

1992 Season review...

FREMONT ROSS

Injuries and a small team plague first-year coach Cathy Mallia.

Juniors Heather Mears, the team's top runner, and Leslie Hasselbach are both hampered with injuries.

Mears is set to have knee surgery and Hasselbach is struggling with a pulled groin muscle.

Senior Deb Lilley will lead a team of only seven girls.

Sophomores Heather Brooks, Carey Gill, Jessica Potter and Janet Wiedle will complement Lilley and the two juniors when they return.

"Most of our girls run together," Mallia said. "Nobody is really outstanding and nobody is really that bad."

Ross opens the season on Tuesday with Great Lakes League foes Clay and Fostoria in Oregon.

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A team without any seniors after the graduation of Steve Jay, Mark Sheidler and David Boda is looking to improve on last year's sixth-place finish in the Great Lakes League.

"With a good nucleus of juniors and sophomores, we have two years to build," coach John Elder said. "We expect to do much better than last year."

Sophomore Dane Snyder, who ran behind Jay last year, is the Little Giants' number one runner. Another sophomore, Doug Jibilian, will run behind Snyder.

Juniors Nate Cox, Tim Leeth and Rob Swaisgood lettered a year ago. Matt Henning is another junior as is Jeff Pasch, who is out with a knee injury.

Jibilian is closely followed by freshman Jeremiah Wagner, who is the Fremont Junior High School record holder.

"There could be lot of kids who have run fifth and sixth in the past who are going to have to move up to second and third," Elder said.

Ken Krelick, a sophomore, along with freshman Clint Hill and Andy Hague could vie for spots in the lineup.

"We're really working hard right now, which makes things more exciting," Elder said. "We've developed some team goals; we'd like to win as many league meets as possible."

Two league foes, Clay and Fostoria, are the Little Giants first opponents Tuesday at Oregon.

Hasselbach impressive in Ross debut

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Leslie Hasselbach of Fremont Ross, running in her first varsity cross country meet, finished first in a triangular Tuesday with Oregon Clay and Fostoria.

Hasselbach led the Little Giants to two victories, 15-50 over Clay and 25-30 over Fostoria, by winning with a time of 23 minutes, 18 seconds.

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Deb Lilley of Ross finished third, Carey Gill was eighth for the Little Giants and Jessica Potter placed 10th.

In the boys meet, Ross suffered two defeats, 21-30 to Clay and 23-32 to Fostoria, but three Little Giants ran personal bests.

Dane Snyder finished fourth in

17:33 to lead Ross, while Doug Jibilian was eighth in 18:32. Tim Leeth (19:23) also ran a personal best and finished 12th.

In other action, Lakota's boys and girls ran past Gibsonburg, New Riegel's boys and girls won a meet at Bettsville and Woodmore's boys and girls won two duals each over Otsego and Liberty Center.

Lakota-Gibsonburg

Lakota won the boys meet 22-

points to Fostoria St. Wendelin's 45, Hopewell-Loudon's 50 and Bettsville's 72.

St. Wendelin's Jeff Boes took first place with a time of 17:52, which was 10 seconds better than Bettsville's Andy Liggett.

New Riegel's 25 points were 13 better than St. Wendelin in the girls meet, while Hopewell-Loudon amassed 58.

Laura Dodge of St. Wendelin took first place in 21:02, which

Celina Invitational

The Fremont Ross girls finished in eighth place with 188 points in the 10-team field. Toledo Whitmer won the meet with 48 points.

Deb Lilley finished 32nd in 23:45 to lead the Little Giants. Carey Gill was 36th and Jessica Potter took 41st.

claimed his first individual boys cross country victory Tuesday in the Wildcats' double-dual meet against Lakota and Genoa.

Fitzpatrick crossed the finish line in 18 minutes flat, nipping Lakota's Sam Windom by a second.

"They were neck-and-neck the whole race," Woodmore coach Mark Yoder said. "They were tripping each other up going around the corners."

Woodmore's boys beat Lakota 22-34 and Genoa 16-41, while the Woodmore girls team defeated Lakota 23-33 and Genoa 15-48.

The Wildcats' Stacy Heins beat defending Suburban Lakes League champion Julie Harrison for the second time this season.

Heins won in 21:08, while Harrison was second in 21:24.

In other cross country action, Fremont Ross's boys defeated Findlay 28-31 while the Ross girls fell 20-38; both Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic's boys and girls teams finished fourth in the Meadowlark Invitational; Clyde's boys and Oak Harbor's girls won a triangular meet with Huron; and Toledo Christian's boys and Eastwood's girls won a quad-meet with Gibsonburg and Lake.

Fremont-Findlay

Findlay took three of the top four spots in the boys race at 04507102 East Side Park, led by winner Dave Heine, but Ross followed Dane Snyder's runner-up finish by placing runners in spots five through 10.

Snyder finished in 17:40.

In the girls event, Ross coach Cathy Mallia said she was impressed by the way the Little Giants improved from Saturday's finish at the Celina Invitational.

At Celina, Findlay was third in a 12-team field, while Ross was eighth. Mallia said the improvement was based on Leslie Hasselbach's fifth-place finish.

Hasselbach, who supported Deb Lilley in fourth, did not finish the race Saturday.

Meadowlark Invitational

Seneca East's boys and New Riegel's girls were team champions. In addition to St. Joe's pair of fourth-place finishes, Old Fort's boys were fifth and Bettsville's boys ninth.

Jason Yerkes led the St. Joe boys, finishing 10th in 18:13. Jamie Chapman was fifth for the St. Joe girls in 21:48.

Oak Harbor triangular

Clyde's Andy Madell (17:26) and Jeremy Dennis (17:58) were first and second, respectively, in the boys race.

Oak Harbor's Brian Evans finished fourth.

The Fliers had 31 points, Oak Harbor 44 and Huron 45.

In the girls' meet, the Rockets' Lynn Garrett finished second.

Clyde's Jenny Tesar was seventh.

Huron's girls had 33, Oak Harbor 42 and Clyde 49.

Gibsonburg quad-meet

Steve Smith was sixth for the Gibsonburg boys in 18:27, while Beth Balsizer ran a 23:44 to finish fourth for the Gibsonburg girls.

Wildcat girls, Ross freshman impressive at Tiffin

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TIFFIN — Woodmore won a girls championship and the Fremont Ross boys finished fourth in their division at the Tiffin Cross Country Carnival Saturday at Hedges Boyer Park.

The Carnival drew over 3,100 runners.

Woodmore was first in the girls varsity II-B race, while Ross was fourth in the Division I-B boys varsity event.

Woodmore had 74 points, finishing far ahead of Otsego's 170. Other area teams in the girls race were Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, which was 13th with 342 points; Clyde, 18th with 407; and Oak Harbor 19th with 422.

Stacy Heins of the Wildcats was the individual winner, finishing the muddy 3.1 miles in 20 minutes, 14.1 seconds — less than a second ahead of team-

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mate, Lindsey Hamilton.

Kelly Taylor of Clyde was eighth, Jamie Chapman of St. Joe finished 17th in 21:52 and Lynn Garrett of Oak Harbor was 46th in 22:52.

Ross had 162 points while winner Toledo St. John's finished with 71. Toledo Start was second with 89 and Mansfield Madison third with 109.

Sophomore Dane Snyder paced the Little Giants with a sixth place finish in 17:20.

"We talked about the top 10 and beating other team's top runners," Ross coach John Elder said.

Freshman Jeremiah Wagner was next for Ross, finishing 17th while chopping a minute off his best previous time with a 17:56 clocking.

"That made a big difference," Elder said. "I knew he could (run 17:56), but I thought it would be later in the year."

In other boys races, Clyde was sixth in the boys varsity II race with 210 points. Oak Harbor was next with 232.

Port Clinton was ninth with 240. Amanda Clearcreek won the event with 120.

Andy Madell of Clyde was fourth among individuals in 16:41, and teammate Jeremy Dennis took eighth in 17:00.

Brian Evans led Oak Harbor, finishing 18th in 17:26.

In the boys varsity III race, St. Joe was 19th with 478. Scott Reineck led St. Joe, finishing 58th in 18:34.

Woodmore (318) was ninth, Lakota (360) 13th, Old Fort (444) 16th and Bettsville (709) 29th.

Sam Windom's 16th place in 17:36 led Lakota. Also, Brock

Cleveland was 34th in 17:59 for Old Fort while Andrew Liggett was 71st for Bettsville in 18:50.

In other girls races, Lakota was fifth in the girls varsity II-A chase. Lakota had 158 points, while winner Sandusky Perkins had 54.

Julie Harrison of Lakota was ninth in 21:07.

In other high school races, Rudy Sepeda of Clyde was sixth in the boys Open II-III race in 19:06.

Also, Jamie Toeppel of Fremont won the girls junior high race (2 miles) in 13:11, leading Fremont to fifth place. Kelly Skeels of Clyde was second in 13:38 and Jennifer Statts, also of Clyde, was 10th in 14:20.

In the junior high boys open race, David Marlowe of Woodmore was fifth in 13:53 and Wesley Stump of Bettsville ninth in 14:04.

Ross boys runs past Bowling Green as Snyder takes first

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Dane Snyder and Doug Jibilian ran their best times of the year, and the Fremont Ross boys cross country team defeated Bowling Green 23-32 in a high school dual meet Tuesday.

Snyder won the race in 17 minutes, 19 seconds. He finished 19 seconds ahead of Bowling Green's Ken Lewis, while Jibilian placed third in 18:06.

"We are becoming more and more competitive," Ross coach John Elder said. "That's what we want to do because that brings our times down."

Bowling Green won the girls event 21-43. Carrie Gill and Leslie Hasselbach placed third and fourth for Ross, respectively, both crossing the finish line in 23:30.

In other action, Lakota's boys and girls defeated Elmwood, 15-49 and 20-37, respec-

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tively; Genoa hosted Gibsonburg and Otsego in a double dual; Woodmore's boys edged Eastwood 26-29, and the Wildcat girls topped the Eagles 19-42; Sandusky Perkins' boys beat Clyde 26-33 and the Pilates' beat the Fliers 20-36 in the girls meet; and Port Clinton's boys and Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic's girls won a triangular with Oak Harbor.

Lakota-Elmwood

Sam Windom won the boys race for Lakota, and Julie Harrison made it a Lakota sweep with a victory in the girls race.

The Raiders took the first six spots in the boys event, led by Windom's 17:38. Harrison clocked in at 20:49. Teammate

Tracy Artiaga was the runner-up. Genoa double dual

Gibsonburg's boys defeated Otsego 27-32 and topped Genoa 25-33 behind Gabe Sanchez's runner-up finish. Sanchez finished in 18:30 — 18 seconds behind Otsego's Joe Samson.

The Gibsonburg girls ran without a full team, but Beth Balsizer finished eighth in 24:05.

Woodmore-Eastwood

Sam Fitzpatrick finished two seconds in front of Eastwood's Matt Bostendorf, running the course in 17:38.

Stacy Heins and Lindsay Hamilton of Woodmore finished 1-2 in the girls race, running 20:52 and 20:54, respectively.

Perkins-Clyde

Andy Madell and Jeremy Dennis continued their fine running, but their 1-2 finish

wasn't enough against Perkins.

Madell finished in 17:05 and Dennis 17:14, but the Pirates took the next four places and seven of the next eight.

Kelly Taylor won the girls race in 21:21, but Lisa Collins in seventh place was the Fliers' next finisher.

St. Mary's triangular

Port Clinton's boys, paced by Tony Trevino's first-place finish, compiled 27 points to 44 for Oak Harbor and 54 for St. Mary's. Oak Harbor's Brian Evans was runner-up to Trevino, finishing five seconds behind Trevino's 17:25.

St. Mary's girls had 28 points to Port Clinton's 40 and Oak Harbor's 67.

Tracy Meyer and Andrea Kreulen were first and second for PC, and Lynn Garrett was fifth for Oak Harbor.

Ross boys, girls fourth at Galion meet

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Fremont Ross' boys and girls cross country teams both finished fourth Saturday at the Galion Invitational.

Paced by Dane Snyder's fourth-place finish, the Little Giants boys had 99 points, trailing winner Ashland's 28, Mansfield Senior at 39 and Mansfield Madison's 86. Ashland's "B" team was fifth with 110.

"The boys ran super," Ross coach John Elder said. "All of them ran personal best times. This shows we have runners who can run below 18 minutes."

Snyder finished the 3.1 miles in 16 minutes, 44 seconds.

Jeremiah Wagner was the second Ross runner, finishing 16th in 17:30 and Doug Jibilian was 23rd in 18:05.

Phil Schnan of Ashland was first in 16:26.

In the girls' race, Ross's Carey Gill was 19th in 22:22 as the Little Giants recorded 122 points.

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Norwalk won the meet with 32 points.

"That was the best race we've run all year," Ross coach Cathy Mallia said. "The girls' times have dropped."

Leslie Hasselbach was 26th in 23:01 and Jessica Potter 31st in 23:39 for Ross.

Perrysburg Invitational

In the Perrysburg Invitational "AA" girls race, Margaretta won with 49 points. Seneca East was second with 97, Lakota third with 101 and Bellevue fourth with 118. Clyde was ninth with 250.

Leslie Bales was third in 20:44 and her sister, Beth, was seventh in 21:15 to pace Margaretta's win.

Julie Harrison of Lakota finished fourth in 20:53 and teammate Tracy Artiaga was fifth in 21:06.

Clyde's top runner was Jenny

Tesar, 37th in 23:29. Lisa Collins finished 43rd in 24:03.

In the "A" girls race, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic finished fifth out of 12 teams, with 118 points.

Jamie Chapman led the Crimson Streaks with an 11th-place finish (22:23). Sarah Yeager was 13th in 23:35.

Toledo Christian won the boys race with 95 points and St. Joe was eighth with 251.

Scott Reineck was the top finisher for the Streaks, placing 18th in 18:00. Jason Yerkes was 38th in 18:28.

Gibsonburg's Gabe Sanchez was 19th in 18:06.

Clyde finished sixth out of 18 teams in the "AAA" boys meet.

Toledo Whitmer won with 49 points and Pickerington was second with 117. The Fliers recorded 187 points.

Clyde's Jeremy Dennis was eighth in 16:48 and Andy Madell was 11th in 16:53.

Snyder, Lilley continue fine running for Ross

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Fremont Ross, including Dane Snyder and Deb Lilley in particular, held its own as strong cross country teams from Toledo Whitmer and Napoleon came to town at a wet and muddy East Side Park Tuesday.

Snyder finished second in the boys race, finishing one second behind the winning time of Whitmer's Jason Forche, who finished in 17 minutes, 45 seconds.

Lilley finished seventh in the girl's race in 23:29. Lisa Lippincott won in 22:08.

In the boys team scoring, Whitmer beat Ross 19-57 and Napoleon came out on top 29-33.

"I was surprised that we did as well against Napoleon," Ross boys coach John Elder said. "Against Whitmer, we wanted to be competitive and we were."

The Ross girls lost to Whitmer 16-54, but the Little Giants topped Napoleon 27-41.

"We knew Whitmer was going to do well, but Napoleon has a real strong team too," Ross girls coach Cathy Mallia said. "I figured we'd get swept today, but Deb Lilley ran real well and we packed in well above Napoleon."

Carey Gill and Leslie Hasselbach finished 11th and 12th, re-

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spectively, for Ross.

Jeremiah Wagner was 12th and Doug Jibilian 16th for the Ross boys.

In other cross country action, Seneca East's boys and girls won a quadrangular over Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic and Margaretta; Clyde participated in a quadrangular hosted by Eastwood with Lakota and Otsego; and Gibsonburg hosted Woodmore and Elmwood in a triangular.

St. Mary's quadrangular

Seneca East's 24 points were better than 48 by St. Mary's, 57 by St. Joe and Margaretta's 109 in the boys competition.

In the girls meet, Seneca East with 44 points edged St. Mary's by six. Margaretta finished with 66 and St. Joe 69. The Polar Bears are rated fifth in the Division II state cross country coaches poll.

Shawn Stevens of Seneca East won the boys race in 17:39, while Scott Reineck placed fifth and Jason Yerkes sixth for St. Joe.

"If I can get my fourth and fifth runners moving up, we'll be

OK," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said.

Greg Michael was 13th and Wesley Rapp 15th in those spots Tuesday.

Margaretta's Andrea Lindsley outsprouted St. Joe freshman Jamie Chapman to win by a second, finishing in 21:19.

"(Chapman) is improving, improving, improving, improving," Logsdon said. "Our whole girls team is starting to run real well."

Sarah Yeager was the second St. Joe runner across the finish line, placing ninth.

Eastwood quadrangular

Clyde's Andy Madell and Jeremy Dennis, as usual, placed first and second. Madell's winning time was 17:14, and Dennis finished in 17:19.

Lakota's Sam Windom was third, 26 seconds behind Dennis.

Otsego's Collen Judge won the girls race in 20:55, but Lakota's Traci Artiaga (20:59) and Julie Harrison (21:02) were second and third.

Kelly Taylor led the Fliers with a fourth-place time of 21:27.

Gibsonburg triangular

Woodmore's Sam Fitzpatrick, Ben Stebing and Charlie Gerwin

finished first through third, with Fitzpatrick posting a winning time of 17:35.

Gabe Sanchez was fourth, Steve Smith fifth and Josh Egbert sixth for the Golden Bears.

The Woodmore girls team showed why they are the ninth-rated team in the Ohio Division II poll by grabbing the first six spots, led by Stacy Heins' winning time of 20:16.

Lindsey Hamilton, Beth Perkins, Laurie Crispen, Angie Michael and Traci Sandwisch took the next five spots.

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The Fremont Ross girls tennis team ran its record to 9-0 Tuesday with a 5-0 Great Lakes League victory over Toledo Whitmer at Rodger Young Park.

The Little Giants are undefeated in five GLL matches with one left Tuesday at Bedford.

All Ross singles players and both doubles teams won in straight sets.

In other matches, Huron beat Clyde 4-1 and Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic beat

Ross runners reaching goals

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MAUMEE — The Fremont Ross boys cross country team finished fifth in the Maumee Invitational Saturday.

The Little Giants, paced by Dane Snyder's 12th place finish in 17 minutes, 15 seconds, had 157 points. Defiance won the meet with 49.

Toledo St. John's was second with 75, followed by Bedford (Mich.) with 78 and Toledo Start with 93.

Perrysburg (163), Whitmer's B team (179), Toledo Bowsher (192), Toledo Waite (230) and Toledo Rogers (249) comprised the second five.

"Our top five all ran under 19 minutes," Ross coach John Elder said, "and that was one of our goals."

"I don't think we could have finished any higher."

Jeremiah Wagner was 19th in 17:29 for Ross, followed by teammates Rob Swaisgood in 39th (18:35), Tim Leeth 41st (18:39) and Doug Jibilian 46th (18:50).

In the open race, Matt Henning finished in 19:56.

"That (breaking 20 minutes) was one of Matt's personal goals," Elder said.

The Ross girls were seventh with 163 points, while Toledo Notre Dame ran to the team title with 36.

Deb Lilley and Carey Gill placed 16th and 17th in 21:57 and 21:59, respectively.

"Deb and Carey finally broke 21 minutes," said Ross coach Cathy Mallia, who noted that sub-21 minute times were a goal

of Lilley and Gill as well as Leslie Hasselbach. "I didn't expect it this early. I'm sure the competition had something to do with it."

Hasselbach placed 34th with a time of 22:59, while Jessica Potter's time of 24:19 was good for 47th place.

In a Division II race at Maumee, Port Clinton's boys nosed out Clyde for third place based on a sixth-man tiebreaker. Both teams finished with 93 points.

Andy Madell and Jeremy Dennis finished third and fourth, respectively, for the Flirs. Swanton won the event with 56 points and was followed by Maumee with 79.

Clyde's girls placed eighth with 161 points as Bellevue won the event with 66.

Gibsonburg boys run to pair of victories

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Gibsonburg's boys ran to a pair of dual victories in high school cross country action Thursday.

The Golden Bears defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 23-38 and Old Fort 23-36. St. Joe topped Old Fort 25-31 in the other team score.

Although Old Fort's Brock Cleveland won the race in 17 minutes, 46 seconds; and St. Joe's Jason Yerkes and Scott Reineck finished third and fourth, respectively, Gibsonburg had

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five of the top 10 runners.

Steve Smith led the way, finishing five seconds behind Cleveland. Yerkes and Reineck were followed by Bob Kasischke and Gabe Sanchez.

Doug Magers placed seventh for the Stockaders.

Team scores were not kept in the girls competition as only St. Joe competed with a full team of seven runners.

St. Joe's Jamie Chapman won the race in 21:23 and was followed by teammate Sarah Yeager in 21:36.

Old Fort's Maryanne Dunlap was third in 23:05 followed by Gibsonburg's Beth Balsizer in 23:24.

In other cross country action, Maumee's boys and girls teams both defeated Fremont Ross. Maumee won the boys meet 24-39 and took the girls event 25-32.

Personal bests by six Little Giants couldn't prevent the Ross boys from falling as Maumee

took seven of the top 10 spots.

Dane Snyder finished one second behind Maumee's Joe Lehmann, who won the race in 17:06. Jeremiah Wagner was third for the Little Giants, and Doug Jiblin finished seventh.

The Ross girls were also very competitive despite losing as they placed four runner sin the top 10. Carey Gill led the way in third place with a time of 22:20.

Deb Lilley was fourth, Leslie Hasselbach sixth and Jessica Potter seventh for Ross.

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Clay Invitational

In the boys Division I race, top-ranked Sylvania Southview ran to a first-place finish with 33 points. Cleveland St. Ignatius was second with 59 and Fremont Ross 11th with 328.

For Ross, Jeremiah Wagner took 39th in 17:18 and Dane Snyder 41st in 17:22.

Brian Evans finished 15th in 17:08 to lead Oak Harbor's boys to a third-place finish in the Division II-III event.

Napoleon won the boys' meet with 112 points, while Van Wert was second with 120 and the Rockets third with 134.

"I was pretty proud of the guys," said Oak Harbor coach

Bob Van Horn, whose team finished one spot ahead of state-ranked Swanton (138 points). "They ran with a lot of heart."

Oak Harbor's Scott Schmidt was 26th in 17:36 and Bill Walker was 31st in 17:43.

Oak Harbor's girls took eighth with 211 points. Otsego won with 91 and Lakota was second with 96.

Oak Harbor's Lynn Garrett was eighth in 21:57 and Rachel Schulz was 39th in 22:49.

Lakota's Julie Harrison finished third in 20:10 and Traci Arriaga was seventh in 20:48.

For the Lakota boys, Sam Windom was 16th in 17:19 and Sam Weaver was 29th in 17:40.

Snyder, Yeager shine

Pair give
Fremont sweep
at invitational

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Dane Snyder of Fremont Ross and Sara Yeager of St. Joseph Central Catholic stole the show, but Maumee and Toledo Central Catholic took the top team prizes Saturday at the Ross-St. Joe Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Snyder, a sophomore, outprinted Troy Gottfried of Ashland Crestview in the last 800 meters to win the boys varsity race, covering the 3.1 mile Wolf Creek Park course in 16 minutes, 50 seconds. Gottfried was five seconds off Snyder's pace.

"Dane had a great race. That was his best race of the year," Ross coach John Elder said.

"Dane was behind by about 15 yards on the last loop, but he made it up on the hills."

After Snyder's finish, Maumee runners finished fourth through eighth to win the team title. Maumee had 30 points while runner-up Ashland Crestview was charged with 69.

Andy Bartell led Maumee, placing fourth in 17:35.

Ross, with Snyder winning, Jeremiah Wagner taking ninth in 17:52 and Doug Jibilian 16th, finished third with 86.

"I thought the best race, other than Dane's, was Clint Hill's (20th in 18:43)," Elder said. "Tim Leeth wasn't feeling well and Clint stepped in and ran number four with his best time of the year. That picked up a lot of ground for us."

Rossford was fourth with 103, followed by Keystone with 115, St. Joe with 143 and Toledo Waite with 160.

Scott Reineck paced St. Joe, finishing 11th in 18:03.

Yeager beat St. Joe freshman classmate Jamie Chapman to the finish line in the girls varsity race. Yeager slipped past Chapman at the finish line, clocking in at 21:14. Chapman's time was 21:15 in the near photo finish.

"The first two girls ran a phenomenal race," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said. "That is the first time Sara has beaten Jamie and she beat her on the sprint."

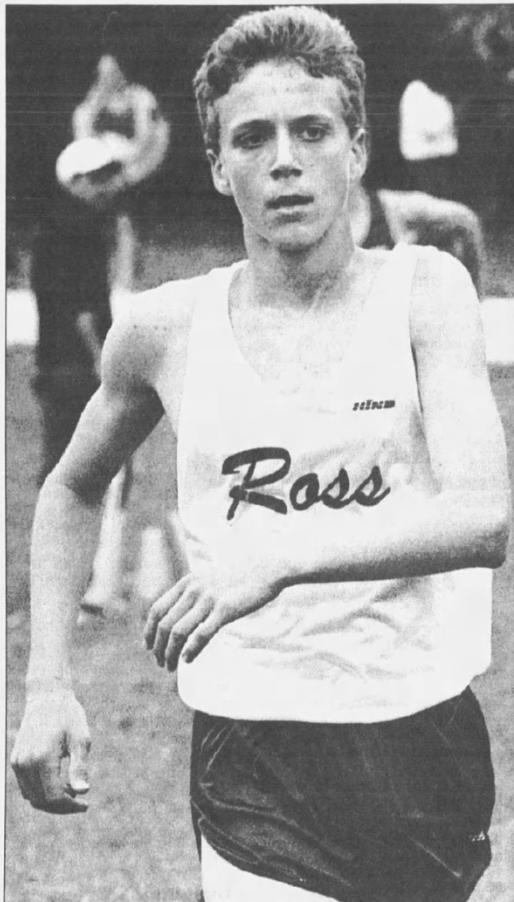
Toledo Central Catholic, with Lyndi Jacquemotte's third place finish topping the effort, won the team trophy with 37 points. Keystone was next at 58, followed by St. Joe with 68, Maumee at 91, Ross at 114 and Rossford with 131.

St. Joe's 1-2 individual finish did not surprise Logsdon.

"Toledo Central Catholic did not bring their 'A' team down," he said, "so once the race started and we saw where they were at, we knew we had a shot at doing that."

The Ross team effort was hurt early in the race when number one runner Deb Lilley fell, injuring her left hamstring. The top Ross finisher was Carey Gill, 12th in 22-flat. Leslie Hasselbach was next for the Little Giants, placing 19th in 23:06.

"If we would have had Deb in



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there, we would have been more competitive," Ross girls coach Cathy Mallia said. "We would have been up, maybe, seven (Individual) places."

In varsity open racing, Matt Henning of Ross was seventh in 19:38, the only top 10 Ross or St. Joe finish in the boys race. Sarah Huss of St. Joe was 23rd in the girls open race.

Also, Fremont Junior High School won the girls title with 23 points, far ahead of runner-up Maumee's 57. St. Joe was third with 80.

Jamie Toeppel of Fremont won the 2-mile race in 12:57. Alison Kelly of Fremont was third in 14:15, followed by teammates Michelle Salas and Monica Woods in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Dominique Reyes was eighth and Angie Reineck ninth for St. Joe.

In the boys junior high race, Kurt Snyder of Fremont was second in 12:30 as Keystone won the title with 57, a point less than Maumee. St. Joe was third with 71, Crestview fourth with 76 and Fremont finished with 79.

St. Joe's top finisher was Aaron Pollick, sixth in 13:07. Jan Burroughs of St. Joe was ninth.



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Woodmore's Heins runs to school record

Raiders' boys finish second, girls take third at Lakota Invitational

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Woodmore junior Stacy Heins led the state's fifth-ranked Wildcats to the girls team title and broke a school record in the process Tuesday at the Lakota Cross Country Invitational at Nature Trails.

Heins won the race in 19 minutes, 14 seconds to break the school mark by three seconds. The old record was held by Emily Kruse.

Oak Harbor's Brian Evans won the boys Division II race in 16:49.

Woodmore raced to the girls' team title, recording 44 points to beat third-ranked Liberty Benton by 19 points. Liberty Benton was the defending meet champion.

Lakota was third with 118, Oak Harbor 10th (281), Genoa 11th (286), Margaretta 14th (389) and Gibsonburg 17th (433).

Fostoria won the boys Division II race with 38 points, one ahead of Oak Harbor.

Toledo Christian's boys took the Division III event with 32 points. Lakota was runner-up with 95, Old Fort was fifth with 153, Gibsonburg was seventh (193) and Woodmore finished ninth (227).

Woodmore's Lindsey Hamilton was second in the girls' race in 19:33, breaking the school freshman record by 26 seconds.

Hamilton, who beat Heins at last weekend's Fostoria Invitational, helped the 'Cats beat Liberty Benton for the second time this season.

"Stacy was kind of disappointed last Saturday, but she had cramps at the end of the race and couldn't finish real hard," Woodmore coach Mark Yoder said. "She was out to get after it today. Nature Trails is a

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fast course and she thought she'd have a good chance to break the school record and she did just that."

Beth Parkins took eighth, Laurie Crispen was 13th and Traci Sandwisch was 20th for the Wildcats.

"All seven girls ran good races today," Yoder said. "When your seventh runner comes in in front of Liberty Benton's fifth runner, that really says something about your depth."

Lakota's Julie Harrison was third in 19:42, teammate Traci Artiaga took fifth (19:58) and Oak Harbor's Lynn Garrett was 12th (20:41).

In the boys Division II race, Oak Harbor's Scott Schmidt was seventh in 17:23.

In the Division III event, Lakota's Sam Windom was third in 17:08 and Sam Weaver was fourth in 17:13.

Woodmore's Ben Stebing took ninth in 17:25, Brock Cleveland was 13th (17:37) for Old Fort and Gibsonburg's Josh Young was 22nd in 18:08.

Ross tri-meet

Fremont Ross' boys and girls teams each split with Sylvania Northview and Bedford on Tuesday.

In the boys' event, Ross beat Northview 27-28 but lost to Bedford 16-44. The Little Giants beat Bedford's girls 22-33 but lost to Northview 17-42.

Carey Gill led the Ross girls, placing fourth in 22:54. Leslie Hasselbach was seventh (23:54) and Jessica Potter ninth (24:20).

For the Ross boys, Dane Snyder finished seventh (18:38), followed by Jeremiah Wagner in ninth (19:20).



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LAKOTA'S SAM Windom crosses the finish line in third place in the Division III boys race Tuesday at the Lakota Invitational at Nature Trails.