

1995 Great Lakes League...

Cross Country teams ready for league meets

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Several league or conference cross country meets are scheduled for Saturday.

Fremont Ross will compete in the Great Lakes League Meet at Bedford High School in Temperance, Mich.

The junior varsity teams will run first — the girls at 9:30 a.m. and the boys 45 minutes later. The girls varsity race, with undefeated (in GLL dual meets) Ross the favorite, begins at 11:15 a.m. The boys race with Bedford, Ross and Findlay expected to be favored for the top spot, begins at 12:15 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

This weekend was a big one for high school cross country, with five area conferences or leagues settling championships.

Highlighting Saturday's events were runners from Fremont Ross, Clyde and Woodmore.

Jeremiah Wagner of Ross set a course record and lowered his own school record in the Great Lakes League Meet.

At the meet to settle things in the Sandusky Bay Conference, Ben Ingersoll and Jenni Staats of Clyde took individual honors.

Lindsey Hamilton of Woodmore, meanwhile, won her third consecutive girls Suburban Lakes League championship.

The Midland Athletic League Meet was also held.

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Wagner lowers own Ross record at GLL

Little Giants upset in girls league race

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TEMPERANCE, Mich. — Jeremiah Wagner of Fremont Ross took individual honors at the Great Lakes League Meet Saturday, but the Bedford Mules kicked their way to the meet as well as season boys and girls titles.

Wagner's winning time of 15 minutes, 51 seconds lowered his own Ross team record of 16:03 set last season and established a Bedford course record.

While Wagner shattered the records, Bedford placed five runners in the top 10 to finish with 27 points, comfortably ahead of the Little Giants' 69.

Napoleon was third with 75 and Findlay had 91. Whitmer was fifth with 94 followed by Sylvania Northview with 116 and Fostoria at 211. Oregon Clay did not have a full team and did not figure into the team scoring.

In the girls meet, Ross finished third after coming into the meet favored and undefeated in seven dual meets. Bedford won the meet with 45 points and nipped Northview and Ross for the season championship.

Northview was second with 49, a point ahead of Ross. Napoleon was fourth with 116, Whitmer fifth at 160 and Fostoria (164), Clay (171) and Findlay (188) rounded out the field.

The finish for the Ross boys was the team's best ever in the GLL.

"We got exactly what we wanted," Elder said. "I'm very pleased with our performance especially because I don't believe we have run our best race yet this season as a team."

Bedford's Jesse Elzinga was runner-up to Wagner in 15:59, with his teammates following in fourth, fifth, sixth and 10th places.

The Mules were undefeated in seven dual meets, earning two points for each win. Finishes in the league meet are on a 21, 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3, 0 basis. Bedford had 35 points while Ross, 5-2 in the dual season, had 28. Napoleon finished third with 23.

With six of their top seven runners from last year's GLL championship team, the Ross girls were bothered by pesky illnesses plus a case of "looking ahead."

"We had a couple of girls who were not feeling good," coach Cathy Mallia said Sunday after delving over the results. "I think we may not have put as much importance into the league meet but rather we may have been looking as the district and regional meets coming up."

Had any of the Ross runners finished one place higher, the Little Giants would have come in second and would have won the season title. The only way the Little Giants could have lost the overall title was to finish third behind Bedford and Northview in that order and that's what happened.

Both Bedford and Northview lost to Ross in the regular season.

Bedford had 31 points in the season title race with Northview at 30 and Ross at 29.

Jami Toeppel (19:38) was second to race winner Tasha Mendera (19:12) of Bedford. Mendera's teammates finished fifth, eighth, 11th and 20th.

Cross Country

High School Boys

GLL Meet

TEMPERANCE, Mich. — Results of the Great Lakes League Meet Saturday at Bedford High School:

TEAM STANDINGS*

1. Bedford	27
2. Fremont Ross	69
3. Napoleon	75
4. Findlay	91
5. Whitmer	94
6. Sylvania Northview	116
7. Fostoria	211

*Clay did not have a full team

Top 25 runners

1-Jeremiah Wagner (FR) 15:50 (Ross school record and Bedford course record), 2-Jesse Elzinga (B) 15:59, 3-Brett Baddord (F) 16:01, 4-Chris May (B) 16:18, 5-Mike Wisniewski (B) 16:21, 6-Matt Koepfer (B) 16:22, 7-Jeremiah Smith (FR) 16:25, 8-Troy Rathge (N) 16:27, 9-Ed Ortega (W) 16:32, 10-Keith Mieczkowski (B) 17:38.

11-Kory Storch (N) 17:00, 12-Frank Wilfeth (W) 17:09, 13-Jason Kessler (N) 17:14, 14-Mike Ho (OC) 17:15, 15-Ben Flaata (SN) 17:15, 16-Marc Vanderbergh (N) 17:17, 17-Phil Hodgman (Fi) 17:23, 18-Phil Mishka (W) 17:25, 19-Josh Fettner (Fi) 17:25, 20-Clint Hill (FR) 17:26.

21-Jake Smith (FR) 17:34, 22-Shad Parker (Fi) 17:35, 23-Jon Framstead (FR) 17:35, 24-Josh Masters (SN) 17:36, 25-Jon White (SN).

Other Ross finishes

27-Kurt Snyder 17:45, 33-Eli Semer 18:00

Open race winner

Mike Rhoda (Napoleon) 18:05

Ross open finishes

4-Eric Gabel 18:20, 12-Kevin Alexander 18:41, 37-Jake Costa 21:22

Final season standings

(Points in league meet are awarded on 21, 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3, 0 basis. Teams receive two points for each dual meet win.)

Pos.	Team	Duals	Meet	Tot.
1.	Bedford	14	21	35
2.	Fremont Ross	10	18	28
3.	Napoleon	8	15	23
4.	Findlay	10	12	22
5.	Whitmer	12	9	21
6.	Sylvania Northview	4	6	10
7.	Fostoria	0	3	3
8.	Oregon Clay	0	0	0

High School Girls

GLL Meet

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TEAM STANDINGS

1, Bedford	45
2, Sylvania Northview	49
3, Fremont Ross	50
4, Napoleon	116
5, Whitmer	160
6, Fostoria	164
7, Oregon Clay	171
8, Findlay	188

Top 25 runners

1-Tasha Mindera (B) 19:12, 2-Jami Toepper (FR) 19:38, 3-Lindsay Frontz (FR) 20:00, 4-Laura Kaminsky (SN) 20:07, 5-Shannon Reno (B) 20:07, 6-Liz Nigh (SN) 20:15, 7-Megan Taylor (N) 20:22, 8-Katie Kolar (B) 20:28, 9-Kara Damman (N) 20:29, 10-Mary Knous (SN) 20:31.

11-Leslie Keane (B) 20:33, 12-Kristyn Warner (FR) 20:34, 13-Abby Nash (SN) 20:34, 14-Kristi Schaffer (OC) 20:35, 15-Alison Kelly (FR) 20:45, 16-Melissa Snyder (SN) 20:55, 17-Monica Tinajero (Fi) 21:04, 18-Monica Wood (FR) 21:07, 19-Megan Stark (SN) 21:11, 20-Lisa Camp (B) 21:15.

21-Meliah Kunkelman (Fo) 21:17, 22-Sarah Williams (FR) 21:18, 23-Michelle Thomas (OC) 21:19, 24-Naomi Chapman (Fo) 21:28, 25-Katie Wilhelm (Fi) 21:33.

Other Ross finishes

31-Molly O'Connor 21:55

Open race winner

Kristen Banek (Northview) 21:40

Ross open finishes

11-Lynne Grossman 23:35, 28-Meredith Huffman 26:43

Final season standings

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Pos., Team	Duals	Meet	Tot.
1, Bedford	10	21	31
2, Sylvania Northview	12	18	30
3, Fremont Ross	14	15	29
4, Napoleon	8	12	20
5, Whitmer	6	9	15
6, Fostoria	4	6	10
7, Oregon Clay	2	3	5
8, Findlay	0	0	0