

1972 Season review...

Ross Holds Off Lakota In Opener

KANSAS — Fremont Ross, placing six runners in the top ten, opened its 1972 cross country season with a three-way victory over Lakota and Fostoria St. Wendelin here yesterday.

The Ross decision ended a winning streak spanning 27 meets for Lakota which last lost to the Little Giants in 1969.

Mark Hoffman led the Fremont contingent across the line with a second-place time of 10:25. Lakota's Allen Swaisgood was first at 10:17 and teammate Gerard Gabel followed in the No. 3 spot at 10:28.

Bob Ford (4th), Dave Damschroeder (5th), Mike Hunt (6th) and Denny Byers (9th) rounded out Fremont scorers. Randy Patrick was a non-scorer in tenth position.

Ross' next meet will be Friday at the Thornwood Gold Course against Toledo Rogers at 4:15 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY at Lakota

SCORE: Fremont Ross, 26; Lakota, 30; Fostoria St. Wendelin, 85.

FREMONT ROSS

Two, Mark Hoffman, 10:25; 4, Bob Ford, 10:35; 5, Dave Damschroeder, 10:42; 6, Mike Hunt, 10:44; 9, Denny Byers, 10:51.

LAKOTA

One, Allen Swaisgood, 10:17; 3, Gerard Gabel, 10:28; 7, Jeff Fike, 10:49; 8, Gary Wise, 10:50; 11, Mark Munoz, 11:06.

Ross Takes 2 Straight

Fremont Ross, showing extremely good depth, recorded its second straight cross country victory in a home meet yesterday against Toledo Rogers.

The Little Giants missed the first two places, but accounted for the next eight before a Rogers runner could break the string. Mark Hoffman headed the Ross effort with a 10:58 clocking and Sophomore Bob Ford came across fourth in 11:02.

Rick Hutchinson led the pack of 31 runners with a fine time of 10:35 and Teammate Bryan Hoch crossed the line six seconds ahead of Hoffman.

CROSS COUNTRY at Thornwood

SCORE: Fremont Ross, 25; Toledo Rogers 36.

FREMONT ROSS

3, Mark Hoffman, 10:58; 4, Bob Ford, 11:02; 5, Dave Damschroder, 11:09; 6, Jim Palomo, 11:25; 7, Denny Byers, 11:29.

TOLEDO ROGERS

1, Rick Hutchinson, 10:35; 2, Bryan Hoch, 10:52; 10, Roger Newman, 11:42; 11, Tim Catio, 11:51; 12, Greg Burgoon, 11:55.

Ross Harriers Claim Third Straight Meet

Fremont Ross kept its cross country slate unblemished in a home meet yesterday, outrunning Cleveland West by a 17-46 margin.

Bob Ford, Mark Hoffman and Dave Damschroder finished 1-2-3 for the Little Giants while Den Byers and Mike Hunt made it a near-sweep by placing fifth and sixth.

Ford's winning time was 10:46, 21 seconds ahead of the first Cleveland runner Mark Moskaline.

In the overall finish, 10 of the first 11 athletes to complete the course were wearing Ross colors.

Fremont protects its record Monday by taking on Findlay at the Thornwood Golf Course.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Thornwood

SCORE: Fremont Ross 17, Cleveland West 46.

FREMONT ROSS

1, Bob Ford, 10:46; 2, Mark Hoffman, 10:49; 3, Dave Damschroder, 10:58; 5, Den Byers, 11:09; 6, Mike Hunt, 11:16.

CLEVELAND WEST

4, Mark Moskaline, 11:07; 9, Joe Gura, 11:43; 10, Pat Madison, 11:50; 11, John Stover, 11:51, 12, Ernie Cligman, 11:52.

Fremont, Lakota Run In CC Meet

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross and Lakota high schools placed around the middle of the field of 26 schools here Saturday in the Tiffin Invitational cross country meet.

The Little Giants finished in 14th place with 328 points, 21 behind 12th-place Lakota. Sylvania won the varsity division with 137 points followed by Parma (150) and Amherst (151).

In the Jayvee division, contested by 16 teams, Ross wound up eighth and Lakota 11th. Overall, 294 athletes ran in the two divisions, all five of the Ross scorers ending in the upper half.

Bob Ford's 10:39 for 36th position led the Little Giants while Dave Damschroder (48th) and Tom Hoffman (65th) also finished under 11 minutes.

TIFFIN INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY VARSITY DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Sylvania, 137; Parma, 150; Amherst, 151; Galion, 158; Toledo Bowsher, 210; Perrysburg, 252; Lima Shawnee, 259; Tiffin, 260; Maumee, 273; Bucyrus, 294; Valley Forge, 303; Lakota, 307; Brookside, 309; Fremont Ross, 328; Toledo Whitmer, 336; Findlay, 340; Sandusky, 357; Normandy, 403; Toledo Rogers, 476; Elyria, 503.

FREMONT PLACES — 36, Bob Ford, 10:39; 48, Dave Damschroder, 10:47; 65, Tom Hoffman, 10:57; 89, Mike Hunt, 11:10; 90, Den Byers, 11:11.

Ross High Runners Win Again

Ross High School's Cross Country team captured its fourth straight victory, downing Findlay, 25-34, at the Thornwood Golf Course Monday.

The Little Giants, in upping their record to 4-0, scored with five men in the top eight places. They also had the ninth and tenth place finishers, who raised Findlay's point total.

Findlay's Craig Lyne, who toured the Thornwood Course in 10:40, was the individual winner.

Bob Ford, who was second with a clocking of 10:55, and Mark Hoffman, who finished third with a 10:56 clocking, paced the Ross runners.

Dave Damschroder was fifth for the Little Giants, while Mark Reardon was seventh and Denny Byers took eighth.

Ross Beaten First Time In CC Meet

Fremont Ross fell for the first time in five cross country meets yesterday, dropping a close 27-28 decision to Tiffin Columbian in a home meet.

Tiffin captured the first two places, led by Brad Booher's time of 10:29 and the Tornados had to wait four more places before sweeping the next three.

Ross made a strong showing by taking the third through sixth positions. Mark Hoffman was the first Little Giant across the line, covering the two-mile course in 10:41.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Fremont

SCORE: Tiffin 27, Fremont Ross 28.

FREMONT ROSS

3, Mark Hoffman, 10:41; 4, Dave Damshroder, 10:53; 5, Den Byers, 10:54; 6, Bob Ford, 10:55; 10, Mike Hunt, 11:07.

TIFFIN

1, Brad Booher, 10:29; 2, John Wetterou, 10:34; 7, Ted Seneball, 10:58; Rick Motts, 11:02; 9, Mark Paddock, 11:03.

Ross Takes Sixth Meet By 17-46

Fremont Ross swept to its sixth cross country victory in seven meets yesterday and narrowly missed scoring a perfect finish while defeating Fostoria, 17-46, at Thornwood.

The Little Giants, headed by the 10:55 clocking of Mark Hoffman, had nine runners in the top ten although only the first five counted for score and first seven for places. Hoffman was the only runner to crack the 11-minute mark over the two-mile course.

Dave Damschroder and Bob Ford placed second and third respectively before Fostoria ace Tom Harris crossed the line at 11:16 for fourth. Den Byers and Mike Hunt completed the Ross scoring while Mark Reardon and Dave Plihall came in seventh and eighth. Jim Polomo and Steve Young provided non-scoring emphasis on the strong Ross squad.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Thornwood

SCORE: Fremont Ross, 17, Fostoria 46.

FREMONT ROSS

1, Mark Hoffman, 10:55; 2, Dave Damschroder, 11:01; 3, Bob Ford, 11:06; 5, Den Byers, 11:24; 6, Mike Hunt, 11:25.

FOSTORIA

4, Tom Harris, 11:16; 9, Steve Engler, 11:44; 10, Len Flag, 11:49; 11, Kim Refner, 11:51; 12, Steve Musser, 12:01.

Ross Beats Fliers In CC Event

CLYDE — Fremont Ross lost its bid for top individual honors, but put together another strong team effort here yesterday to turn back a determined Clyde High School cross country bid, 22-33.

Dave Bingman of Clyde led all runners across the finish line with a 10:54 clocking—just two seconds ahead of Little Giants' ace Bob Ford.

But Ross teammates Mark Hoffman, Dave Damschroder and Denny Byers followed Ford in order and Mike Hunt wound up eighth to boost the Giants' season slate to 7-1.

Jeff Hardy was the second Clyde finisher, placing sixth.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Clyde

SCORE: Fremont Ross 22, Clyde 33.

FREMONT ROSS

2, Bob Ford, 10:56; 3, Mark Hoffman, 11:01; 4, Dave Damschroder, 11:04; 5, Denny Byers, 11:12; 8, Mike Hunt, 11:23.

CLYDE

1, Dave Bingman, 10:54; 6, Jeff Hardy, 11:13; 7, Tony Alcala, 11:21; 9, Dave Rodriguez, 11:25; 10, Avery Smart, 11:26.

Ross Beaten By Bobcats

BOWLING GREEN —

Fremont Ross fell to its second 1972 cross country loss here yesterday as Bowling Green raced to a 22-33 victory.

Mark Hoffman paced the Little Giants (7-2) with a 10:32 clocking over the two-mile course, but the time left him in third position behind the Bobcats' Brian Daniels (10:13) and Malene (10:27).

Dave Damschroder wound up fifth for Fremont. Bowling Green boosted its record to 6-1.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Bowling Green

SCORE: Bowling Green 22, Fremont Ross 33.

FREMONT ROSS

3, Mark Hoffman, 10:32; 5, Dave Damschroder, 10:38; 7, Bob Ford, 10:42; 8, Denny Byers, 10:47; 10, Mike Hunt, 11:02.

BOWLING GREEN

1, Brian Daniels, 10:13; 2, Malene, 10:27; 4, Hefner, 10:33; 6, Haas, 10:41; 9, Welt, 10:49.

Ross Trips Whitmer

Mark Hoffman crossed the finish line after 10 minutes and 43 seconds of running to pace Fremont Ross to a 24-31 cross country victory over visiting Toledo Whitmer yesterday.

Dave Damschroder and Den Byers also broke the 11-minute barrier for the Little Giants who built their eighth victory in 10 outings. Toledo's Steve Burtch and Don Honas finished second and fourth to keep Ross from total domination.

Giants' runners Mark Reardon and Bob Ford iced the victory by taking seventh and eighth respectively.

Ross next competes in the BGSU Invitational Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY

At Fremont

SCORE: Fremont Ross 24, Toledo Whitmer, 31.

FREMONT ROSS

1, Mark Hoffman, 10:43; 3, Dave Damschroder, 10:52; 5, Den Byers, 10:55; 7, Mark Reardon, 11:09; 8, Bob Ford, 11:10.

TOLEDO WHITMER

1, Steve Burtch, 10:48; 4, Don Honas, 10:54; 6, Jeff Ulrich, 11:07; 9, Jim Shook, 11:11; 10, Tom Hart, 11:15.