

1992 District meet...

Area runners set for district cross country

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Amann Park in Galion and Pearson Park in Toledo are the sites for district cross country meets Saturday involving area high school boys and girls teams.

The Division I girls and boys meet at Pearson Park will include Fremont Ross. The boys field will have 20 teams but will be divided into two districts, the same for the 26-team girls meet.

The boys district races begin at 3 and 3:40 p.m., while the girls Division I races are 5:40 and 6 p.m.

The top six boys teams and the top eight girls teams from each district qualify for the regional meet.

Pearson Park is also the site of a Division II district involving boys teams from Margaretta, Oak Harbor and Port Clinton in a 12-team field. The Division II girls district at Pearson Park will have Lakota, Margaretta and Oak Harbor and Woodmore in the 36-team meet.

The boys race is at 2:20 p.m., and the girls events are 4:20 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The Division II boys meet will advance the top four teams while the girls field will be split into two districts with the top six teams qualifying from each district to the regional meet.

A 30-team Division III boys

meet, which includes Lakota and Woodmore is also slated for Pearson Park. The field will be split into two divisions with the top five teams from District I and the top four teams from District II race advancing to the regional meet. The District I race begins at 1 p.m. and the District II event at 1:40 p.m.

At Amann Park, the Bellevue girls will run the 16-team Division I meet. The top five teams will qualify for the regional meet. The race starts at 4:30 p.m.

The Division II boys meet at Amann Park includes Bellevue and Clyde in the 13-team field with that run at 2:10 p.m. while the girls Division II meet has Bettsville, Clyde, Gibsonburg, Old Fort and Fremont St. Joseph

Central Catholic in its 31-team lineup. The District I girls race is at 3:20 p.m. and the District II race begins at 3:55 p.m.

The top four boys teams and the top six girls teams — after the field is split into two districts — qualify for the regional.

The Division III boys meet at Amann has Bettsville, Gibsonburg, Old Fort and St. Joe in its 25-team field. The field will be split into two districts with District I scheduled for 1 p.m. and District II set for 1:35 p.m. The top four from each district earn regional berths.

Also advancing to the regional meet will be individuals who finish in the top 15 from each district race. The regional meet is Oct. 31 at Hedges Boyer Park in Tiffin.

Huron tops Oak Harbor

Hamilton leads Woodmore to title

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Woodmore freshman Lindsey Hamilton led the Wildcats to the Division II, District I girls cross country championship Saturday at Pearson Park in Oregon.

Hamilton won the race in 19 minutes, 20 seconds as Woodmore recorded 32 points. Lakota was the runner-up with 63 and Archbold took third (92) to advance to next Saturday's regional meet at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park.

For Woodmore, Stacy Heins was third in 19:57, followed by Beth Parkins (7th, 20:32), Angie Michael (10th, 20:59), Laurie Crispen (11th, 21:04) and Traci Sandwisch (15th, 21:30).

For Lakota, Julie Harrison was second in 19:36, followed by Traci Artiaga (5th, 20:12), Krista Miller (12th, 21:06) and Erin Swaisgood (14th, 21:23).

Also in Division II, Oak Harbor's girls took sixth with 158 points and qualified Lynn Garrett to regionals. Garrett took eighth in 20:50.

In Division I, District II, Fremont Ross took 10th out of 13 teams.

Carey Gill finished 35th in 22:08 for the Little Giants. Other Ross runners were Jessica Potter (56th, 22:56), Leslie Hassel-

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bach (57th, 23:05), Kristen Humberger (69th, 24:03) and Janet Wiedle (70th, 24:15).

"Basically, this was the team's best race of the year," Ross coach Cathy Mallia said. "Four of the girls ran their best times ever. They did a great job. There are better things to come."

In Division II, District II, Margaretta had 36 points to take second behind meet champion Tinora (35). Swanton, with 114 points, also advanced to regionals with a third-place finish.

Margaretta's Leslie Bales was second overall in 20:02, followed by teammates Andrea Lindsley (3rd, 20:16), Becky Rigg (5th, 20:28), Beth Bales (12th, 21:03) and Marina Ensign (14th, 21:16).

At Galion, Bellevue advanced with a second-place finish in the Division I race. The Redmen had 87 points, 17 behind meet winner Columbian. Nicki Christman had the top finish for Bellevue, taking third in 19:51.

Gibsonburg finished 10th in the Division II, District I race with 246 points.

In District II, Colonel Crawford, New Riegel and Sandusky St. Mary's all advanced, while Clyde was 10th with 204 points,

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic was 11th with 233 and Bettsville was 12th with 281.

Clyde's Kelly Taylor won the individual title in 20:01.

St. Joe freshman Sarah Yeager advanced with a sixth-place finish (20:50), as did Bettsville's Beth Riley (11th, 21:00).

"She ran an excellent race," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said of Yeager. "She stayed with the lead pack throughout the race. She had a side ache but worked that out."

Also for St. Joe, Nichole O'Neal was 51st in 23:20, followed by Abby Reineck (55th, 23:30), Nanci Luc (57th, 23:39) and Andrea LaSalvia (64th, 24:03).

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Oak Harbor, Woodmore boys advance

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Oak Harbor's boys cross country team took third place Saturday in the Division II district cross country meet at Pearson Park in Oregon.

The Rockets had 107 points, trailing only Swanton (62) and Fostoria (77). The top four teams advanced to next Saturday's regional meet at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park.

Oak Harbor advanced to the regional for the first time since 1980.

Sophomore Brian Evans had the top finish for the Rockets, taking ninth in 17 minutes, 11 seconds. No other Oak Harbor places were available.

"They were definitely coming off an emotional run at the SBC meet," Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn said. "I think they had a little bit of a letdown, but we got through safely and we're looking forward to going down to the regional meet.

"There isn't any pressure on us really. Nobody expected us to do any better than this."

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In the same race, Margaretta was seventh with 187 points. The Polar Bears' Jim Bales advanced, taking 15th in 17:27.

Woodmore's boys also advanced to the regional after placing fifth in the Division III, District I race.

Fairview was first with 79 points, followed by Lakota (108), Ayersville (115), Patrick Henry (133) and Woodmore (144).

Sam Fitzpatrick led Woodmore, taking fourth in 17:05. Ben Stebing was seventh in 17:24 and Charlie Gerwin was 14th in 17:44.

For Lakota, Sam Windom was sixth in 17:21 and Sam Weaver was 10th in 17:37.

In Division I, District II action, Fremont Ross' Dane Snyder advanced with a 15th-place finish (16:58). The Little Giants took sixth with 164 points. Top-ranked Sylvania Southview won the meet with 25 points.

Others top finishes for Ross

were Jeremiah Wagner (17th, 17:09), Doug Jibilian (37th, 18:11), Clint Hill (45th, 18:50) and Tim Leeth (50th, 19:06).

"As a team we ran very well," Ross coach John Elder said. "We definitely were much better this week. This was an extremely tough division.

"Dane ran a great race."

At Galion, area boys teams to advance to regionals were Clyde, Old Fort and Gibsonburg.

Sandusky Perkins won the Division II race with 81 points, while Clyde was second with 93 and Bellevue was seventh with 166.

For Clyde, Andy Madell took first in 16:29, followed by teammates Jeremy Dennis (5th, 16:48), Rudy Sepeda (23rd, 17:51), Randy Cheek (31st, 18:08) and Chad Archer (33rd, 18:11).

"The boys were really satisfied and so was I," Clyde coach Ken Cheek said. "Andy was really looking forward to it. They all had a real good outlook. We were surprised to come in second, but they ran hard and they're

looking forward to next week."

Bellevue's Mike Zieber (17:16) and Jon Martin (17:30) advanced by placing 11th and 13th, respectively.

In the Division III, District I meet, Old Fort took third and advanced with 112 points. Bettsville was ninth with 197.

Old Fort's Brock Cleveland finished ninth in 17:27, while teammate Jason Lykens was 15th in 17:53.

Colonel Crawford won the Division III, District II race with 56 points, with Gibsonburg right behind with 79. Fremont St. Joe took ninth with 257.

For Gibsonburg, Bob Kassischke was seventh in 17:53, followed by Gabe Sanchez (10th, 17:40), Steve Smith (18th, 18:01), Josh Young (20th, 18:15) and Todd Magrum (24th, 18:22).

For St. Joe, Scott Reineck was 25th in 18:23, followed by Greg Michael (54th, 19:24), Brett Reineck (58th, 19:37), Wesley Rapp (59th, 19:38) and Quinn Logsdon (61st, 19:49).