

2003 Norm Bray Invitational...

Old Fort is Bray champ

Fremont Ross boys finish 5th

News-Messenger reports

Old Fort, Toledo Central Catholic, Bowling Green and Maumee won team titles Saturday in the Norm Bray Invitational Cross Country Meet at Walsh Park.

In another invitational meet, Margaretta's boys finished seventh in the New London Invitational.

Nearly 600 runners and 32 teams took part in the meet with Old Fort's boys winning the Division II-III event, Central Catholic the boys Division I; Maumee the girls Division II-III and Bowling Green the girls Division I title.

Fremont Ross finished fifth in the Division I boys race and the Little Giants girls were ninth in Division I.

"I figured we would be up among the top three," Old Fort coach Tony Miller said. "But the race went about as I expected.

"The kids love this race course with all the hills."

There were two open races to go with the team events on a day that kept getting warmer as the day wore on.

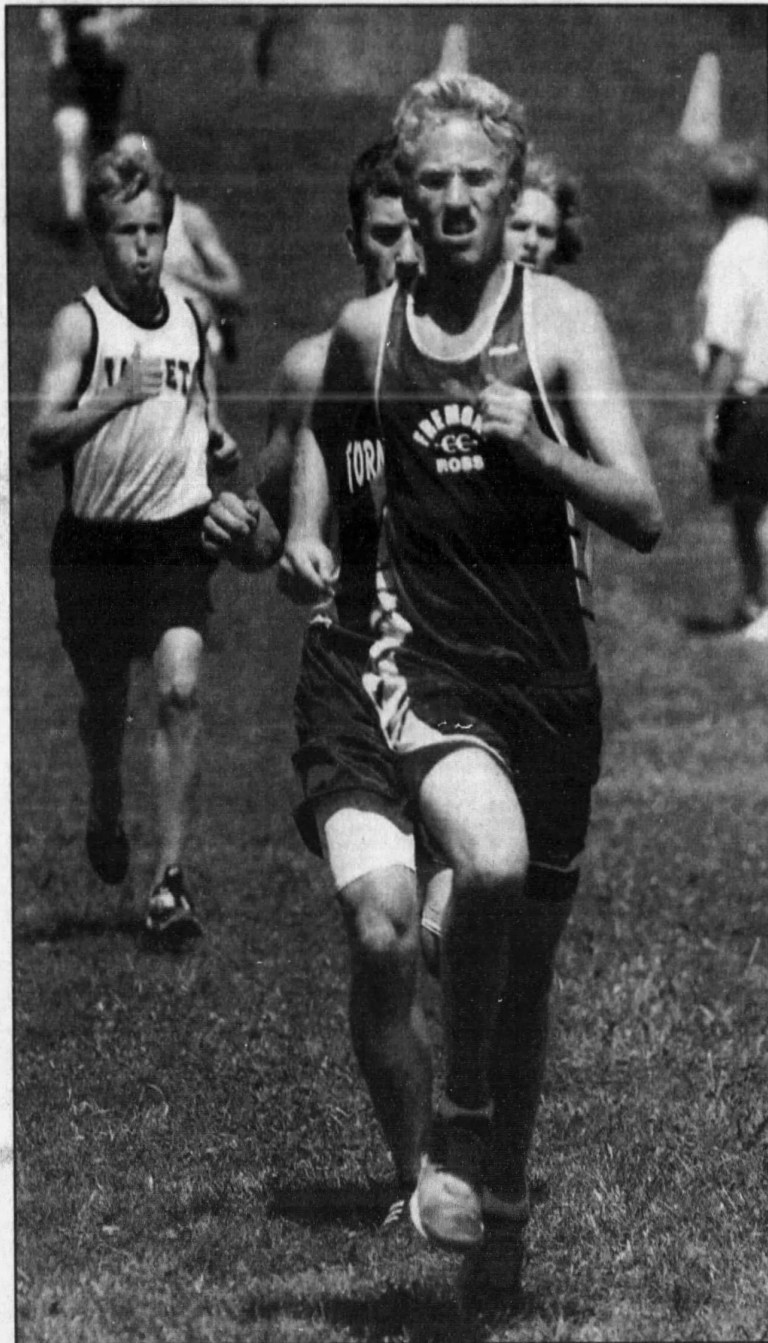
"The heat did not bother the kids," Miller said. "We have been training in the heat."

Ross coach Cathy Esposito agreed with Miller that the heat did not bother her team.

"It was a beautiful day to run," Esposito said. "What was exciting for me was that we had two boys in the 17s (minutes) and we did not have that happen until October last season.

"I think the boys ran strongly against Toledo Central Catholic and Toledo St. John's — those teams are always strong."

Old Fort, with Dustin Miller finishing third, had 57 points. Huron was second with 76 and Lakota took third at 81. Other area schools' finishes included Clyde sixth with 144, Woodmore seventh at 146, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic



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DEREK HILL of Ross charges toward the finish line Saturday at Walsh Park.

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eighth with 154 and Genoa ninth at 207.

In cross country competition, the low score wins.

Miller ran the 3.1-mile course in 17 minutes, 30.08 seconds. Teammates Mike Rodriguez was seventh and Cliff Riehm ninth.

Kyle Dussell led Lakota with a runner-up finish in 17:17.26. Division II-III winner Scott Lasch of Huron finished in 16:50.05. P.J. Combs was eighth for Lakota.

Jon Taylor of Clyde finished sixth in 17:59.78. Billy Pietrykowski was 13th for St. Joe in 18:27:07 and Jeremy Schroeder was 17th for Woodmore in 18:41.2.

Toledo Central Catholic had 44 points to easily win the boys Division I chase. St. John's was next with 67. Ross had 151, 47 points behind Tuesday opponent Columbian (4:30 p.m. at Hedges Boyer Park in Tiffin).

Chris Seaman of Columbian was the individual winner, finishing in a torrid 16:43.07. The top four runners in the race broke the 17-minute barrier.

Derek Hill was 13th for Ross in 17:33.29 and Jay Ohms came in 21st in 17:49.87.

Maumee took the small school crown with 61 points, eight fewer than second-place Hopewell-

Loudon. Lakota finished fifth with 116 while Woodmore was seventh, St. Joe eighth, Old Fort ninth and Clyde 11th.

Carime Reinhart of Hopewell-Loudon won the race in 19:18.83. Tanya Erikson of Woodmore was second in 21:05.33 and Lisa Ortiz of Old Fort was third in 21:07.56.

Lakota runners Erica Walters and Tara Swim finished 10th and 11th. Jessica Merrill was the top St. Joe runner, 23rd, and Becky Pearce was 24th for Clyde.

Bowling Green placed runners in first, second, fifth, sixth and seventh to run away with the big school girls title while finishing with 21 points. Strongsville was second with 55. Ross had 198 points.

Paige Lane of BG won in 19:23.44 and teammate Christy Titus was second in 19:26.56.

Ross's top runner was Ashley Fischer, eighth in 21:30.54

The meet is named in honor of former Ross teacher, track and cross country coach, Norm Bray. New London Invitational

Margaretta's boys finished seventh in the 23-team meet.

Adam Miller finished fourth for the Polar Bears in 16:14.04. Aaron Stewart finished 20th for Margaretta in 17:09.04.

In girls competition, Margaretta did not have a full team but Emily Kuns finished 12th in 22:08.04 in the open race.

Cross Country

High School Boys

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Division I Standings

1. Toledo Central Catholic	44
2. Toledo St. John	67
3. Maumee	103
4. Tiffin Columbian	104
5. Ross	151
6. Perrysburg	152
7. Whitmer	156
8. Springfield	180
9. Bowling Green	204
10. Start	267
11. Clay	354

Top 25

1. Chris Seaman (TC) 16:43.07; 2. Austin Seiple (M) 16:52.89; 3. Skyler Schmitt (W) 16:55.12; 4. Bo Waggoner (M) 16:57.29; 5. Jorden Schultz (TCC) 17:01.67; 6. Andrew Link (TCC) 17:03.55; 7. Aaron Faller (SJ) 17:09.49; 8. Kevin Shawing (TCC) 17:11.90; 9. Steve Mal-low (SJ) 17:28.43; 10. Ben Forche (TCC) 17:20.24; 11. Aaron Way (TC) 17:38.61; 12. Adam Shawler (P) 17:32.99; 13. Derek Hill (R) 17:33.29; 14. Jason Milolo-gewski (SJ) 17:34.66; 15. Matt Bensman (TCC) 17:37.49; 16. Josh Szablewski (TC) 17:38.61; 17. Matt Tromble (SP) 17:47.32; 18. Wes Bongrys (SJ) 17:49.32; 19. Phillip Hiltner (SJ) 17:49.52; 20. Ben Rodriguez (P) 17:49.71; 21. Jay Ohms (R) 17:49.87; 22. Chris Kaiser (SP) 17:52.86; 23. Devin Butcher (BG) 17:55.50; 24. Jim Wangler (TCC) 17:58.98; 25. Dan Head (SJ) 18:03.79.

Ross

13. Derek Hill 17:33.29; 21. Jay Ohms 17:49.87; 31. Josh Ohms 18:18.66; 40. Elon Simms 18:45.53; 46. Josh Bowen 19:00.62; 52. Zack Pinkerton 19:27.14; 67. Michael Flores 21:26.00.

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Division I Standings

1. Bowling Green	21
2. Strongsville	55
3. Whitmer	129
4. Clay	139
5. Springfield	143
6. Perrysburg	154
7. Strongsville	161
8. Toledo Central Catholic	190
9. Ross	198

Top 25

1. Paige Lane (BG) 19:23.44; 2. Christy Titus (BG) 19:26.56; 3. Abby Ludwig (ST) 19:39.34; 4. Aubrey Alexander (ST) 20:20.73; 5. Kylie Karsnak (BG) 21:20.87; 6. Alyssa Glenn (BG) 21:22.0; 7. Kelly May (BG) 21:29.13; 8. Ashley Fischer (R) 21:30.54; 9. Amanda Gobbell (SP) 21:31.37; 10. Sarah Kovach (SP) 21:37.68; 11. Molly Trendell (C) 21:39.68; 12. Kyle Womack (BG) 21:41.48; 13. Cherie Jackson (ST) 21:42.10; 14. Lauren Zielinski (P) 21:47.83; 15. Natalie Walin (W) 21:55.54; 16. Mallory Minor (ST) 22:05.10; 17. Anne Marie Sion (BG) 22:05.44; 18. Emily Walin (W) 22:07.79; 19. Kirsten English (ST) 22:13.92; 20. Hannah Kovach (SP) 22:18.09; 21. Laura Hanley (C) 22:20.22; 22. Alyssa Bowerman (R) 22:21.51; 23. Betsy Marlow (W) 22:27.38; 24. Kelsie Salmen (ST) 22:27.56; 25. Lisa Ehrman (ST) 22:36.52.

Ross

8. Ashley Fischer 21:30.54; 22. Alyssa Bowerman 22:21.51; 53. Alison Adams 25:33.82; 56. Jean Forgatsch 26:37.33; 59. Amy Price 27:53.08.