

1985 Season review...

(along with girls results)

Prep cross country season opens

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The area high school cross country season opened Thursday, with Ross, Lakota and Old Fort meeting in a triangular at Nature Trails and Oak Harbor taking on Margaretta.

Lakota was a double winner in the boys tri-meet, beating Ross 22-33 and Old Fort 16-45, while Ross dumped Old Fort 17-42. In the girls meet, Lakota edged Ross 25-32.

Lakota's perennially strong pair of Joe McKown and Gary Smith picked up where there always seem to leave off ... at the top. McKown won the race in 16 minutes, 22

seconds, while Smith was second in 16:43.

Ross was led by freshman Eric Middleton, who finished third in 17:37, and Old Fort's top finisher was Bill Compliment, who came in ninth in 18:44.

In the girls meet, Ross's Terri Slane and Tami Stanley finished 1-2 in 21:21 and 21:36, respectively, but Lakota swept the next five places to gain the team win. Kim McKown led the Lady Raiders with a third-place finish in 22:03.

At Castalia, the Oak Harbor boys cross country team opened the season on a winning note, but it wasn't the same for the

Lady Rockets.

The Rocket boys beat the Polar Bears 22-33 behind the efforts of Matt Sutter, Chris Webb, Bill Harder and Jeff Sievert. Sutter finished second in 18:13, Webb third in 18:14, Harder fourth in 18:28 and Sievert fifth in 18:58.

Margaretta's Jason Hand won the meet in 17:55.

The Lady Rockets had a rough time against the Lady Polar Bears, losing 16-41. Jenny Zimmerman prevented a Margaretta sweep by finishing fifth in 23:26. Margaretta's Andrea Bath won in 19:22.



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PAT FAHEY of Port Clinton leads **Eric Middleton** of Fremont Ross by a stride as they cross a footbridge during the cross country meet at East Side Park in Fremont Thursday afternoon.

Ross, Woodmore sweep their foes

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The Ross boys and girls cross country teams took dual meet victories Thursday, while the Woodmore boys and girls teams each kept their records perfect for the 1985 season.

The Ross boys knocked off Port Clinton 21-40 and the Ross girls downed the Redskins 23-34 at East Side Park in Fremont.

Meanwhile, at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, the Woodmore boys took three wins, defeating Rossford 15-46, Toledo Cental Catholic 22-37 and Perrysburg 21-34 to raise their record to 4-0. The Woodmore girls are now 2-0 after downing Perrysburg 25-30.

Port Clinton's Pat Fahey took the top spot in the boys race with a time of 17:50, but the Little Giants captured the next four places, led by Eric Middleton, who finished second with a time of 17:52. John Brown, Brian Doty, and Dave McDonald were third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

The girls race between the Lady Redskins and Lady Giants finished in similar fashion as Port Clinton's Ann Gaydosh won the race with a time of 21:21, followed by four runners from Ross. Terri Slane was second for Ross with a time of 22:25, followed by Cathy Mallia, Shelly Hines and Tami Stanley.

The Woodmore boys squad was led by Mike Shuman, who covered the 5,000-meter course in a time of 18:32. Tim Hernandez added a third-place finish for the Wildcats with a 18:49 clocking.

Emily Kruse, Lisa Brown, and Sheila Neeb swept the top three places for the Woodmore girls

with Kruse winning in a time of 22:21.

In other area boys cross country action, Perkins defeated Clyde 23-32, Genoa dumped Delta 18-45 to raise its record to 3-0, and Oak Harbor won two out of three in a quadrangular meet, beating Elmwood 15-49, and Hopewell-Louden 22-38, but falling to Fostoria 27-30.

In other girls meets, Perkins downed Clyde 19-42, and Oak Harbor fell to Fostoria 16-43 and Hopewell-Louden 21-38.

Ed Lenos led the Perkins boys past Clyde with a first-place time of 16:56, while Clyde's Sonny Workman was second in the race at 17:02 and Jeff Tomlinson was third with a time of 17:17.

Jason Gladden and Chris Brossia finished 1-2 for Genoa with Gladden clocking in at 17:06. Delta's Rick Stiriz finished third, the only Delta runner to place in the top ten in the race.

Oak Harbor's Matt Sutter was the highest finisher for the Rockets, placing fourth in the quad meet with a time of 18:24. Fostoria's Mike Watson was first with a 17:15 clocking.

In girls action, Clyde's Shirley Workman managed a fourth-place finish to lead the Fliers, who fell to 1-7 for the season. Renea Beaudin led a 1-2-3 sweep for Perkins with a clocking of 21:35.

Shelleigh Watson led the Fostoria girls team by taking first in the tri-meet with a time of 22:19. Julie West was the highest finisher for Oak Harbor, placing seventh overall with a 23:18 clocking.

Ross running teams split

FOSTORIA — The Fremont Ross boys cross country team dropped a close match to Fostoria Wednesday, while the Ross girls had things their own way.

The Fostoria boys squad downed the Little Giants 25-32, while the Ross girls defeated the Fostoria squad 23-32.

In boys action, the Redmen's Mike Watson won the race with a time of 17:15, while twin brother Jamie Watson was second with a time of 17:46.

Ross' Eric Middleton placed third in the race, clocking in at 17:53.

Fostoria is now 6-1 for the season. Ross drops to 2-2.

In the girls race, Terri Slane and Tami Stanley finished 1-2 for the Lady Giants with times of 21:52 and 22:12, respectively. The Ross girls now own a 2-1 mark for the year.

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Ross teams each win two in quad

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The Ross boys cross country team raised its record above the .500 mark Tuesday by winning two of three decisions in a quad-meet at Eastside Park in Fremont.

The Little Giants defeated Port Clinton 22-33, downed Huron 23-32, and fell to Perkins 16-39. Ross is now 4-3 for the season.

Perkins' Ed Lenas was the top finisher in the race with a time of 16:58, while Port Clinton's Pat Fahey was second with a time of 17:14. Brian Doty was sixth to lead the Little Giants at 17:58, while John Brown and Dave McDonald finished eighth and ninth respectively. Brown turned in a time of 18:13 and McDonald ran 18:14.

Meanwhile, in other boys cross country action from the area, Lakota blitzed Elmwood 15-50, Fremont St. Joe nipped Bettsville 26-29, Woodmore won twice and Oak Harbor fell twice in a tri-meet with Eastwood, and Genoa won two and Gibsonburg won one in a tri-meet with Otsego.

In girls action, Fremont Ross won two out of three in a quad meet, defeating Huron 15-40, and Port Clinton 20-35, but losing to Perkins 25-30. In a tri-meet with Eastwood, the Woodmore girls won twice and the Oak Harbor girls lost twice.

The Lakota boys squad is on track for a

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perfect record, raising their mark for the season to 10-0 with the easy win over Elmwood. Brian Smith led the Raiders, clocking in at 17:18 for the top spot in the race. Joe McKown and Gary Smith were second and third for the Raiders.

Bettsville's Mike Wise finished first in a time of 17:32, but the Crimson Streaks captured second and third to squeeze out their first win of the season. Tim Woolf ran 17:45 to place second for St. Joe and Craig Nissett took third with a time of 18:35.

Woodmore's boys squad took victories over Eastwood 26-29, and Oak Harbor 18-37, and Eastwood also managed to defeat the Rockets 24-32 at Woodmore.

J. Bennett won the race with a time of 16:27, while Woodmore's Tim Hernandez was second with a time of 16:28. Oak Harbor's highest finisher was Bill Harder, who finished eighth at 17:19.

Genoa had an easy time, beating Gibsonburg 18-45, and dropping Otsego 21-38. Gibsonburg salvaged the day when it tied Otsego 29-29, but won the decision with a sixth-man tiebreaker.

Genoa's Jason Gladden clocked in with a time of 17:00 to win the race, while Chris Brossia added second place for the Comets. Gibsonburg's highest finisher was Steve Bowers, who captured fifth place with a time of 17:48.

Like the Ross boys squad, the Ross girls also defeated Huron and Port Clinton, but fell to Perkins. The Little Giants, now 4-2 for the season, downed Huron 15-40 and Port Clinton 20-35, but lost a close battle to the Pirates 25-30.

Port Clinton also fell to Perkins 25-35, but defeated Huron 17-37.

Perkins was led by the first-place finish of Renae Beaudin who clocked in at 20:32, while Ann Gaydosh of Port Clinton was next at 20:41. Ross' Terri Slane captured third, followed by teammates Tami Stanley and Cathy Mallia in fifth and sixth respectively.

The Woodmore girls cruised to two victories at home, beating Eastwood 24-32, and Oak Harbor 23-32. Eastwood's girls picked up one win in the meet, edging the Rockets 27-28.

T. Koenig of Eastwood won the event with a 18:47 clocking, while Emily Kruse of Woodmore placed second at 19:40. Oak Harbor's Julie West completed a split of the top three spots by grabbing third with a 21:10 clocking.

OH boys sweep, Ross splits

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The Oak Harbor boys cross country team got the best of Fremont Ross and Clay in a tri-meet, but Ross managed to salvage the meet by taking one decision itself at East Side Park.

Oak Harbor nipped the Little Giants 27-28 and also defeated Clay 15-47. Ross also downed Clay 15-46. The Little Giants are 5-4 this season.

Bill Harder finished first in the meet to lead the way for the Rockets, turning in a time of 17:47. Brian Doty of Ross placed second at 17:50 and David McDonald of Ross was third in a time of 18:04.

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Clay's highest finisher was Dave Miracle, who captured 11th in a time of 19:22.

In other cross country action Thursday, the Ross girls downed Oak Harbor 19-43, while Shelby dumped Clyde 17-38 in boys competition and 15-47 in the girls race.

Ross' Terri Slane was the top finisher in the girls race at East Side Park, covering the 5,000-meter course in a time of 21:44. Tami Stanley and Cathy Mallia made it a Ross sweep of the top

three places finishing second and third, respectively. Julie West placed fourth to lead the Rockets.

Shelby's Jim Loveless placed first in a time of 15:25 to help the Whippets hand the Fliers just their second loss of the season. Clyde's top runner was Sonny Workman, who finished fourth in a time of 16:08.

For the Shelby girls, Lisa Wimans led the way with a 20:17 clocking to take first place in the meet. The Clyde girls, who dropped to 1-7 for the season, were led by Davi Miller who captured sixth place in a time of 22:23.

Lakota sweeps tri-meet, now 12-0

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The Lakota boys cross country team just keeps on running right over its opponents.

Tuesday night at Eastwood, the Raiders made Eastwood and Otsego their 11th and 12th victims of the season, dumping the Eagles 20-39 and burying the Knights 18-43. The Raiders are now 12-0 for the season.

Eastwood earned the other victory, topping the Knights 23-32.

Lakota captured three of the top four places to get the double victory as Joe McKown won in a time of 16:03 and teammate Gary Smith finished second in 16:48. Eastwood's Jeff Bennett was third followed by the Raiders' Brian Smith in fourth. Otsego was paced by Dave

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Braatz's fifth-place finish.

Meanwhile, in other boys cross country action in the area, Woodmore won two and Elmwood took one victory in a tri-meet with Gibsonburg, Clyde stomped Edison 15-48, Findlay defeated Fremont Ross 23-32, and in a quad meet at Veterans Park in Genoa, Genoa won three times, Oak Harbor captured two victories and Fremont St. Joe grabbed one win.

Woodmore's victories came at the expense of Gibsonburg, 16-43, and Elmwood, 16-41, while the Royals also defeated the Golden Bears 24-31.

Mike Shuman led a Wildcat sweep of the top four places,

winning in a time of 18:17 over the 5,000-meter course. Tim Ruggiero finished fifth to pace Gibsonburg, while Kevin Uzelac was sixth for Eastwood.

The Clyde squad made a clean sweep of the top six spots to easily down Edison and raise its mark for the season to 9-2. Sonny Workman was the top runner in the meet with a 16:41 clocking.

Findlay got the best of the Little Giants by taking four of the top six places. Daniel Villanueva won the race in a time of 17:44, while John Brown captured second for Ross, clocking in at 17:46.

Genoa raised its record to 10-2 by beating Oak Harbor 15-44, Port Clinton 20-43, and St. Joe 19-42. The Rockets downed St. Joe 22-37 and the Redskins 20-37, while the Crimson Streaks salvaged the meet by skidding past the Redskins 28-29.

Port Clinton's Pat Fahey was the winner among the four-team field with a 16:10 clocking. The Comets were paced by Jason Gladden's second-place finish in a time of 16:38, while Tim Woolf took third with a 17:22 clocking to lead the Streaks. Bill Harder was eighth in a time of 17:41 for Oak Harbor.

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Lakota captures overall crown at Galion

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Talk about a total team effort. Lakota, using results from high school and junior high races, took first place overall Saturday at the Galion Invitational cross country meet at Ammans Park. The Lakota boys finished second out of 10 teams, the Lakota girls were first out of nine teams, and the junior high boys and girls finished first and sixth in their fields, respectively, to add to the first-place total.

Meanwhile, in other cross country action this weekend, the Clyde boys squad took fifth at the Defiance Invitational, the Fremont Ross boys placed eighth at the Oregon Clay Eagle Invitational, and the Ross girls were sixth at the Clay meet.

For the Lakota boys, Joe McKown finished first overall with a time of 15:54 as the Raiders scored 63 points. Perkins was first among the boys teams with 59 points. Lakota's Gary Smith was second overall with a 16:20 clocking, while Brian Smith was 11th, Frank Contreras was 24th, and

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Dan Biddle placed 25th.

The Raider girls scored 67 points to outdistance River Valley, which scored 80, to win the girls meet easily. Jenny Scherger was Lakota's top runner with a fourth-place finish in a time of 20:28. Beth Gabel placed 14th for the Raiders, while Carla Nieset was 21st, Nancy Gilbert placed 20th, and Diane Carlo finished 22nd.

The junior high girls, meanwhile, were also the top team among six squads, led by Joy Blackman, who finished fourth in a time of 14:42. Teresa Swartz and Melanie Murray contributed eighth and ninth place finishes, respectively.

The junior high boys placed sixth out of 12 teams. Chad Brockschmidt paved the way for the Raiders by placing third in a time of 12:42, while David Houtz ran 12:52 to earn sixth overall. Bill Nieset led the ninth grade boys team by placing second overall in that division with a 12:19 clocking.

At Defiance, Clyde scored 131 for its fifth-place finish. Napoleon was first in the meet with 50 points, while Chestwood was second at 96.

Jerry Holland was the top runner for the Fliers by placing 16th in a time of 16:43. Jeff Tomlinson added a 20th-place finish, and Sonny Workman was 25th.

Toledo St. Francis took the boys team title at Clay with 57 points, while Bedford was second at 88. The Little Giants scored 233 to capture eighth among twenty-team field.

Eric Middleton was 27th in a time of 17:24 to lead the Little Giants. Brian Doty placed 42nd, John Brown finished 53rd, Dave McDonald was 54th, and Pat Hetrick was 57th out of 140 runners in the field.

For the Fremont Ross girls, Terri Slane was the top runner, taking 19th in a time of 21:08. Tami Stanley was next in 24th place, while Shelly Hines finished 43rd. Lisa Abdo and Cathy Mallia finished 53rd and 55th, respectively, to round out the scoring for the Little Giants.

Margaretta wins two in quadrangular meet

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Margaretta brought home two victories and Fremont St. Joe got one, but Mohawk came away the big winner at a quad meet at Tuesday East Side Park in Fremont.

The Warriors defeated The Polar Bears 23-32, as well as St. Joe 21-38, and then dumped Gibsonburg 19-41. Margaretta meanwhile, defeated St. Joe 23-35 and the Golden Bears 27-28. The Streaks also handed the Golden Bears a 27-28 setback.

The Crimson Streaks are now 3-6 for the season. Gibsonburg is 2-8.

Mohawk's Kurt Verhoff won the race in a time of 16:00 while teammate Kevin King was second at 16:33. St. Joe's Tim Woolf was third in a time of 16:43, while Jason Hand finished fourth for the Polar Bears with a 16:50 clocking. Gibsonburg's Steve Bowers was fifth at 16:57.

In other boys cross country action, Norwalk and Tiffin Columbian handed Fremont Ross two setbacks in a tri-meet, and Clyde beat Fostoria and Port Clinton in another three-team event.

In girls action, St. Joe beat Margaretta and Mohawk, the Fremont Ross girls split with Norwalk and Tiffin Columbian, and Fostoria beat Port Clinton and Clyde.

The best the Little Giants could come up with in their double loss at Tiffin was a fifth-place finish handed in by Eric Middleton with a time of 17:39. Tiffin Columbian beat Ross 20-35, while Norwalk edged the Little Giants 27-29.

Paul Worland of Columbian won the race in a time of 16:19.

Clyde scored 27 points to defeat Fostoria and Port Clinton, which finished second and third with 34 and 67 points, respectively.

Mike Watson of Fostoria was

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the top runner with a 16:03 clocking, but the Fliers grabbed five of the top eight places to win the meet. Sonny Workman led the Fliers with a 16:05 clocking, good for second overall.

Pat Fahey placed fifth to pace the Redskins, running 16:42 over the 5,000-meter course.

The St. Joe girls cross country team, now 5-0 for the season, defeated Margaretta 24-36 and Mohawk 17-45. Margaretta also defeated the Warriors 22-37.

Carrie Guyer, Dorothy Colon, and Elaine Gonya finished 2-3-4 to help the Streaks to victory. Guyer clocked in with a time of 19:11, well behind Margaretta's

Lara Knapp, who won the race in a time of 18:24.

The Ross girls squad defeated Norwalk 26-31, but could not get by the Tornados, who captured a 27-30 decision.

Norwalk's Tracy Meyer won the race in a time of 18:46, while Terri Slane was the top runner for Ross, finishing second with a 20:59 clocking.

Ann Gaydosh of Port Clinton was the top finisher against Fostoria and Clyde, winning in a time of 19:46, but the Redskins still finished second to Fostoria with 43 points. The Redmen scored 20 points, while Clyde was third at 62.

Shelly Watson led a Fostoria charge by placing second overall with a time of 20:30.



Clyde, Ross split; St. Joe wins 2

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The Clyde and Ross teams split against each other while both St. Joe teams picked up wins in cross country action Thursday.

The Clyde boys edged Ross 28-29, but the Ross girls returned the favor 17-40. Meanwhile, St. Joe's boys trimmed Norwalk St. Paul 25-31 and the Lady Streaks beat the Lady Flyers 19-41.

In other action, Danbury's boys won a quad meet with Oak Harbor, Margaretta and Port Clinton, while Margaretta won the girls quad with the same schools, and Genoa swept two in a tri-meet with Evergreen and Northwood.

At East Side Park, Sonny Workman (17:00), Jerry Holland (17:20) and Jeff Tomlinson (17:52) finished 1-2-4 to lead Clyde to the narrow win over Ross.

Eric Middleton led the Little Giants with a third-place finish in 17:48. John Brown, Brian Doty, Dave McDonald and Scott Nossaman finished fifth through eighth for Ross, but it wasn't enough as Clyde won for the 13th time in 15 meets and Ross lost for the eighth time in 13 meets.

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In the girls meet, Ross swept the top four places to easily increase its record to 7-4. Doing the honors for the Lady Giants were Terri Slane (21:28), Tami Stanley (22:02), Shelly Hines (22:23) and Cathy Mallia (22:30).

Sherlee Workman led Clyde with a fifth-place finish in 22:38.

At Norwalk, Tim Woolf led St. Joe's boys to their fourth win in 10 meets by finishing first in 17:39, good for a seven-second victory over the Flyers' Paul Suda. Craig Nieset added a third-place finish for the Streaks in 17:56.

The St. Joe girls had no problem keeping their undefeated season alive at 6-0 by taking five of the top six places. Carrie Guyer led the way with a six-second victory over St. Paul's Paula Poole, 20:01 to 20:07. Next for St. Joe were Elaine Gonya, Dorothy Colon, Caryn Gabel and Dawn Peters.

At East Harbor State Park, Danbury's

Jonathon Edwards cruised to a 40-second victory while leading the Lakers to the quad meet sweep. Danbury had 31 points, Oak Harbor 36, Margaretta 55, Port Clinton 106.

Edwards ran a 16:43 to easily outdistance Jason Hand of Margaretta, who came in at 17:23. Two Oak Harbor runners — Matt Sutter and Bill Harder — were next in 17:31 and 17:40, respectively.

In the girls quad, Margaretta's Lara Knapp ran a 19:01 to drill Port Clinton's Ann Gaydosh by 49 seconds and lead the Lady Bears' to the slim win. Margaretta had 39 points, Port Clinton 41, Oak Harbor 65 and Danbury 82.

Lisa Birmingham of Margaretta finished third in 20:54 and Oak Harbor's Julie West was fourth in 21:15.

At Genoa, the Comets increased their record to 12-2 with a 23-38 win over Evergreen and a 15-50 romp past Northwood.

Chris Brossia and Ray Burrey led the way by finishing 2-3 in 16:55 and 17:14, respectively. Evergreen's Tom Perhsing won the race in 16:32.

Slane propels Ross girls to victory over Sandusky

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Terri Slane ran to a first-place finish to lead the Fremont Ross girls cross country team to a 24-35 dual meet victory Tuesday over Sandusky at East Side Park in Fremont.

Slane clocked in with a time of 21:13 to win the meet, while Dawn Drouillard was second for Sandusky with a time of 21:19. The Ross girls are now 9-4 this season.

The Fremont Ross boys also picked up a victory Tuesday, but also dropped a decision as well in a tri-meet with Sandusky and Marion. The Little Giants defeated Marion 17-42, but were nipped by the Blue Streaks 27-28. The Blue Streaks also beat Marion 17-42.

Bret Farris won the boys race to lead Sandusky, finishing in a time of 17:22, while Eric Middleton of Ross was close behind, placing second in 17:25. Brian Doty and John Brown were third and fourth, respectively, for Ross, but it was not enough to overtake the Blue Streaks.

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Greg Sopczak came in seventh to lead the Flyers.

In other cross country action Tuesday, the Fremont St. Joe boys beat Gibsonburg, 25-30, the Sandusky Perkins girls downed Oak Harbor 21-38, and in the Suburban Lakes League Invitational for Junior High teams, Genoa won the boys meet and Lakota took the girls title.

Craig Nieset placed first to pace the Crimson Streaks to their win over the Golden Bears, clocking in with a time of 17:20. Tim Woolf added a second-place finish for the Streaks, while Steve Bowers was third for the Golden Bears.

St. Joe is now 6-7 for the season.

Perkins swept the top three places in its meet with Oak Harbor to win easily. The Pirates were led by the winning effort of Renae Beaudin, who finished first in a time of 20:15.

Julie West was the highest

finisher for the Rockets, who are now 4-11 this season, placing fourth in a time of 22:19.

The Genoa boys scored 38 points and Lakota's girls had 40 points to win their respective division in the SLL junior high meet.

Chad Brockschmidt of Lakota was the boys individual winner with a time of 11:38, while the Raiders' Joy Blackman was the girls race with a time of 13:00.

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Ross teams split finales; Clyde loses

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The Ross cross country teams ended their dual-meet seasons Thursday against Toledo Whitmer at East Side Park, with the girls winning 23-32 and the boys losing 25-30.

Terri Slane led the Lady Giants to victory in 20 minutes, 58 seconds. Tami Stanley, Shelly Hines and Cathy Mallia were next with 3-4-5 finishes.

The victory completed an impressive turnaround from last

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season for Lady Giants. They were 1-11 in 1984 compared to 10-4 this year.

The Ross boys, meanwhile, finish with a 7-9 mark this season after dropping a close one to Whitmer. Brian Doty came in third place in 17:17 and Eric Middleton finished fourth in 17:20 to lead Ross. Whitmer had the top two runners in 16:49 and 17:12.

In one other cross country meet Thursday, Bellevue's No. 2-ranked Class AA boys team easily defeated a strong Clyde squad 18-38.

Stu Behm (16:24), Matt Turner (16:35) and Tom Sarty (16:39) finished 1-2-3 to lead the Bellevue win. Sonny Workman led Clyde with a fourth-place finish in 16:52. Clyde is 13-3.