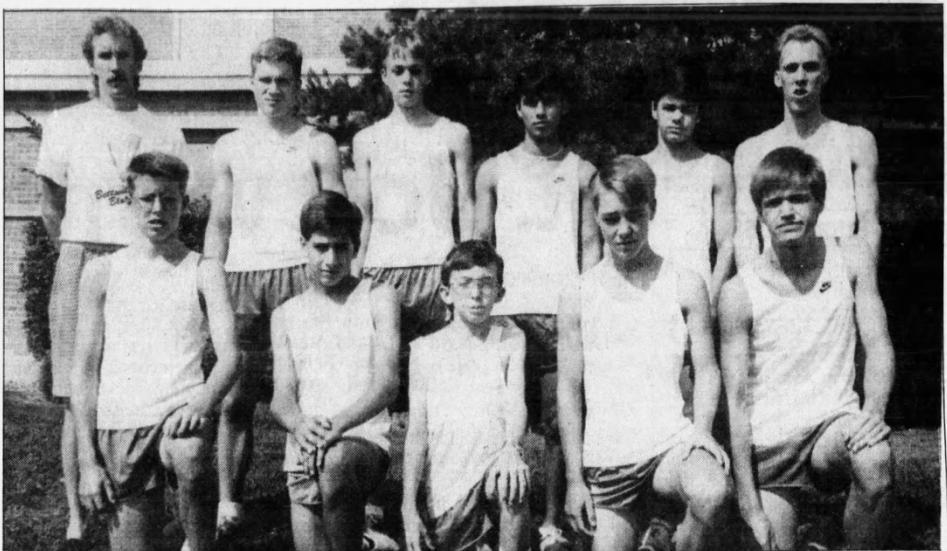


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THE FREMONT ROSS BOYS cross country team members are top photo left to right, front row: Tim Leeth, Nathan Cox, Matt Henning, Rob Swaisgood and Jeff Pasch; back row: coach John Elder, Mark Sheidler, Steve Jay, Dave Alejandro, David Boda and Tim Nesbitt. Missing from the photo is Jim Parker. Members of the Ross girls cross country team are at left front row, left to right: Heather Mears, Sarah Moore and Jeanette Wright; back row: Bridgit Boda, Erica McDonald, Leah Lomax, Amy Ritzman and coach John Elder. Missing from the photo is Andrea Klaeui.

Ross chases Lancaster, Findlay

News-Messenger reports

Lancaster and Findlay are favored to win Buckeye Central Conference cross country team titles Saturday.

The five-team conference meet is at the Evans Park Complex in Newark. The girls' race begins at 4 p.m. followed by the boys' race at approximately 4:45 p.m.

"Lancaster (boys) is the team to beat," Ross coach John Elder said, noting the Golden Gales fifth-place ranking in the latest state coaches' poll. "They have two kids who run in the 15s."

The race covers five kilometers (3.1 miles).

"After Lancaster, I have no idea," Elder said. "Zanesville, based on finishing second last

year, should be second but they did not have a good distance group in track last spring.

"Findlay has finished ahead of us all year, "but I hope we can slip ahead of Findlay."

Tim Nesbitt figures to be the Little Giants' top finisher and, Elder said, should finish no worse than third.

In the girls race, Findlay is the defending champ but Elder said the Trojan runners have been

battling injuries most of the season.

"I think we can give Findlay a good run," Elder said, "but it depends on how healthy our girls are."

Amy Ritzman of Ross has a shot at winning the individual title, according to Elder.

Last Saturday, Ritzman and Nesbitt were the individual winners in the second Purple Invitational hosted by Ross.

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nearly 30 minutes of the 40-min-

Eastwood, 7-8-1, survived a late Ross assault but the Little Giants did not get a clear shot on goal with under two minutes to play.

"It was a good game," Ross

Ritzman top BCC runner

News-Messenger reports

ZANESVILLE — Amy Ritzman was named the girls' Runner of the Year in the Buckeye Central Conference after winning the BCC meet Saturday.

Ritzman's winning time of 19:51 was unofficial because she took a wrong turn on the course. The mistake did not figure in the outcome because she held more than a minute lead and was unchallenged throughout the race.

Heather Mears placed sixth in 22:33 for Ross as the Little Giants finished third in the conference behind Findlay and Zanesville with 71 points.

The Trojans finished with 32 points and the Blue Devils had 56. Lancaster finished fourth with 82 followed by Newark with 101.

"The girls did as well as they could," Ross coach John Elder said. "Heather has been steadily improving. As a freshman, she is running great.

"I'm pleased with how our team ran."

The Ross boys, led by Tim Nesbitt's fourth-place finish in 17:11, also placed third in the team standings.

Nesbitt stopped Lancaster from claiming the top five places. The Golden Gales had five of the first six runners and seven of the top 10.

B.J. Holland's winning time of 16:06 helped the Gales' to 17 points followed by Findlay (63), Ross (70), Newark (96) and Zanesville (132).

"Tim (Nesbitt) did not run well," Elder said. "He was bothered by stomach cramps.

"Lancaster, though, is tough. No question, (the Gales) dominated."

Steve Jay and Jim Parker placed 14th and 15th, respectively, in the boys' race for Ross. In the girls' race, Bridget Boda placed 18th and Leah Lomax finished 19th.

"Steve and Jim fought hard the whole race," Elder said. "The outcome just didn't come out right."