

1969 Season Review...

# Little Giants Nip Lakota In Cross Country Opener

Depth and the twin finishing kicks of a pair of sophomores boosted the Ross high Little Giant Cross Country team to a 27-28 victory over Lakota in a record-setting opening day meet at the Rodger Young Park-Thornwood Golf Course Cross Country Course Tuesday afternoon.

The Little Giants, by winning the 1969 opener, gained revenge for an opening day set back suffered at the hands of a strong Raider squad in 1968.

Final drives by a set of Ross high twins — sophomores Joe and Al Widman and the power of depth boosted Ross to the victory.

Joe set a new school record in outkicking Lakota's John Gladieux in the last 100 yards to gain second place. Joe covered the two mile course in 11:02 breaking the school mark of 11:04 set by Chuck Cheek in 1968. Gladieux finished third in 11:04.

While Joe was setting a school mark while outkicking Gladieux, Lakota's Rex Brockschmidt shattered the course

record by 18 seconds. Brockschmidt covered the two mile distance in 10:42, breaking the mark of 11 minutes flat set by Chris Rodriguez of Clyde in 1968.

Joe's twin brother Al matched Joe's final kick performance, outrunning Jeff Gabel of Lakota for the fourth spot in the race. Al finished with a time of 11:13, just nipping Gabel, who posted an 11:14 clocking.

Ross then swept the next three places to grab the win. Tom Hoffman finished sixth with an 11:26 clocking; Bob Ballanger took seventh with an 11:31 time, and Rick Scott took eighth with an 11:33 clocking.

Ninth place went to Steve Knisley of Lakota, who had a time of 11:36, while Don Gonya of Lakota finished tenth with a time of 12:05.

Others who ran for Ross in the meet were Cy Connors, thirteenth with a time of 12:33, and Keith Livingston, fifteenth with a time of 12:36.

The Little Giant cross country team will host Cleveland West at 4:30 p.m., Friday.

# Ross Tops West In Cross Country

Ross high's pace setting pair of sophomores—twins Al and Joe Widman—showed the way as the host Little Giants downed visiting Cleveland Lincoln-West

20-35 in cross country action at the Rodger Young-Thornwood course Friday afternoon.

Joe beat twin brother Al to the wire by one second as the two swept the top two spots for the Ross thinclads. Joe covered the distance in 11:03, nosing out Al, who turned in an 11:04 time to nip Cleveland's Pete Buttari, who covered the two mile course in 11:05.

Ross also took fourth and fifth places, with Rich Scott finishing at 11:23 and Tom Hoffman covering the distance in 11:28. Final man to score for the Little Giants was Bob Ballanger, who took eighth place with a time of 11:47.

Other Little Giant runners were Cy Connors, who took eleventh place with a time of 12:34; Howard Stierwalt, thirteenth with a 12:43; Bruce Schneider, fourteenth with a 12:56, and Dave Henry, fifteenth with a 13:35.

The victory was the second straight for the Little Giant cross country men, who opened the season with a narrow one point victory over Lakota earlier in the week.

## Ross-West Scorecard

### Score By Quarters

WEST	6	14	6	0	26
ROSS	0	6	14	6	26

### Scoring

W—Randy Allen, four yard run (run failed)  
R—Tom Liggins, three yard run (run failed)  
W—Joe Redaelli, one yard plunge (Ed Meeks, pass from Dave Bartley).  
W—Dave Bartley, eight yard run (run failed)  
R—Tom Liggins, 11 yard run (run failed)  
W—Mike Rossman, 30 yard pass from Joe Pagan (run failed)  
R—Tom Liggins, 28 yard run (Liggins, run)  
R—Tom Liggins, 16 yard run (run failed)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	R	W
OFFENSIVE PLAYS	54	54
FIRST DOWNS	15	8
Rushing	12	3
Passing	3	4
Penalty	1	1
NET YARDAGE GAINED	213	232
Rushing	169	77
Passing	44	155
PASSES ATTEMPTED	15	10
Completed	3	6
Had Intercepted	1	1
FUMBLES	5	2
Ball Lost	1	2

*Cross Country Action*

# Ross Tops Clyde, Remains Unbeaten

CLYDE—The Ross high cross country team made it three victories in a row by downing Clyde, 20-37, at Green Hills Thursday afternoon.

Once again the Little Giants were led by sophomores Joe and Al Widman.

A blistering kick in the final 150 yards brought Joe from behind to a victory over Clyde's ace distance man, Chris Rodriguez. Joe covered the two miles in 10:28, while Rodriguez finished in 10:29.

Al took third place with a 10:37 clocking, Tom Hoffman finished fourth with a 10:46 and Rich Scott took fifth with a time of 10:51 as Ross took four of the top five positions.

Clyde broke into the Ross domination as Ransom finished sixth with a 10:57 clocking. Bob Ballenger of Ross took seventh at 11:04 and Dave Rodriguez of Clyde finished eighth with an 11:09 clocking. Earl Smith of Ross was ninth in 11:31 Clyde's Calvin Dennis finished tenth in 11:40.

Other runners for Ross were Cy Connors, twelfth with an 11:51 clocking; Bruce Schneider, 12:07, and Dave Henry, 12:13.

# *Columbian Harriers*

## *End Ross Win Streak*

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian high school's strong cross country team took the first two places and stopped the Ross high school harriers' victory string at three with a 21-36 victory Thursday.

Milt Place with 10:20 and Ron Martin with 10:28 led the Columbian victory. Al Widman was the top finisher for Ross high, taking third place with a time of 10:31. In fourth place was Dave Jumper of Tiffin with a time of 10:32. Joe Widman finished fifth for Ross, covering the two mile distance in 10:40.

Bill Ogden of Columbian was sixth in 10:40 and Tom Hoffman of Ross took seventh in 10:51. Carl Van Horn of Columbian was eighth and Rick Majors of Columbian was ninth. Rich Scott of Ross finished tenth in 11:17 and Bob Ballenger took eleventh with an 11:18.

The Little Giants are now 3-1 for the season.

# Record Setting Sophs Pace Ross

A pair of strong kicking sophomores set the pace as the Ross high Little Giants cross country team ran to its fourth win of the season Tuesday evening at the Rodger Young-Thornwood course. With both sophomores beating the school record, three men breaking the old course record and several runners posting their best times, the Little Giants beat Clyde, 20-41.

Joe and Al Widman finished strong to beat Clyde's Chris Rodriguez in what had been an exciting three man race until the final stretch.

Joe took first in a new school record time of 10:45, knocking 17 seconds off the record which he set earlier this year. Brother Al took second with a time of 10:47, while Rodriguez, who held the course record at one time, took third in 10:51.

## Woodmore Finishes Second In Triangular Competition

ELMORE — Sophomore Tony Hernandez ran away from the pack to finish in first place, but the Woodmore Wildcats fell just short of Otsego in Cross Country action Tuesday. The Wildcats took second in a triangular meet.

Otsego's depth proved the deciding factor as the winners posted 30 points to 31 for Woodmore. Fostoria St. Wendelin took third with 70 points in the meet which was held on Woodmore's Sugar Creek Golf Club.

The Wildcats were bidding

in the opening meet of the season.

Woodmore is preparing for competition in the Class AA district meet to be held at Sandusky, Saturday, October 18. The Wildcats are just three boys over the Class A limit. Head Coach Ron Neeley is hoping for improvement in depth.

In Tuesday's meet, Hernandez finished 28 seconds ahead of second place finisher, Merlin Michaels of Otsego.

Order of other finishers was as follows: Rick Lopez, Woodmore, 10:40; Jim Dauer, Ot-

son, Woodmore, 10:55; Bob Fortney, Otsego, 11:03; Terry Grolle, Otsego, 11:06; Bob Richards, Otsego, 11:13; Dave Cote, Woodmore, 11:32; Scott Phillips, Woodmore, 11:34; Wayne Fegley, Woodmore, 11:35; Jim Price, St. Wendelin, 11:36; Bob Sears, Otsego, 11:37; Dave Berres, Otsego, 11:38; Tim Martin, St. Wendelin, 11:39; Rich Rumschlag, St. Wendelin, 11:49; Hans Grob, Woodmore, 11:55; Doug Ottney, Woodmore, 12:20; Jim Hagemair, St. Wendelin, 12:44.



**RECORD BREAKERS**—Al, left, and Joe Widman both broke the Ross high school cross country record as the Little Giants beat Clyde Tuesday.

*Widmans Set Pace*

# Ross Cross Country Team Rolls Over Bowling Green

The Widman boys waited just two days to shatter the marks they had set in Cross Country Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Joe broke the school record with a time of 10:45 and brother Al finished just two seconds behind him, also breaking the old school record as the Little Giants beat Clyde. Yesterday, the Ross team whipped Bowling Green, 17-45, and both boys cut four more seconds off their times.

Joe's winning time of 10:41 set a new school and Rodger Young-Thornwood course record. Al finished second in 10:43.

Joe and Al weren't the only Ross runners to run to their best times of the season Thursday. Rich Scott tied his best time in finishing third in 11:11. Tom Hoffman, Bob Ballenger and sophomore Kirk Stout also set their best marks. Hoffman was fifth in 11:22, Ballenger sixth in 11:25 and Stout seventh in 11:6.

Bowling Green's top finisher was Jan Eikum, who took fourth in 11:14. John Hayes of Bowling Green was eighth, but Cy Connors of Ross moved in ahead of the rest of the Bobcat runners, taking ninth place in 11:42. It was Connors' last meet as he is transferring to Cleveland Western Reserve Academy.

The Little Giants raised their season record to 5-1. Their next meet will be held at Findlay next Thursday.

# Findlay Nips Ross In Cross Country

FINDLAY — Findlay high school's strong cross country team edged Ross, 26-29, at Findlay Tuesday. The loss was the second in five dual meets for the Little Giants, who compete in the district meet at Sandusky at 10 a.m., Saturday.

The Widman brothers once again led the Ross runners, but Jeff Hochstetter broke Findlay's course record by 14 seconds with a time of 10:22 to lead the Trojans to the victory.

Joe Widman also battered the course record, finishing a close second with a time of 10:23. Dennis Barnes of Findlay took third in 10:36, equalling the old course record set by Findlay's Bill Lucas three weeks ago.

Al Widman took fourth place with a time of 10:41 and Rich Scott gave Ross a fifth place finish with a clocking of 10:47.

Bill Lucas, the previous record holder, took sixth with a time of 10:50. Dave Hudson of Findlay was seventh with a time of 10:52, while Tim Hoffman of Ross took eighth with a 10:58 clocking. Jeff Shadle of Findlay was ninth with a time of 11:04.

Kirk Stout of Ross was tenth in 11:05, and Bob Ballenger of Ross was eleventh in 11:25.

At Sandusky, the Little Giants, who finished second in the district in 1968, will be competing with 18 other teams. Three of the teams will qualify for the regional competition.



# *Blue Streaks Top Giants In Cross Country Action*

SANDUSKY — Sandusky Blue Streaks' Cross Country team outran Fremont, 25-31, over the Mills Creek course Tuesday, but improved times turned in by some of the Little Giants would have been good enough to win the district cross country championship for Ross had they been turned in Saturday morning. Some Sandusky runners also showed improvement over district times.

With just Buckeye Conference meet competition remaining for the team, Ross closed out its dual meet season with a 5-3 record, including a narrow three point loss to Findlay and the narrow loss to Sandusky.

The host Blue Streaks were led by Rich Brown and Jeff Tanchon, the same pair that had taken one-two in the district meet. Brown took first with a

clocking of 9:58, nine seconds off his district meet record time. Tanchon finished in 10:10, 15 seconds slower than his district meet time.

Joe Widman paced the Little Giants, taking third place with a time of 10:28, while brother Al finished fourth with a time of 10:32. Rich Scott of Ross cut 34 seconds off the time he ran in the district meet over this same Mills Creek course Saturday. Scott finished fifth with a time of 10:39. Bob Fair of Sandusky was sixth with a 10:41 clocking, while Gordon Terrell of Sandusky was seventh with a time of 10:44.

Tom Hoffman took eighth for the Little Giants with a time of 10:45, 21 seconds faster than his district meet time. Frank Koch of Sandusky was ninth with a time of 10:52 and Joe Caffey of the Blue Streaks was tenth with a time of 10:56. Kirk Stout was

the final scorer for Fremont. Stout's time of 10:59 was just four seconds slower than his district meet time which was good enough to earn him twentieth place in the 88 man field.

The Widman brothers will compete in the regional cross country meet at Lima Saturday and Ross will compete in the Buckeye Conference meet at Lorain County Community College next Tuesday.

## **Rides Long Shots**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Jockey Rudy Turcotte scored with consecutive long shot winners in the last two races at Aqueduct Tuesday. He was up on Wide Eyed Girl, \$25, in the eighth and Crimson Pal, \$71.80, in the ninth.