

1971 Buckeye Conference...

Blue Streaks Romp In Buckeye

SANDUSKY — Powerful Sandusky ran away from the field in the annual Buckeye Conference Cross Country championships conducted at Mills Creek Golf Course yesterday.

The Blue Streaks captured six of the first seven places in rolling to an astonishing 72 point victory.

Sandusky, coached by Wes Hartsock, accumulated just 19 points while the second place club, Elyria, came in with 90.

Fremont Ross totaled 110 points and finished fifth. Marion (95) and Findlay (104) took the third and fourth positions, respectively.

Trailing Ross were Lorain Admiral King (146), Lorain Senior (169) and Mansfield (216).

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Brian Huddle, a 182-pound junior, will be the fullback while the tailback position will belong to another junior, Homer McDuffie.

The front seven for the Presidents will probably contain four seniors and three juniors. Bill Meginess (190) will be at tight end with Terry Haycox (155) at split end. Dick Imbody (201) and Tom Ross (201) are the tackles. The guard slots are handled by Dave McCreary (173) and Derrol Waggoner (204) with John Beach (198) over the ball.

Meginess, Beach and Rose are juniors.

The Presidents employ a 4-3 alignment when they're on

Individual honors went to Sandusky's talented Bob Fair, who set a new course record with a 9:41 showing. The Blue Streaks' Osmond Pearson was second at 9:59.

Fair's showing also established a new conference mark. The previous best was 9:48 turned in by Tim Wasco of Lorain Senior last fall.

Other marks that fell in yesterday's meet were the Sandusky school record, the lowest cumulative time for a team and the lowest number of points ever accumulated by a single team.

The only non-Sandusky runner to break through the top seven was Findlay's Jeff Hochstetter,

who took third with a 10:00 clocking.

The next four places were taken by Paul Leslie (10:03), Tom Tanchon (10:16) and Tim Wilke (10:26).

Best finisher for Ross was senior Kirt Stout, who took the eighth position. Stout was timed in 10:34.

The first 10 was completed by Elyria's Jeff Courte (10:35) and Marion's Cliff Burris (10:36).

Dave Damschroder, Chris Widman, Mark Hoffman and Randy Patrick also counted in the Ross scoring. Damschroder finished 13th with a 10:42 while Widman was 23rd (10:59), Hoffman 27th (11:06) and Patrick 39th (11:23).

"If I had to single out one guy for a top performance it would be Damschroder," Ross head coach Ron Brant said. "He really did an excellent job over the last mile and must have passed about 15 other runners. He starts out slow but finishes strong."

"We expected Stout to finish high. Kirt has done an excellent job all year for us."

Brant was not surprised by Sandusky's superiority.

"I predicted this was going to happen," Brant said. "They're

just too strong for the rest of us. I think Sandusky can probably be rated among the top five teams in the state."

The veteran Little Giant head coach was disappointed in the standing of his club.

"I really thought we could finish second," Brant said, "but we ran into some tough luck. Jim Palomo, who we expected to count in our scoring, started to have stomach cramps over the last mile and couldn't run well. About 15 fellows passed him."

"We were only 20 points away from second place. We knew we had to have five guys together and we just couldn't do it. If Palomo would have been running as he normally does I think we could have finished in the second spot."

Sandusky	18
Elyria	90
Marion	95
Findlay	104
Ross	110
Admiral King	146
Lorain Senior	169
Mansfield	216

Individuals

1. Bob Fair, Sandusky, 9:41 (new course record); 2. Osmond Pearson, Sandusky, 9:59; 3. Jeff Hochstetter, Findlay, 10:00; 4. Paul Leslie, Sandusky, 10:03; 5. Joe Karis, Sandusky, 10:12; 6. Tom Tanchon, Sandusky, 10:16; 7. Tim Wilke, Sandusky, 10:26; 8. Kirt Stout, Ross, 10:34; 9. Jeff Courte, Elyria, 10:35; 10. Cliff Burris, Marion, 10:36.