

## Nesbitt, Ritzman lead Ross into BCC

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Tim Nesbitt is the favorite to win the boys individual title at the Buckeye Central Conference cross country meet today at River Bend Park in Findlay.

Amy Ritzman, meanwhile, will duel with a pair of runners from Findlay for the girls individual title.

The boys meet begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the girls meet at 5:30 p.m.

"Lancaster has five guys running better than our top five but Tim Nesbitt has the best time going in," Ross Coach John Elder said.

Nesbitt ran a 16:14 at the Clay Invitational two weeks ago.

Depth will determine where

the Little Giants finish in the boys race.

"I figure second," Elder said. "That's what I keep thinking. With any breaks, we could sneak in at the top.

"If our fourth, fifth, or sixth kids run their best race, we could sneak in."

Findlay is the team favorite in the girls meet.

"We have a definite shot at second," Elder said.

Amy Ritzman must contend with the Trojans' Christina Taylor, who ran 18:54 at Clay. Ritzman's best is 19:53.

The Ross girls and the Zanesville boys are the defending champions. Ross finished third in the boys meet a year ago.

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## Little Giants finish third at BCC meet

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FINDLAY — Third place. It must have been meant to be.

The Fremont Ross boys and girls cross country teams finished third in the Buckeye Central Conference Meet Thursday at River Bend Park.

The bright side of third place were individual finishes by Tim Nesbitt and Amy Ritzman.

Nesbitt ran a 16:51 to finish behind Lancaster's B.J. Holland (16:06) and Todd Walker (16:40).

Ritzman finished in 19:55 behind Findlay's Christine Taylor (19:29) and Leah Cobb (19:41).

Lancaster's boys and Findlay's girls won team championships with 29 and 25 points.

The Golden Gales were fol-

lowed by Zanesville (48), Ross (78), Findlay (99) and Newark (118).

The Trojans were followed by Newark (59), Ross (70), Lancaster (81) and Zanesville (112).

Other Ross finishers included Phil Missig and Shane Hill, 11th and 14th in the boys race, and Bridget Boda and Leah Lomax, 10th and 12th in the girls race.