

# Ross, St. Joe teams finish 2nd in meets

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Fremont Ross finished in middle of a triangular and St. Joe was second in a five-team high school cross country meet Thursday.

Lakota was charged with just 21 points to finish ahead of Ross (38) and Old Fort (81) in the three-team meet at East Side Park in Fremont. At Bascom, host Hopewell-Loudon had 34 and St. Joe 59. Following St. Joe was New Riegel with 74, St. Wendelin at 87 and Elmwood with 101.

In other meets, Margaretta defeated Oak Harbor 24-31, Perkins speeded past Clyde 17-42, and Genoa got past Delta 18-41.

Veteran Lakota runner Joe McKown won the meet at East Side Park, churning out the 3.1 miles in 16 minutes and 20 seconds. Teammate Brian Smith was second in 17:40.

Brian Doty of Ross was third in 17:43 but Lakota runners took six of the next eight spots to control the meet.

Kevin Sendelbach of Hopewell-Loudon beat St. Joe's Craig

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Nieset to the finish line by 11 seconds — 17:28 to 17:39 — as the two made it a virtual two-man run. Larry Steinmetz of Hopewell-Loudon was a distant third in 18:36.

The Bascom course was 3.3 miles, two-tenths of a mile more than the regulation 5K distance.

Jason Hand and Dave Riedy finished first and second, respectively, for Margaretta.

Matt Sutter, Bill Harder and Chris Webb of Oak Harbor finished 3, 4 and 5.

Powerful Perkins ran easily past Clyde. The first four runners to finish were from Perkins.

Scott Smith won the race in 17:12 to pace the Pirates' win. Dave Jackson was the first Clyde runner, finishing fifth in 18:10.

At Delta, Genoa runners finished in the first four positions and seven of the 10 in the convincing victory.

Jason Gladden won in 16:54.

# Ross finishes on top in tri-meet

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Fremont Ross picked up a pair of boys cross country victories Thursday with a top spot finish in a triangular with Huron and Port Clinton at East Harbor State Park.

Ross had 21 points, Huron 41 and host Port Clinton 78.

In other meets, Bettsville won a quadrangular involving St. Joe, Old Fort and Hopewell-Loudon, Fostoria defeated Oak Harbor, and Genoa ran past Evergreen.

The Ross duo of Eric Middleton and Brian Doty finished 1-2, both in 18 minutes and 16 seconds. Jeff Quayle was third and Marc Chapman fourth for Huron.

Scott Nossaman was fifth,

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Aaron Potter sixth, Kevin Brooks seventh and Andy Boedeker ninth for Ross as the Little Giants took seven of the top 10 spots.

Port Clinton's first runner was Scott Thomas in 11th. Rich Cletcher of the Redskins finished 13th.

Bettsville had 41 points, Hopewell-Loudon 54, St. Joe 56 and Old Fort 59. Mike Wise of Bettsville was the individual winner in 16:35. Ron Wise of the Bobcats was third with Kevin Sendelbach of Hopewell-Loudon finishing between the Wises.

Craig Nieset of St. Joe came home fourth in 17:42. Mike Shaver was the first Old Fort

runner, finishing fifth in 18:27. St. Joe's second runner, Tim Woolf, was ninth.

At Oak Harbor, Fostoria's Watson twins — Jamie and Mike — were first and second in identical clockings of 17:20. Bill Harder was third in 18:12 and Chris Webb fourth for Oak Harbor.

The Rockets are now 1-2.

Genoa trounced Evergreen 16-47 as Comets runners finished in the top four positions.

Jason Gladden was the individual winner for Genoa, finishing in 18 minutes and 35 seconds, a second ahead of teammate Chris Brossia. Ray Burrey was third and Eric Burrey fourth.

Genoa is now 3-1.

## Fostoria runners edge Ross

The Watson twins — Mike and Jamie — finished one-two to lead the Fostoria boys to a 25-30 high school cross country victory over Fremont Ross at East Side Park.

Mike Watson was the winner, finishing the five kilometers (3.1 miles) in 17 minutes and 11 seconds, 14 seconds ahead of his brother Jamie.

Eric Middleton was third and Brian Doty fourth in 18:08 and 18:26, respectively, for Ross.

The Little Giants are 3-2.

In the girls meet, Ross took eight of the top 10 spots but had to settle for just that. Fostoria started the race with five runners but only four finished and no team scores were recorded.

Tami Stanley finished first for the Little Giants in 23:06. Her Ross teammate, Cathy Mallia, was next in 23:43 before Shelleigh Watson of Fostoria came across the line.

Shelly Hines was fourth for Ross.

# St. Joe girls run past Port Clinton

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Ann Gaydosh won the race, but St. Joseph Central Catholic won the meet to highlight high school girls cross country action Tuesday.

The Crimson Streaks were charged with 24 points and Port Clinton 31. Low score wins in cross country. Host Oak Harbor started five runners, but only four finished and the Rockets were not figured in the team scoring.

Gaydosh finished in 19:46 but Carrie Guyer and Dorothy Colon of St. Joe finished 2-3 in 20:43 and 21:30, respectively, before

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the Redskins' Kelly Bryan ran across the finish line. St. Joe runners captured fifth, sixth and eighth to win the meet.

Margie Alexander of Oak Harbor was 10th in 23:29.

St. Joe is 3-0 while the loss was the first in four meets for Port Clinton.

In other meets, Ross slipped past Perkins 26-29, Lakota defeated Eastwood 22-39 and Sandusky St. Mary's ran past Clyde 18-43.

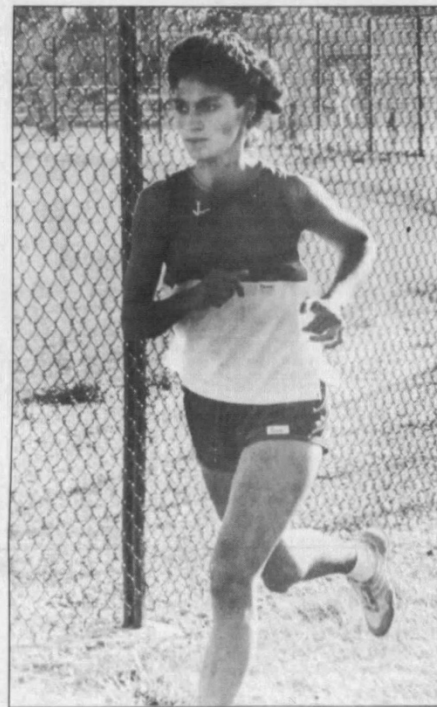
Renaé Beaudin and Tricia Crawford were 1-2 for Perkins but the Ross depth paid off. Beaudin finished in 19:54

Tami Stanley of Ross was third and Cathy Mallia fourth as Little Giants finished fifth, sixth and and eighth to ice the victory. Stanley clicked off the 3.1 miles at Osborne Park in Sandusky in 22:01.

Lakota won for the fourth time in five meets. Lisa Sauter and Josie Asmus of Otsego finished first and second but the Knights had only three runners and did not figure in the team scoring. Sauter won in 19:17.

Jenny Scherger was third for Lakota and Dorene Jones took sixth. Lakota runners finished eighth, ninth and 10th. Scherger clocked in with a 20:11 at the Nature Trails course.

Deb Young and Kerry Kennedy finished 1-2 for St.



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ST. JOE'S Tim Woolf (left) and Dorothy Colon stride out during action at Oak Harbor Tuesday.

Mary's with Young recording a 19:27 and Kennedy 19:41. Dion Carter took third for Clyde in 21:52 with teammates Lisa Miller eighth and Gwen Yates ninth.

Genoa came up with a cross country shutout to highlight the high school boys area slate Tuesday.

Genoa runners finished in the first nine spots as the Comets won 15-50 — a perfect score — over Northwood.

Jason Gladden was first in 18:56 with teammates Ray Burrey second in 18:57 and Chris Brossia third in 18:58. One second behind Brossia was Eric Burrey.

In other meets, St. Joe split with Oak Harbor and Port Clinton at Oak Harbor, Ross finished in the middle of a

triangular with Perkins and Huron, Sandusky St. Mary's defeated Clyde, and Woodmore won twice.

At Oak Harbor, Craig Nieset of St. Joe as the individual winner in 17:27, but Chris Webb, Bill Harder, Matt Sutter and Bill Risch of Oak Harbor were the next four runners to cross the finish line. Webb finished in 17:36. That group of Rockets enabled Oak Harbor to defeat St. Joe 21-41 and Port Clinton 16-47. St. Joe topped Port Clinton 24-31.

Tim Woolf of St. Joe was seventh. Scott Thomas was the first Port Clinton runner, coming in sixth in 18:56.

Larry Sparks was the individual winner for Perkins in the triangular at Osborne Park in Sandusky. He ran the 5K distance in 16:35. That effort

spurred the Pirates to 23 points. Ross had 40 and Huron 63.

Brian Doty and Eric Middleton of Ross were second and third in 17:01 and 17:14, respectively, but Perkins runners finished in fourth through seventh to cement the win.

Jay Yochem of St. Mary's led his team to a 19-39 victory over Clyde. Yochem won in 16:51. Clyde's Dave Jackson was second in 17:24.

Woodmore stopped Gibsonburg 25-30 and Elmwood 17-38. Doug Shuman was first in 17:39 and Tim Hernandez second in 18:11 as Woodmore runners took the top two spots. Steve Mitchell of Gibsonburg was third in 18:15.

The two wins leveled Woodmore at 3-3 for the season.

# Big day for Ross runners

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It was a day to remember for the Ross cross country teams and Coach Norm Bray.

"Can you remember a time when Ross cross country teams won six meets in one night," Bray asked.

There was no answer because if that has happened, the memory has been buried beyond

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recall. The Ross boys and girls teams chalked up three victories apiece in a quadrangular at Millbury.

The Ross boys defeated Lake 23-34, Cardinal Stritch 23-34 and Oak Harbor 24-34 to run their record to 7-3. Oak Harbor recorded wins over Lake 26-29 and Stritch 27-28.

The Ross girls posted wins over Lake 23-34, Stritch 18-41 and Oak Harbor 16-43 to raise their season mark to 7-2. The Oak Harbor girls lost to Lake 18-45 but stopped Lake 23-34.

Ross's Brian Doty was first in the boys race, nosing out Al Adams of Lake by a second. Eric Middleton of the Little Giants was third in 17:25.

Chris Webb led a trio of Oak Harbor runners finishing fifth through seventh. Webb finished in 17:42.

In the girls race, Teri Ann Klorer of Lake won in 21:35, a minute and second ahead of Ross runner-up Tami Stanley. Another Ross runner, Shelly Hines took third in 22:38.

Cathy Mallia of Ross was fifth with Stacy Pasch seventh and Nicole Buehler of the Little Giants 10th.

The first Oak Harbor runner was Tally McManus in eighth with a clocking of 23:12. Lori Goetz was 18th, Angie Reynolds 19th, Jenny Miller 20th and Margie Alexander 21st for the Rockets.



# Lakota teams sweep titles

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OREGON — Lakota was two for two at the Eagle Invitational Cross Country Meet at Oregon Clay Saturday.

Joe McKown led the Raiders boys with a first-place clocking of 16:02.3. Brian Smith of Lakota was fifth as the Raiders were charged with just 32 points. Roger Geyman was seventh and Frank Contreras ninth for Lakota.

Fostoria was second with 64, Genoa third with 44, Swanton fourth with 88 and Oak Harbor fifth at 139.

Jason Gladden was sixth in 17:25, Ray Burrey 12th and Chris Brossia 13th for Genoa. Chris Webb led Oak Harbor, finishing 11th in 17:49. Bill Harder crossed the finish line 19th.

The Lakota girls captured that title with 32 points, well ahead of

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runner-up Swanton's 57. Oak Harbor was fifth with 125.

Jenny Scherger finished second in 20:40, Beth Gabel sixth, Dorene Jones seventh, Kelly Stoudinger eight and Nancy Gilbert ninth, all for Lakota.

Tally McManus finished 19th in 23:50 and Lori Goetz 21st in 24:02 for Oak Harbor.

In the AAA running, the Ross boys were fifth with 171. St. Francis won with 33 and Rogers was second with 101. Bedford, Mich., took third with 161 and Lima Shawnee was fourth, 10 points ahead of Ross. Port Clinton was 14th with 339.

"This was our best finish ever at this meet," Ross Coach Norm Bray pointed out.

Brian Doty was 20th for Ross, finishing in 17:50. Eric Middleton finished 30th and Kevin Brooks 38th for the Little Giants.

Rich Cutcher finished 46th and Scott Thomas 49th for the Port Clinton. Cutcher had an 18:44 clocking and Thomas, 18:49.4.

In the girls big school race, Ross finished 10th with 227 and Port Clinton took eighth with 206.

Tami Stanley's 21st place finish in 22:09.8 led Ross. Cathy Mallia was next, finishing 40th in 23:00.9 and Nicole Buehler finished 42nd in 23:04.9.

Ann Gaydosh of Port Clinton won the AAA girls race in 19:35.6.

Whitmer won the team with 95, the same as runner-up Northview. The tie was broken by sixth place runners.

The second Port Clinton runner to finish was Amy Gaydosh 47th in 23:15.6.

# Ross boys down Findlay

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Ross knocked off arch-rival Findlay and the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic girls team remained undefeated in dual meets to highlight area high school cross country meets Tuesday.

The Ross boys won for the eighth time in 11 meets 23-32.

"What else?" Ross Coach Norm Bray grinned. "It was great."

Brian Doty was the individual winner in 17:58 at the East Side Park course. Kevin Brooks of Ross was third, Scott Nossaman finished fourth for the Little Giants and Aaron Potter and Eric Middleton were seventh and eighth, respectively.

The day was tempered a bit for Bray as his girls team lost 25-32 but he could see the bright spots. He pointed out his team

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was without the services of normally its fifth runner — Stacy Pasch — because of illness.

"And Lisa Abdoo is just coming off the flu," he said."

Laural Didham outraced Ross's Tami Stanley to the finish line to win in 21:44, three seconds better than the Little Giants runner. Cathy Mallia was fourth, Shelly Hines sixth and Nicole Buehler eighth for Ross, 7-3.

St. Joe's girls easily rolled past Mohawk 16-46, sweeping seven of the top 10 finishing positions in the process.

Carrie Guyer won the race in 21:07 with teammates Dorothy Colon, Elaine Gonya and Caryn Gabel taking the next three spots. Gonya was back in action

after missing several meets because of an injured toe.

Anita Shanle of Mohawk was fifth before Rachel Carpenter's sixth place finish rounded out the St. Joe scorers.

In the boys meet, Mohawk won a triangular from St. Joe and Gibsonburg. The Sycamores were charged with 19 points, Gibsonburg 48 and the Streaks 59.

Kurt Verhoff of Mohawk won in 16:55 and teammate Kevin King was second. Craig Nieset was third for St. Joe in 17:43. Brian Benfield was the first Gibsonburg runner, finishing sixth in 18:49.

In other meets, Clyde got win number one 26-29 over Edison, Woodmore defeated Bettsville 25-33, Old Fort stopped Elmwood 21-36 and Genoa fell to Eastwood 24-31.

# Area runners excel at 3 different meets

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Ross had a fine day at the Maumee Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday as the boys finished second and the girls fifth in the team standings.

The Little Giant boys had 64 points, second to Toledo Rogers, which finished with 39.

The Lady Giants, meanwhile, scored 126 in placing fifth.

Other area teams at the meet were Bellevue, Clyde and Old Fort. Bellevue's boys team placed third in the Division II meet with 77 points, while Clyde and Old Fort were fifth and seventh in Division III. In the girls meet, Bellevue won with 33 points in Division II. Clyde's girls placed sixth in Division III at 117.

Leading the way for the Ross boys was Brian Doty, who came in third with a time of 17:28.

Eric Middleton was seventh overall for the Giants.

For the Ross girls, Tami Stanley was 11th with a time of

21:57.

Bellevue's Matt Turner won the boys Division II race to lead the Redmen.

In other cross country action Saturday, Lakota's boys and girls won the Galion Invitational, and Genoa's boys and Woodmore's girls placed first in the Lake Invitational.

At Galion, the Lakota boys, led by Joe McKown, edged Big Walnut for the title. Lakota finished with 33 points and Big Walnut had 34.

McKown won the race with a time of 16:12.

The Lakota girls were led by Jenny Scherger, who won the race in a time of 20:50.

At Lake, Genoa's Jason Gladden finished third overall to pace the Comets to the victory.

In the girls meet, Woodmore won with 41 points, followed by Lake with 56.

Emily Kruse led the Lady Wildcats with a fourth-place finish in 21:25.

# Little Giants manage to hold off Fliers' 'gang'

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Clyde tried to gang up on Ross, but the Little Giants fought off the Fliers in boys high school cross country Thursday.

Brian Doty of Ross won the race in 14 minutes and 44 seconds over the 2.8-mile course, but then the Clyde gang charged across the line. Dave Jackson, Tim Kritzell and Jim Johnson of the Fliers finished second through fourth before the Little Giants were able to stop the assault by taking the next six finishing slots for a 27-32 victory.

The win raised the Little Giants season mark to 10-3.

Scott Nossaman was fifth for Ross in 15:15 and Eric Middleton took sixth in 15:17.

In other area meets, Margaretta defeated St. Joseph Central Catholic 19-44, Woodmore won one and dropped one in a triangular

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with Hopewell-Loudon and Perrysburg, Genoa won a pair of meets while Oak Harbor split in the same triangular with Clay, and Port Clinton finished on the bottom of a triangular with Huron at Sandusky.

Jason Hand of Margaretta was the individual winner in 16:18, 32 seconds ahead of St. Joe's Craig Nieset. After that, Margaretta runners finished third through eighth. Jason Root was 10th for St. Joe in 19:02. St. Joe is 7-6.

Woodmore defeated Hopewell-Loudon 24-32 but lost to Perrysburg 25-32. Perrysburg stopped Hopewell-Loudon 22-36.

J.J. Gates of Perrysburg was first in 17:50, 10 seconds ahead of Doug Shuman of

Woodmore. Tim Hernandez, also of Woodmore, was third in 18:07.

Genoa defeated Oak Harbor 21-37 and Clay 18-41 to run its record to 19-2. Oak Harbor salvaged a split with a 23-36 decision over Clay.

Jason Gladden was first for Genoa in 16:17 while Oak Harbor's Chris Webb was second in 16:48. Ray Burrey of Genoa was third, a second behind Webb. Chris Brossia was fifth, giving Genoa three runners in the top five. Eric Burrey of Genoa was sixth with Bill Harder and Mat Sutter of Oak Harbor, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Sandusky had 19 points, Huron 39 and Port Clinton 75 at Mills Creek. Jeremy Lilje of Sandusky was the individual winner in 17:14. Scott Thomas of the Redskins was 11th in 18:28 and Jonathon Heigel of Port Clinton was 13th.

# Lakota boys win twice

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BETTSVILLE — Lakota won both high school boys races but had to settle for a second and a third in the first races at the Lakota Cross Country Invitational Cross Country Meet Thursday.

The Raiders won the boys varsity and junior varsity titles at the 3.1-mile Nature Trails course. In the varsity race, Joe McKown was the individual winner for Lakota as the Raiders were charged with 71 points, 20 fewer than second place Fostoria. Eastwood was third with 97 points with Genoa fourth with 138. Woodmore finished seventh, Gibsonburg eighth, Bettsville 11th and Old Fort 13th.

McKown turned in a 15 minutes, 26 seconds clocking for first place.

Jason Gladden of Genoa was fifth 16:20. Mike Wise of Bettsville was eighth with Brian

Smith of Lakota ninth.

Micki Bish led Liberty-Benton to a runaway victory in the girls run. Bish finished in 18:49. Jenny Scherger of Lakota was third in 19:07.

Liberty-Benton finished with 37 team points while Lakota had 76. Hopewell-Loudon took third with 100 and Woodmore was fourth with 139. Danbury was 11th.

Beth Gabel of Lakota was sixth and Emily Kruse of Woodmore was eighth.

In other action, the Ross boys defeated Whitmer 23-37 but the Ross girls lost to the state-ranked Panthers 20-39.

Brian Doty of Ross won the individual race in 17:44. Scott Nossaman was fourth and Kevin Brooks fifth for the Little Giants, 11-3 this season.

Whitmer girls took the top three spots with Julie Crosby first in 20:24. Tami Stanley was fourth and Cathy Mallia fifth for the Little Giants.



# Ross teams finish in the middle

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SANDUSKY — Both Fremont Ross teams finished in the middle of triangular cross country meets at Mills Creek Golf Course Tuesday.

Sandusky won the boys meet with 32 points, seven ahead of Ross. Marion Harding had 57. In the girls meet, Marion Harding had 28, Ross 33 and Sandusky 65.

Mike Millott of Sandusky was the individual winner in the boys race, finishing in 17 minutes and six seconds.

Brian Doty of Ross was third in 17:21 and Aaron Potter of the Little Giants took seventh in 18:01. Eric Middleton was eighth and Scott Nossaman ninth for Ross.

The meet finished Ross's season at 13-4.

Jody Butler and Terry Bell of Harding finished 1-2 in the girls run. Butler finished in 20:56.

Tami Stanley of Ross was third in 21:34 and teammate Cathy Mallia finished fourth, five seconds behind Stanley. Shelly Hines was sixth and Nickie Buehler ninth for the Little Giants.

The Ross girls finished the season with an 11-4 record.