

2006 State meet...

Fischer, Kirwen, Miller, Siesel get all-Ohio honors

Old Fort girls eighth, Lakota girls 11th in Division III

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COLUMBUS — Sure, Fremont Ross' Ashley Fischer thought standing on the podium at the state cross country tournament Saturday would have been neat, but the senior was more than happy to achieve her goal of all-Ohio honors.

"It would have been cool to get top 15 to stand up on the podium," she said, "but

I got 17th and I'm happy with it."

Fischer was 17th out of 151 with a time of 18:57. She was the only area runner competing at the Division I level.

"My goal was to be all-Ohio, and I'm in the top 20 in the state so that feels good," she said. "It's exactly what I've wanted to do, and I did it. I'm happy that I'm here."

Gibsonburg junior Jordan Kirwen also received all-Ohio honors, finishing in the top 25 for Division III



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boys.

"I'm happy. Last year I got 36th, so of course it's better," he said. "I went out way too fast (last year), being excited. This year I started out top 30 or 40 and just kept moving up."

Kirwen finished 21st of 143 with a time of 16:39.

"I was excited and just trying to stay loose and run it like every other race," he said of his feelings before running. "At the start of the season I wanted to get top 25, and it feels good."



KIRWEN

Also finishing in the top 25 was Margaretta senior Deven Siesel for D-III

boys, and Old Fort junior Becky Miller for Division III girls.

Siesel ran a 16:42, good for 24th, and Miller finished 23rd with a time of 19:36.

Miller led the Old Fort team to an eighth place finish, along with Alexa Stults, a freshman who ran a 19:44 and was 27th overall.

"Not bad for a freshman," said Stockaders coach Tony Miller.

Also running for the



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Stockaders were senior Angela Kovaleski, junior Lucy Stults, and fresh-

men Sam Hassen and Kelley Miller. The team had 214 points and an average time of 20:37.

"They ran real well," Miller said. "They put a nice race together."

Jackson Stults, Old Fort's only boy at the state meet, finished 63rd.

Gibsonburg junior Ashley Fisher finished 31st for Division III girls with a



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time of 19:48, and Woodmore freshman Lynne Schroeder was 48th with a time of 20:06.

Lakota freshman Julia Windom came in 52nd with a time of 20:09, leading her team, which came in eleventh with 261 points and an average time of 20:40. Seniors

Ashley Brockschmidt, Kelsey Dussel, and Alycia Miller, junior Sarah Girand, and sophomores Carly Reese and Amanda Welly also ran for the Raiders.

Lakota junior Bryce Tiell was 41st with a time of 17:02, and Old Fort senior Jackson Stults was 63rd with a time of 17:21.