

Trio paces Fremont Ross to 3rd at conference

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SANDUSKY — Kristopher Esparza, Andy Leemaster and Tony Rodriguez finished among the top 10 as Fremont Ross placed third at the Greater Buckeye Conference Championship on Saturday at Osborn Park in Sandusky.

Esparza placed third in 16:34, Leemaster was fifth in 17:09 and Rodriguez came in ninth in 17:40 for the Little Giants, who scored 54 points in the team standings.

Matt Waaland (16:19.28) became the GBC medalist, leading Findlay to the league title with 37 points. Steven Weaver (16:19.95) was the conference runner-up, pacing Napoleon to a second-place effort with 51 points. Sandusky (88

points), Marion Harding (161) and Lima Senior (162) rounded out the GBC standings.

Other Ross runners included Devaun Churcha (15th, 17:56), Brandy O'Connell (24th, 18:34), Alex House (32nd, 19:02), Jacob Berryman (38th, 19:19), Justin Schaffer (39th, 19:23), Tom Hohman (41st, 19:29), Logan Johnson (43rd, 19:31), Chris Swint (50th, 20:25), Eric Yuhas (57th, 21:55), Daniel Leemaster (63rd, 23:07) and Vinny Friess (67th, 23:57).

SMCC edges Oak Harbor for SBC title

HURON — Brian Ferber (medal-

ist) and Michael Gallagher (runner-up) helped St. Mary Central Catholic win the Sandusky Bay Conference Championship over Oak Harbor 52-64 on Saturday at Fabens Park in Huron.

Ferber completed the course first in 16:47 while Gallagher placed second in 17:13. They fended off a challenge from Oak Harbor runners Tyler Eoff (third, 17:39) and Adam Smercina (fourth, 17:45).

Port Clinton's Anthony Monaco was eighth in 18:04 while Clyde's Tony Constantini came in ninth in 18:10.

Aaron Reichman (15th, 18:27), Adam Reedy (20th, 18:41), Thomas Rhodes (22nd, 18:54), Zach Seaman (34th, 19:32) and Cadan Goldstein

(40th, 20:10) ran for the Rockets.

Isaac Bouyak (16th, 18:27), Gary Powell (18th, 18:32), Zach Prentice (25th, 19:04), Zach Sepeda (27th, 19:10.95), Steve Cleveland (35th, 19:33) and Kenny Steinbauer (36th, 19:46) aided the Fliers, who were fifth with 95 points.

Margaretta placed seventh with 156 points. The Polar Bears were paced by Kalup Lyons (19th, 18:36), Camden France (26th, 19:10.41), Justin Weyer (33rd, 19:31), A.J. Oeder (37th, 19:53), Anthony Round (41st, 20:16), Tyler Beekman (52nd, 21:31) and Eric Schneider (54th, 21:56).

The Redskins, who competed

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Aubrey Gillman have advanced from the district level to the Division II Girls Tennis State Tournament.

LaFountain, who lost in the semifinal round to Ottawa Hills' Drew Fillis, rebounded to capture third place against Bryan's Meredith McDonagh 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday at the Division II Girls Tennis District Tournament a Port Clinton High School.

Beck and Gillman were the runners-up in district doubles action. They defeated Napoleon's Mackenzie Eickhoff and Alayna Schlade 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (5) in the semifinals before falling to Ottawa Hills' Arohi Batt and Shivani Batt 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The top three singles players and doubles teams advance to play at the state tournament Friday at the Stickney Tennis Center at Ohio State University.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY ■ ROUNDUP

Fremont Ross's Wiechman places 5th at GBC Championships

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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross runner Paige Wiechman used 20:27 to end up fifth during the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships on Saturday at Osborn Park in Sandusky.

Rachel Huddle (first, 19:36),

Erica Monnin (second, 19:53) and Sara Lauf (third, 20:07) paced Napoleon to the league championship with 22 points.

The rest of the GBC standings included Findlay (46 points), Marion Harding (93), Fremont Ross (94) and Lima Senior (123).

Sandusky did not have a complete team.

Other Ross runners were Lauren Ickes (15th, 21:45), Kristina Treece (33rd, 23:49), Abrianna McConnell (41st, 24:38) and Amy Yuhas (55th, 26:38).

Oak Harbor captures SBC championship

HURON — All seven Oak Harbor runners were among the top 25 as the Rockets easily secured the Sandusky Bay Conference championship against Edison 28-71 on Saturday at Fabens Park in Huron.

Kia Frank led Oak Harbor by becoming the league medalist in 20:13. Four more Rockets — Megan Wistinghausen (fourth,

20:44), Allie Dresser (sixth, 20:56), Kristin Rios (eighth, 21:12) and Tory Wood (ninth, 21:27) — ran within the top 10.

Sydney Street (14th, 21:49) and Allie Dombrowsky (22nd, 22:18) aided Oak Harbor's effort.

Port Clinton placed two runners — Nicole Halblitzel (15th, 21:54) and Kelly Passabet (20th, 22:10) among the top 20 during a sixth-place finish. Other Redskins' runners were Allie Reynolds (30th, 22:48), Molly Mooney (30th, 23:29), Molly Kubicek (42nd, 24:34) and Ashley Zoeller (48th, 26:01).

Courtney Orshoski ended up 10th in 21:21 as Margaretta was seventh overall. Other Polar Bears in the race were Amanda Carroll (27th, 22:40), Leah Stanley (34th, 23:33), Michele

Schneider (43rd, 24:38) and Brittany Hansen (47th, 25:22).

The top Clyde runner was Taylor Ebert, who came in 23rd in 22:27. Other competitors for the Fliers were Rebecca Webb (31st, 23:12), Tesla Lozier (32nd, 23:16), Leah Webb (40th, 24:16), Laura Puffenberger (45th, 25:00), Victoria Wobser (49th, 26:52) and Brittany Cantrell (50th, 27:25).

Elmwood edges Woodmore

FREMONT — Woodmore had Lacy Nagy (medalist), Bailey Ulinksi (runner-up) finish Nos. 1-

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Wiechman competes during the Greater Buckeye Conference Cross Country Championship on Saturday at Osborn Park.

