

2000 Great Lakes League...

Can 'Cats beat No. 1?

News-Messenger reports

The Woodmore girls cross country team is aiming for a championship repeat, while two area individual runners have their sights set on the top spot in league cross-country meets; to be held Saturday at several courses.

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Woodmore, ranked fourth in the most recent Division III coaches poll, will have its hands full with Eastwood, the No. 1 team in Division II, at the Suburban Lakes League meet at Fremont's Walsh Park.

The Wildcats squeaked past Eastwood, 42-44, last year and return top runners Casey Ulinski and Meredith Magsig, who finished second and third, respectively, last year. Woodmore beat Eastwood in a dual meet earlier this season, taking the top three spots.

"We sure hope we have a shot," Wildcats first-year coach Craig Nieset said. "Our top three are running real strong and 4-6 are improving. That's exactly what we want to happen."

Meanwhile, Fremont Ross's Jeremy Framstad and Oak Harbor's Jackie Baumgartner are looking to win individual titles at

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the Great Lakes League and Sandusky Bay Conference meets, respectively, after near-misses last year.

Framstad, a junior, placed fourth at last year's meet and is expected to battle with Findlay's Brian Roberts for the top spot at the GLL meet, which will be run at Riverbend Reservoir in Findlay. Roberts beat Framstad in a dual meet, but Framstad has won the big-meet meetings between the two runners.

Ross coach John Elder, though, said Findlay should rule the boys run.

"We're hoping for second," Ross coach John Elder said. "We'll see how things go. In all the big invitational meets, we've beaten Whitmer.

"The league is not as deep as it has been."

The Ross girls are hoping for a top-10 performance from Stacy Hall, who finished 18th last year at the GLL meet. The Little Giants are aiming for a second-place finish behind Findlay as well.

"If we run a good race and have a good day, it's very possible we could do

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very well," Ross girls coach Cathy Esposito said. "Our league is very competitive this year."

At the SBC meet, to be held at Oak Harbor High School, Baumgartner looks to move up from a second-place finish from last season.

The Huron boys and girls are favored to win the competitive SBC races, with the Clyde boys contending for a top-three finish.

Meanwhile at the Midland Athletic League meet, to be held at Ell's Park in Bettsville, the state-ranked St. Joseph boys

team is hoping to upset Fostoria St. Wendelin. Top runners Jeremy Velliquette, Dan Chudzinski and Brad Harman will take a shot at All-MAL honors.

"It should be a great race," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said. "St. Wendelin has been up there all year, what can I say? They've been tough all year; they're a powerhouse."

"It'll be nip-and-tuck with us and Seneca East. Seneca East is strong on a yearly basis. And there are gonna be some spoilers in there too."

Trischa Snyder is aiming for an All-MAL finish for the Crimson Streak girls.

ond in a time of 16:50, leading the Wildcats to third place behind Eastwood and Lakota. Woodmore also got an eighth-place finish from Jason Haar (17:32) and a 14th-place finish from Nick Garcia (17:58).

Lakota surprised Woodmore, beating the Wildcats by four points (71-75) for second place. The Raiders were led by Nick Smith and Josh Graber, who finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in times of 17:19 and 17:27. Matt Graber (18:09) and Ben Schroeder (18:13) were 18th and 19th, respectively. Lakota's Andy Bursiak was 21st in 18:20.

For Gibsonburg, Andrew Sponseller led the way with a 23rd-place finish in 18:26. The Bears came in seventh with 170 points.

Great Lakes League

FINDLAY — The Fremont Ross boys took third in the Great Lakes League race with 92 points.

Findlay won with 21 points. Runner-up Whitmer had 86.

Jeremy Framstad led Ross with a third-place finish in 16:46. No other individual Ross results were available.

The Ross girls were fourth with 108 points.

Stacy Hall was seventh in 20:25, Wendy Farrell was 21st in 21:28, Megan Neeley was 22nd in

21:43, Brittney Dohanos was 27th in 22:01 and Lindsay Swope was 31st in 22:51.

"They did exactly what they were supposed to do," Ross coach Cathy Esposito said. "I was pleased with the times. But it was very competitive."

Sandusky Bay Conference

OAK HARBOR — Huron easily swept the boys and girls titles at Oak Harbor High School.

The Tiger boys beat second-place St. Mary Central Catholic 45-72. The Huron girls won over second-place St. Mary 33-58.

Huron's Amy Renner and Matt Law won the girls and boys races in times of 19:35 and 16:33.

The Oak Harbor girls and Clyde boys turned in the best area finishes with fourth places.

Kyle Gettys led the Flier boys, finishing fourth in 16:39. Cliff Moore added a ninth-place finish in 17:09.

The Margaretta boys came in seventh with 166 points. Jason Kehres was fifth in 16:54 to lead the way. Oak Harbor was eighth with 179 points.

For the girls, Jackie Baumgartner led the Rockets (100 points) by placing fifth in 20:20. Alison Jacobs came in 16th at 21:36.

Margaretta (152) and Clyde (167) came in sixth and seventh, respectively, in the girls race.

Cross Country

High School

GLL

Girls Varsity Team Standings

1-Findlay	36
2-Whitmer	65
3-Fostoria	68
4-FREMONT ROSS.....	108
5-Clay	110
6-Sandusky	124
7-Lorain Southview	173

First Team GLL

1-Delaine Depp (Fostoria) 20:07; 2-Megan Fogg (Sandusky) 20:10; 3-Libby Huffman (Findlay) 20:11; 4-Erika Heisler (Fostoria) 20:12; 5-Falon Jaeger (Whitmer) 20:22; 6-Jennifer Spieldenner (Findlay) 20:23; 7-Stacy Hall (Fremont Ross) 20:25

Ross: 21-Wendy Farrell 21:38, 22-Megan Neeley 21:43, 27-Brittney Dohanos 22:01, 31-Lindsay Swope 22:51, 32-Kaylie Crispen 22:52, 35-Morgan O'Connor 23:25

Cross Country

High School

GLL Tournament

Boys Varsity Team Standings

1- Findlay	21
2-Whitmer	86
3-Ross	92
4-Sandusky.....	94

Ross: 3-Jeremy Framstad 16:46, 11-Jay Ohms 17:30, 13-Carl Sabinag 17:38, 27- Noah Gratson 19:04,38- Josh Ohms 20:27,41- Art Neeley 20:41,47- Dan Burris 22:21

Postseason

In other area meets, Fremont Ross runners Jeremy Framstad and Stacy Hall earned All-Great Lakes League first team honors by placing third and seventh, respectively, at Riverbend Reservoir in Findlay.