

Cross Country Unit Bows In First Meet

KANSAS—Seniors Al and Joe Widman placed first and third but Fremont Ross' cross country team dropped its initial meet of the season, 28-31, to Lakota Tuesday afternoon.

Joe Gabel topped the Lakota contingent. He finished second, only two seconds off the winning time of 10:32 set by Al Widman. Joe Widman was a second behind Gabel. The Little Giants Kirk Stout finished in fourth with a 10:37 clocking.

Lakota took the next seven places to ice the victory. Robin Yost. Don Gonya, Scott Graebner, Kern French, Fred Garcia, Gerald Gabel and Leo Garcia finished fifth through 11th, respectively.

Next meet for Ross is Friday when it hosts Toledo Rogers.

Cross Country

Ross Evens Record

The Ross High Little Giant cross country team evened its season mark at 1-1 Friday with an easy 19-38 victory over Toledo Rogers.

Leading the Ross harriers over their new course on the Thornwood golf links, senior Kirt Stout ran the two miles in 10:28. The new course became a reality when construction began recently on the new Fremont flood wall, eliminating part of the old course through Rodger Young Park.

The Widman twins followed Stout through the chute for the Little Giants. Al was clocked in 10:35, while Joe ran a 10:59.

Randy Garrin was the first Rogers harrier to finish. His time of 11:14 was good for fourth place. Teammate Larry Kent won fifth place with a time of 11:19.

Finishing sixth and seventh were the Little Giants' Cy Conners, 11:29, and Chris Widman, 11:38. Bruce Beeker captured the ninth position with a 11:48 time.

The next outing for Ross is Friday at home against Cleveland Lincoln-West. Starting time is 4:30.

Ross Runners Finish Fifth

TIFFIN—Led by Kirt Stout and the Widman brothers—Al and Joe —Fremont Ross finished fifth in the Tiffin Columbian Cross Country Carnival Saturday morning.

Stout placed sixth in the 104-man field. Al Widman took ninth place and Joe finished in the number 12 position. Stout's time was 10:09, 20 seconds off the winning pace of Amherst high school's Glen Wilburn.

Amherst had three of the top five finishers as it breezed to the team title. Bob Washburn finished third for the winners with a 10:03 clocking and teammate Tony Otto took the fifth spot. Otto bested Stout by only one second.

Second place went to Dave Juiper of the host school. Pat Eaton of Parma was fourth.

Only one point separated Fremont and Maumee, the fourth place finisher. Fremont runners totaled 148 points.

Amherst runners totaled only 42 points. Columbian was second with 74 points. Parma placed third with 111.

There was a big drop off between Joe Widman and the next Ross finisher. Cy Connors finished in the 55th position. Chris Widman was 66th, followed by Bruce Beaker (73) and Howard Stierwatt (94).

Lakota, which was paced by its fine duo of Rex Brockschmidt and Jeff Gabel, finished seventh in the 16-team field. Brockschmidt was seventh, one second behind Stout, and Gabel placed 13th, a second behind Joe Widman.

Other Lakota finishers included Scott Graber (35), Leo Garcia (43), Don Gonya (58), Bob Munoz (65) and Jeff Lee (101).

Bellevue finished 11th. Highest finisher for the Redmen was Greg Siesel, who placed 17th.

The team scores:

1. Amherst, 42; 2. Tiffin Columbian, 74; 3. Parma, 111; 4. Maumee, 147; 5. Fremont Ross, 148; 6. Lima Shawnee, 155; 7. Lakota, 156; 8. Bucyrus, 207; 9. Perrysburg, 227; 10. Ontario, 245; 11. Bellevue, 251; 12. Elyria, 304; 13. Galion, 310; 14. Seneca West, 371; 15. Hopewell-Loudon, 476; 16. Willard, 479.

Columbian Trips Little Giants

Fremont Ross lost only the second meet in three years on its home course as Tiffin Columbian notched at 26-29 cross country victory at Thornwood Golf Course Thursday afternoon.

Even in defeat, Ross coach Ron Brant could find hope for the

remainder of the season. The Little Giants were beaten by 11 points in their meet with Columbian last year. Columbian hasn't lost a meet in three years.

Dave Jumper paced the visiting contingent. He finished first ahead of Ross' Kirt Stout

and Joe Widman, who placed second and third, respectively.

Jumper was timed in 10:31 over the two-mile course. Stout turned in a 10:33 time and Widman was closed in 10:36.

Columbian's Ron Martin finished fourth with a 10:38 time. In fifth position was Al Widman (10:43) of Ross. Columbian sewed up the victory when its runners took the sixth, seventh and eighth positions. The eighth place finisher, Scott Roberts, finished 18 seconds ahead of the Little Giants' Cy Connors. Chris Connors was tenth for the hosts.

Sandusky was the last team to beat the Little Giants on their home course. The Blue Streaks accomplished that feat two years ago.

The summary:

1. Dave Jumper, Columbian, 10:31; 2. Kirt Stout, Ross, 10:33; 3. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:36; 4. Ron Martin, Columbian, 10:38; 5. Al Widman, Ross, 10:43; 6. Ogdon Smog, Columbian, 10:58; 7. Rick Majers, Columbian, 11:10; 8. Scott Roberts, Columbian, 11:13; 9. Cy Connors, Ross, 11:31; 10. Chris Connors, Ross, 11:33.

Champions Meet Slated

Champions of eight area golf courses will vie for the Champion of Champions title Sunday at Green Hills Golf Course, Clyde. The event is sponsored by Miller Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc. of Fremont.

Last year's winner in the men's division, Vern Bramel of Nature Trail Golf Course, Bettsville, will defend his crown. Competition will come from Dr. Dave Peterson, champion of Fremont Country Club, Denny Brudzinski (Sycamore Hills), Herb Butts (Thornwood), William Houle (Sleepy Hollow), Joe Barrett (Green Hills), Tom Murray (Portage Point) and Roger Kontak (Sugar Creek).

Janet Van Fleet of Green Hills will attempt to protect her womens title. Others in the field include Joyce Weiler (Fremont Country Club), Karen Gabel (Sycamore Hills), Barbara Wolf (Thornwood), Alda Scagnetti (Sleepy Hollow), Alice Lou Channels (Nature Trail), Margurite Dohy (Portage Point) and Mrs. James Dolph (Sugar Creek).

Competitors in both divisions will vie for traveling and individual trophies which will be awarded the winners and runners-up. Green Hills officials have stated that spectators are welcome.



ROSS HIGH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Ross high boosted its cross country record to 2-2 by smashing Fostoria, 18-41, at Thornwood Golf Course Tuesday afternoon. Members of the 1970 squad are: front row, (left to right)—Joe Widman, Bruce

Beeker, Bruce Schnider, Cy Connors, Howard Stierwalt and Al Widman; back row—head coach Ron Brant, Louis Gessner, Scott March, Chris Widman, Steve Young, Kirk Stout and Dave Damschroder. (News-Messenger Photo)

Cross Country Team Evens Log

Ross Bombs Fostoria

Ross high evened its cross country record at 2-2 Tuesday afternoon with a lopsided 18-41 victory over Fostoria Senior.

Coach Ron Brant's runners captured five of the first seven places in the meet which was run over the two mile Thornwood Golf Course layout.

Two brothers—Al and Joe Widman—took the first two places for the Little Giants. Joe toured the course in 10:34 to take the top spot. Al was only two seconds slower.

In the third position was Ross' Kirk Stout, who finished with a 10:43 clocking. Fostorian Tim Ogg bested another Widman—Chris—for the fourth position. Ogg was timed in 11:25. Chris Widman crossed the finish line one second later.

Charles Keiffer of Fostoria placed sixth with an 11:27 time.

Final point winner for Ross was Cy Connors, who placed

seventh with an 11:39 time. Only the top five runners are used to determine a team's score.

Ross had one other runner—Bruce Beeker—finish in the first 10 places. Beeker was eighth with an 11:42 clocking.

Other Ross competitors were Howard Stierwalt, who finished 11th, Bruce Schneider (13th), Scott March (14th), Dave Damschroder (18th), Louis Gessner (19th) and Steve Young (20th).

The top 10 finishers:

1. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:34; 2. Al Widman, Ross, 10:36; 3. Kirk Stout, Ross, 10:43; 4. Tim Ogg, Fostoria, 11:25; 5. Chris Widman, Ross, 11:26; 6. Charles Keiffer, Fostoria, 11:27; 7. Cy Connors, Ross, 11:39; 8. Bruce Beeker, Ross, 11:42; 9. Jeff Tyson, Fostoria, 11:57; 10. Chris Forge, Fostoria, 11:58.

Little Giant Runners Wallop Fliers, 20-40

CLYDE—Fremont Ross improved its cross country record to 3-2 with a 20-40 bictory over Clyde at Green Hills golf course Thursday afternoon.

Fremont's Al and Joe Widman took first and second place. Joe finished one second ahead of his brother. Joe toured the two mile course in 10:23.

Only one second separated the third place finisher, Barnes of Clyde, and Kirk Stout of Ross. Barnes was clocked in 10:30. Another Clyde runner was fifth, but Little Giants took the sixth, seventh and eighth positions.

Cy Connors' 10:47 was good for sixth. Chris Widman finished 16 seconds in back of Connors and Bruce Beeker was eighth.

Ross, which has won two straight, will travel to Bowling Green in search of its fourth victory next Thursday.

The summary:

1. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:23 2. Al Widman, Ross, 10:24; 3. Barnes, Clyde, 10:30 4. Kirk Stout, Ross, 10:31; 5. Smart, Clyde, 10:33; 6. Cy Connors, Ross, 10:47; 7. Chris Widman, Ross, 11:03; 8. Bruce Beeker, Ross, 11:14; 9. Bingman, Clyde, 11:17; 10. Scott March, Ross, 11:21.

Ross, Lakota Entered At BG

BOWLING GREEN — Forty high school teams, including Fremont Ross and Lakota, have been entered in the 18th annual Bowling Green State University Cross Country Relays Saturday at 10:45 p.m.

Cleveland St. Ignatius and its top runner, Chris Kearney, will be on hand to defend both the team and individual titles. Lakota's Rex Brockschmidt, who finished second to Kearney in last year's event, is considered one of Kearney's most serious challengers.

Lakota will also be represented by Jeff Gabel, Leo Garcia, Robin

Yost, Gerald Gabel and Scott Graber.

Ross, which hasn't entered the meet for several years, will be represented by three Widman brothers—Al, Joe and Chris—Kirt Stout, Cy Connors and Bruce Beeker.

Other area schools entered in the competition include Bowling Green, Findlay, Hopewell-Loudon and Lima Shawnee.

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Bowling Green Nips Ross

BOWLING GREEN—Bowling Green defeated Fremont Ross, 26-30, in a varsity cross country meet Thursday.

Bowling Green runners took the first, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth positions.

Top finisher for the hosts was Roger Eikum, who toured the course in a sparkling 9:54. Fremont's two Widman brothers—Al and Joe—finished second and third, respectively.

Joe was clocked in 10:22 and Al was two seconds slower.

Ross' Kirt Stout finished fifth with a 10:41 clocking. Chris Widman was ninth and Bruce Beeker earned the 11th position in the final tally.

The Little Giants, who now have a 3-3 record, participated in the Bowling Green State University Invitational Saturday morning.

The summary:

1. Eikum, Bowling Green, 9:54;
2. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:22;
3. Al Widman, Ross, 10:24;
4. Daniels, Bowling Green, 10:30;
5. Kirt Stout, Ross, 10:41;
6. Herringshaw, Bowling Green, 10:55;
7. Simpkins, Bowling Green, 10:58;
8. Carr, Bowling Green, 11:00;
9. Chris Widman, Ross, 11:01;
10. West, Bowling Green, 11:04.

Berea Cross Country Victor; Lakota Ninth, Ross High 20th

BOWLING GREEN—Fremont Ross placed 20th in a 44-team field at the Bowling Green State University Cross Country Relays Saturday. Lakota finished in ninth position in the team race.

Berea high school took first place honors followed by Findlay and Lakewood. Each team's score was based on the total time for each of its first five runners.

Berea's top runners were clocked in 54:40. Findlay was only seven seconds slower. Lakewood finished with a 55:03 total. Lakota's total time was 56:01. Fremont Ross runners totaled 57:27.

Runners were divided into six flights—44 competitors in each—with all of the top runners bracketed in the same class. Each school entered one run-

ner per flight. In the quick flight, which was won by Berea's Mike Burley with a 10:13 showing, Lakota's Rex Brockschmidt was timed in 10:47 which earned him the 13th position. Joe Widman of Ross finished 20th with an 11:02.

Findlay's Jeff Hochstettler led the way in the flight for each team's second runners. His time was 10:43. Jeff Gabel of Lakota was sixth (11:02) and Ross' Al Widman finished 15th.

In flight four (for each school's third runners), Larry Yankow of Lakewood led the way. He was timed in 10:57. Lakota's Leo Garcia was eighth and Ross high's Kirk Stout was ninth.

Flight three found Lakota's Scott Graber taking the 19th position with an 11:33 time. Chris Widman of Ross was 27th (11:51).

Rob Munoz of Lakota was seventh in flight two with an 11:27. Cy Connors of Ross finished 32nd (12:09).

Lakota's Gerald Gabel was eighth with an 11:31 in the first flight. Ross high's Bruce Beeker was clocked in 12:08 which earned him the 29th spot.

Carter Pleases Paul

CINCINNATI (AP) — Quarterback Virgil Carter of the Cincinnati Bengals has brought a glitter back to Coach Paul Brown's eyes.

The Bengals of the National Football League have been anything but explosive with rookie standout quarterback Greg Cook out for the season, but Carter got the offense untracked Sunday against Cleveland.

"I just hope it's for real," Brown said about Carter's performance in his first start since

he played for the Chicago Bears in 1969. "It was a lucky day when we got him."

Carter, 24, completed 20 of 28 passes for 218 yards and one touchdown, and hit on his first nine aerial attempts. The Bengals, 10-point underdogs, lost 30-27 at Cleveland but Brown was happy about the effort of the whole team and especially Carter.

"We were very pleased for his first start and all in all he did pretty well," Brown continued. "He's smart, pretty cool and dedicated."

Pro Basketball

Little Giants Win

Woodmore Runner Sets Course Record

Woodmore high school's Tony Hernandez set a new course record but it wasn't enough to offset the Fremont Ross depth as the Little Giants took a 25-30 cross country victory from the Wildcats at Thornwood golf course Tuesday.

Hernandez finished in first place with a 10:07 time which clipped 21 seconds off the old record held by Kirk Stout of Ross. Stout set the mark against Toledo Rogers earlier this season.

Ross runners finished in the second, third and fourth spots. Joe Widman was second, 30 seconds behind Hernandez. Joe's brother Al took third place and Kirk Stout was fourth.

Wayne Fegley of Woodmore was fifth followed by Cy Connors of Ross. Woodmore's Tim

Sampson, Doug Ottney and Dave Cotey finished seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively. Ross' Howard Stierwalt was 10th.

Ross, which now has a 4-3 record, entertains Toledo Whitmer Thursday at 4 p.m. Next outing for Woodmore is the Lakeshore Conference meet at Riverby Country Club. .

The summary:

1. Tony Hernandez, Woodmore, 10:07;
2. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:37;
3. Al Widman, Ross, 10:44;
4. Kirk Stout, Ross, 10:50;
5. Wayne Fegely, Woodmore, 10:51;
6. Cy Connors, Ross, 11:15;
7. Tim Sampson, Woodmore, 11:19;
8. Doug Ottney, Woodmore, 11:30;
9. Dave Cotey, Woodmore, 11:45;
10. Howard Stierwalt, Ross, 11:50.

Ross Bows

Fremont Ross' cross country record dropped to 4-4 with a 26-29 loss to Toledo Whitmer at Thornwood golf course Thursday.

Whitmer's Jim Derosé finished in first place with a 10:29 time. Only two seconds separated the second and third place finisher, Joe Widman of Ross and Bill Frey of Whitmer. Widman was clocked in 10:31.

Fourth and fifth positions went to two Ross competitors—Al Widman and Kirk Stout. Al Widman toured the two mile course in 10:38. Stout's time was 10:54.

Other scorers for the Little Giants were Chris Widman, who finished eighth and Cy Connors, the 10th place finisher.

The summary:

1. Jim Derosé, Whitmer, 10:29;
2. Joe Widman, Ross, 10:31;
3. Bill Frey, Whitmer, 10:32;
4. Al Widman, Ross, 10:38;
5. Kirk Stout, Ross, 10:54;
6. John Kantner, Whitmer, 10:57;
7. Bill Brymer, Whitmer, 11:13;
8. Chris Widman, Ross, 11:15;
9. Jim Duke, Whitmer, 11:16;
10. Cy Connors, Ross, 11:19.