

2013 Division I Regional Meet

Giants' Guardiola, Rockets' Sievert qualify to state

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Louis Guardiola finished the Division 1 boys regional cross country race in seventh place at 15 minutes, 56.18 seconds Saturday in Tiffin to advance to state and Fremont Ross finished 16th as a team.

Guardiola qualified to state for the second time.

"Louis ran his personal best on the Tiffin course," Ross coach John Elder said. "He is ready to run well this weekend in Columbus."

Tyler Sievert was 14th (16:36.40) in Division II to move on while Oak Harbor finished 12th.

Cassidi Lovell was 59th as the Little Giants' girls were also 16th.

Cory Huddleston was 24th and Austin Guthrie 29th as Bellevue was 13th in Division II. Michaela Fox was 20th, Lauren Turner 25th and Madison Scagnetti 33rd as the Lady Red finished sixth points back of the fi-

nal spot to advance in fifth.

"The guys worked hard all season to improve," Bellevue coach Lee Booze said. "We wanted to have a solid effort (Saturday) and we did that. They are a young team and hungry for more success. The girls gave it their all.

"We knew there were a mix of teams fighting for that fourth spot. We gained a bunch of time from our last race here at the NOL meet two weeks ago. I'm very proud of their effort."

Ryan Avers was 39th as Woodmore's boys were 12th, Lakota's Luke Baker was 78th and Brad Bannister was 83rd as Old Fort was 16th in Division III. St. Joseph Central Catholic's Nate Rosengarten was 89th and Margaretta's Kris Lyons 117th.

Cariss Reese was 21st, Woodmore's Courtney Burner 41st and SJCC's Brooke Fisher 67th in Division III for the girls. Kayla Garza was 71st for the Stockaders' girls.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

State bound runners faced different challenges this season



Oak Harbor's Tyler Sievert competes during the Tiffin Cross Country Carnival on Saturday, Sept 7, 2013. JONATHAN BIRD/NEWS-MESSENGER

Ross' Louis Guardiola and Oak Harbor's Tyler Sievert ready for state CC meet

By Kevin Shields
Sports writer

Oak Harbor's Tyler Sievert has been busy this fall.

Last Wednesday, the Rockets' junior was on the soccer field as a defender, as Oak Harbor's historic season — one that saw them the Rockets tie the school-record with 16 wins — came to an end in the Division II district semifinals.

Saturday, he will be competing in the OHSAA Division II boys state cross country championships at National Trail Raceway in Hebron.

"To know that all my hard

work is paying off, means a whole lot," said Sievert, who was a regional qualifier as a sophomore. "It was great being a part of the run we made in soccer. Now, I'm looking forward to running at state."

Sievert was 14th at 16 minutes, 36.40 seconds this past Saturday at the regional meet in Tiffin. The top 16 runners in each region advance to the state meet, which will start at 11 a.m. with the girls races.

"We knew I'd be close when we started the season," Sievert said. "State was my No. 1 goal all

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Ross' Louis Guardiola runs along the Sandusky River during the TRAC meet on Oct. 12 at Walsh Park. BARB GLASPY/NEWS-MESSENGER CORRESPONDENT

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season.

“Both coaches did a great job of working out my practice schedules and making it easier on me to compete in both soccer and cross country.”

Oak Harbor’s 2-1 loss to Maumee last week was its first of the season. The Rockets’ finished 16-1-1.

“Playing soccer made it hard for me to taper, so I’m finally tapering this week,” Sievert said. “I was seeded eighth or so going into the regional meet, so my coach (Eric Buckman) and I decided to keep running and figured I should still be able to make it out. (Buckman) kept me updated on my placement throughout the race, so I had a good idea once I finished that I had made it.”

Guardiola makes return trip to Division I meet

Ross’ Louis Guardiola wants to smash his school-record time of 15 minutes, 42.9 seconds Saturday in Hebron.

“I’m looking forward to

running at the state level again,” said the Little Giant senior, who will compete for the second time at state after finishing 44th as a junior. “There’s definitely a lot more of a comfort level with the course down there this year. My regional race went well. There’s definitely adjustments that will need to be made, but I’ll be ready to go.”

Guardiola was seventh at the regional in Tiffin, running a time of 15:56.18.

He was runner-up at the Three Rivers Athletic Conference championships on Oct. 12, earning first-team all-league honors for the fourth time. Guardiola broke the Ross school record at last year’s Three Rivers Athletic Conference meet in Findlay.

He ran a time of 16:04.33 at last year’s state meet.

“There’s a lot more depth in Division I this year,” Guardiola said. “The competition level will be tougher. I’m still putting in some mileage this week, but I’m just trying to get good workouts in.”

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