. "Last week at districts I ran really poorly and I was afraid to make the same mistake. I went out too fast and ran in second place early (last week) and then I started getting passed. I didn't want that to happen today, so I went out slowly and worked my way up.

"I try to learn from my mistakes."

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TIFFIN — Results Saturday from the regional cross country meets at Hedges-Boyer Park Saturday:

Divison I Boys

(Top four qualify for state meet)

1, Cleveland St. Ignatius	59
2, Amherst Steele	97
3, Toledo St. Francis	122
4, Ashland	123
5, Sylvania Southview	150
6, Toledo St. John's	151
7, Fremont Ross	165
8, Tiffin Columbian	183
9, Mansfield Sr	215
10, Findlay	243
11, Toledo Whitmer	265
12, Sylvania Northview	314
13, Strongsville	338
14, Westlake	388

Individual champion

Patrick Kelly, St. Ignatius, 15:36

Ross finishers

4, Jeremiah Wagner 16:08; 7, Jeremiah Smith 16:24; 58, Kurt Snyder 17:29; 62, Eli Semer 17:32; 73, Jon Franstead 17:40; 76, Jake Smith 17:43; 89, Clint Hill 17:58;

DIVISION I Girls

(Top three qualify for state meet)

1, Sylvania Southview	62
2, Toledo Central Catholic	106
3, Strongsville	128
4, Toledo Start	165
5, Fremont Ross	165
6, Amherst Steele	215
7, Sylvania Northview	216
8, Tiffin Columbian	221
9, Toledo Notre Dame	225
10, Berea	259
11, Toledo St. Ursula	282
12, Ashland	310
13, Westlake	311
14, Oregon Clay	314
15, Celina	324
16, Wapakoneta	336
17, Bowling Green	375

Individual champion

Briana Shook, Tiffin Columbian, 18:41

Ross finishers

4, Jami Toeppe 19:07; 18, Lindsay Frontz 20:05; 35, Kristyn Warner 20:37.5; 39, Kelly Alison 20:46; 90, Sarah Williams 21:50.5; 102, Monica Wood 22:15; 104, Molly O'Connor 22:16.5