

1996 Great Lakes League...

## Lakota boys stun Gibsonburg; Ross girls are champs

News-Messenger reports

The word Raider might be considered foul language this week in Gibsonburg.

One day after the Lakota Raiders football team beat the Golden Bears on their home field Friday night, the Lakota boys cross country team stunned the Suburban Lakes League favorites in the league meet.

"It was a good weekend for the Raiders," cross country coach Don Windom said. "It was an upset. They're a really good team and we really respect them ... We're just real fortunate."

The Raiders bunched three

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runners — Tony Tahy (eighth), Bill Stafford (ninth) and Mike Brundage (12th) — near the top of the leaderboard and edged Gibsonburg's chance for back-to-back tournament titles. Windom said the Golden Bears have beaten his team in every match where both teams have competed.

But winning cross country meets is not foreign to the Wildcats. Since the event started in 1972, Lakota has won 14 titles, including 1992 and 1993.

"This one was definitely special in that it was considered an upset," Windom said. "Gibsonburg was definitely the favored team going in."

In the SLL girls meet, Woodmore's Lindsay Travis won the event but her Wildcats were edged out by Eastwood. Woodmore's Connie Camp placed eighth and Lakota's Regan Youngs was 12th.

In the Great Lakes League meet, Fremont Ross's girls team avenged last year's disappointing third-place finish by winning the championship.

Lindsay Frontz led four Little

Giants into the top 10 with her second-place finish. Kristyn Warner and Alison Kelly joined Frontz on the all-GLL first team while Monica Wood was named to the second team.

In 1995 and this year, the Little Giants were undefeated in the regular season. But last year, Ross finished third in the GLL meet behind Bedford and Northview.

"This year they just all ran real consistent," coach Cathy Esposito said. "Our goal is not to win the league, it's to go to state."

For the second straight year, a

Ross boys runner named Jeremiah won the individual title.

Jeremiah Smith ran a 16:14 to best Findlay's Brett Baddorf at the Pearson Park in Oregon. Last year Jeremiah Wagner won it for the Little Giants.

"I was really happy with Jeremiah Smith," coach John Elder said. "The way he runs, his chances are real good" to advance past Saturday's district meet at the same location.

The Midland Athletic League meet was ran in Bettsville, where Fremont St. Joseph's girls team

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# Cross Country

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### Boys

First Team: **Jeremiah Smith, Fremont**, Brett Baddorf, Findlay, Mike Wisniewski, Bedford, Matt Koepfer, Bedford, Kory Storch, Napoleon, Jeff Davis, Bedford, Marc Vandenberghe, Napoleon.

Second Team: Chris Forrey, Bedford, **John Framstad, Fremont**, Phil Hodgman, Findlay, Matt Danziesen, Bedford, Joel Harrington, Clay, Jacob Letso, Findlay, Jason Kressler, Napoleon.

Honorable Mention: Eric Gabel, Fremont, Matt Wintersteen, Bedford, **Kurt Snyder, Fremont**, John Warden, Napoleon, Greg Crutsinger, Findlay, Travis Erdman, Bedford, Adam Cox, Whitmer.

### Girls

First Team: Katie Sekinger, Clay, **Lindsay Frontz, Fremont**, Katie Kolar, Bedford, Jodi Harrington, Clay, Shannon Reno, Bedford, **Kristyn Werner, Fremont**, **Alison Kelly, Fremont**.

Second Team: Erica Alt, Whitmer, Amy Fredrick, Bedford, **Monica Wood, Fremont**, Lisa Grudzinski, Whitmer, Lindsey Heigel, Whitmer, Tina Wagner, Whitmer, Katie Huffman, Findlay.

Honorable Mention: Jamie Feeley, Bedford, **Abby Cominsky, Fremont**, Meliah Kunkelman, Fostoria, Melissa Buehler, Whitmer, Kara Damman, Napoleon, Sara Blanchard, Bedford, Kelly Gaertner, Whitmer.