

St. Joe runs to 4th straight regional

News-Messenger reports

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic earned its fourth straight trip to the regional cross country meet Saturday by finishing fourth in the Division III, District II meet at Pearson Park.

Stryker, Sandusky St. Mary's, Otsego and St. Joe all qualified for next Saturday's regional at Tiffin by taking first through fourth place, respectively. The top four teams advance.

"We were a non-seeded team and fell into the district where there were tough teams due to three teams not taking the second seed," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said.

"Fourth place was the best possible chance for us. We had to beat three seeded teams."

Stryker had 47 points, followed by St. Mary's (59), Suburban Lakes League champion Otsego (61) and St. Joe (153).

Woodmore finished seventh with 175 points.

For the Crimson Streaks, Scott Reineck took seventh, Jason Yerkes 28th, Brad Logsdon 35th, Greg Michael 41st and Eric Branda 42nd.

"We really did not have a real good race," Logsdon said. "The kids were not happy. They went home before the results were even posted. I stayed, so I was the only one who jumped up and down."

"The last 10 days have been

Cross Country

real good to us."

Sam Fitzpatrick led Woodmore with a 26th-place finish.

Fremont Ross finished eighth out of 10 teams in the Division I, District II meet at Pearson Park. Sylvania Southview, the state's No. 1-ranked Division I team, won the event with 29 points.

Steve Jay finished 23rd for the Little Giants in 17:25. Other Ross finishers were Dane Snyder (17:33), Mark Sheidler (18:28), Doug Jibilian (18:42) and David Boda (19:12).

Tony Trevino's ninth-place finish led Port Clinton to a second-place finish in the Division II meet at Pearson Park.

Trevino finished in 17:00 to help the Redskins, the Sandusky Bay Conference champions, record 85 points, just five fewer than Genoa. Swanton won the meet with 62 points, while Oak Harbor was fifth with 134 and Margaretta seventh with 163.

The top four teams advanced to the regional meet.

John Elmers led Genoa, finishing second in 16:17, while defending district champ Bill Werner took third.

Margaretta's Matt O'Rork (5th, 16:46) and Jason Yates (14th, 17:10) both qualified for the regional as individuals.

At Amann Park in Galion, Bellevue finished second to con-

tinue its season another week.

The Redmen, led by Doug Ruffin's second-place finish (16:22), captured 61 points. Shelby won the meet with 49.

Clyde's Andy Madell and Jeremy Dennis finished third (16:21) and eighth (16:50), respectively, to qualify individually.

In the Division III, District I event at Amann Park, Bettsville's Louis Dominquez and Howard Webb of Old Fort both moved on to the regional. Dominquez finished 12th and Webb 15th.

In girls events Saturday at Pearson Park, Andrea Lindsley helped Margaretta claim the Division II, District I crown. Lindsley took fifth (20:21) and teammate Leslie Bales finished sixth (20:26) for the Polar Bears, who captured 51 points.

The top four teams advanced to Tiffin.

Sandusky St. Mary's took second with 74 points, while Woodmore was third with 75 and Archbold fourth with 129.

Port Clinton was eighth with 192, Genoa was 11th with 264 and St. Joe finished 13th with 327 in the 14-team field.

Stacy Heins was fourth (20:14) to lead Woodmore. Heather Britt led Port Clinton with an 18th-place finish.

Lakota captured fourth place to advance in the Division II, District II meet. The Raiders

had 83 points, while Oak Harbor was eighth with 221.

Cardinal Stritch won the meet with 74 points, followed by Otsego and Swanton.

Helping the Raiders advance to Tiffin were Julie Harrison, who was second, Tracy Artiaga (5th), Steph Cooper (12th), Erin Swaisgood (23rd) and Emily Zimmerman (41st).

Southview, with 48 points, won the Division I event at Pearson Park. Ross was 10th out of 12 teams. The Little Giants garnered 248 points.

For Ross, Heather Mears finished in 22:22, followed by Carey Gill (22:43), Heather Brooks (23:30), Deb Lilley (23:48) and Jessica Potter (26:30).

In the Division I, District II division at Amann Park, area individual qualifiers included Nicole Christman (10th) and Rhonda King (14th), both of Bellevue.

Becky Magers and Chris Havens of Old Fort both were able to advance in Division II, District I. Magers took fourth place and Havens was 14th.

In District II at Amann Park, Clyde senior Sarin Wiedle was third (20:07) and Beth Riley of Bettsville was 13th (21:13). Both moved on to the regional meet.

Other finishers for Clyde, which finished fourth, were Jennifer Tesar (21st, 21:50), Lisa Collins (31st, 22:35), Vickie Peters (44th, 23:36) and Kelly Taylor (50th, 24:07).