

Ross girls second, boys third at GLL Championships

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FINDLAY — Alison Kelly became the first Fremont Ross runner this season to break 19 minutes, leading the Little Giants to a second place finish at the Great Lakes League Championship.

Bedford, which got a second-place finish from Kellie Nicholson and a fourth from Elise Elzinga, avenged a dual meet loss to the Giants at Walsh Trail by winning the meet with 64 points. Ross finished with 40 points, followed by Whitmer (70), Clay (79), Findlay (110) and Fostoria (158).

Clay's Katie Sekinger ran the

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course in 17:54 for the individual title.

Kelly was sixth in 19:47 to make first team All-GLL (top 7 runners) for the Little Giants, who competed without Molly

Goecke.

"At the beginning of week we found out Molly Goecke had the flu, and she had been in our top five," Ross coach Cathy Esposito said. "That was a big loss for us."

Ross's Jami Toeppe finished 10th in 20:22, amazing her coach after missing close to two years because of injuries.

"She ran an outstanding time," Esposito said. "Most girls can't do that with 40 miles a week all summer. ... And she's only been running about a month. She's a world class athlete."

Joining Toeppe on the GLL second team were Kristyn Warner (11th, 20:29) and Lindsey

Frontz (12th, 20:29).

Boys GLL Championship

A year ago Fremont Ross runner Eric Gabel missed the GLL's second team by one place, finishing 15th at the league meet.

Saturday he made sure it did not come down to one place.

Gabel, the Little Giants lone senior, took ninth to make second team All-GLL and Jon Framstead made first team All-GLL with a sixth-place run as the Little Giants took third at the GLL Championships.

Bedford, led by individual winner Jeff Davis (16:26), won with 34 points, followed by Whitmer (48), Fremont Ross (74), Findlay

(99), Sandusky (100), Fostoria (158) and Clay (209).

"We had a really good performance," Ross coach John Elder said. "We had hoped we could beat Whitmer. We ran great but Whitmer ran great also."

Framstead finished in 16:52.

"We talked about trying to get him on first team," Elder said. "He was ready to run in the 16s."

Ross's Ryan Werling narrowly missed second team with a 15th-place finish in 17:22 and Josh Burris was 16th in 17:25.

Ross also got good news for the future: The Little Giants eighth graders won the junior high meet.