

2006 Norm Bray Invitational...

CROSS COUNTRY

Kirwen, Eli win at invite

By KRISTI EGBERT

News-Messenger correspondent

Genoa's Simone Eli is starting off this year's cross country season strong.

The sophomore finished in first place on Saturday for girls divisions 2-3 at the Norm Bray Cross Country Invitational at Walsh Park in Fremont. She also set a new personal record, finishing the 5k run with a time of 20:14.80.

"It feels awesome. It was one of my goals, but I just did it," said Eli of bettering her record, "so I'm just going to keep trying to break it and break it."

By shaving five seconds off of her previous personal best time, Eli also nabbed the record for Genoa High School. She missed a trip to state last year by nineteen seconds, but thinks this will be her year to make it.

"I just went out there fast and kept up with that," said Eli of what led to her win. "There's no pain. You can't have any pain."

Gibsonburg's Jordan Kirwen finished first out of a whopping 95 runners for boys divisions 2-3. The junior, who finished third in the SLL last year, boasted a time of 17:05.30 and led his team to a third place finish.

Old Fort was fifth, Clyde was sixth, Saint Joseph Central Catholic was seventh, Genoa was eighth, Oak Harbor was ninth, and Lakota was tenth.

See LAKOTA, B2

Fremont Ross competed in the division 1 races, with the girls team finishing sixth and the boys finishing seventh.

"I was more confident that our team would do well," said senior Josh Bowen. "I think we'll probably be pretty good and have a good shot at winning the league this year."

Ashley Fischer led the girls team with a time of 20:08.13, good for third place, and teammate Jessica Soule was 17th. Senior Andre Velez came in eighth for the boys, and Bowen was 15th.

Cross country

High School Boys

Norm Bray Invitational

Division I

Team Standings

1. Perkins	64
2. Columbian	73
3. Maumee	75
4. Bowling Green	109
5. Whitmer	121
7. Ross	148

Ross results: 8. Andre Velez 17:53.03,
15. Josh Bowen 18:27.46, 34. Ricky
Ramirez 19:19.30, 40. Michael Flores
19:47.77, 51. Cody Brunthaver 20:28.45.

High School Girls

Norm Bray Invitational

Division I

Team Standings

1. Bowling Green	18
2. Toledo Notre Dame Academy	87
3. Sandusky	98
4. Perrysburg	121
5. Toledo Central Catholic	133
6. Ross	141

Ross results: 3. Ashley Fischer 20:08.13,
17. Jessica Soule 22:32.23, 35. Lisa Carter
24:07.45, 38. Ashley Brunthaver 24:20.96,
48. Andra Ruiz 25:47.99.