

2008 Greater Buckeye Conference...

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ross earns All-GBC honors

Esparza, Leemaster, Ramirez, Yuhas, Soule garner league recognition

News-Messenger reports

NAPOLEON — The Fremont Ross Little Giants were third in the boys event and fourth in the girls competition during the Greater Buckeye Conference Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Municipal Golf Course in Napoleon.

Four Ross runners earned All-GBC

honors in the boys race on Saturday. Kristopher Esparza (fifth, 17:19) was a first-team selection for the Little Giants, who received second-team picks from Andy Leemaster (eighth, 17:50), Ricky Ramirez (ninth, 17:51) and Michael Yuhas (11th, 17:56).

"It was a great team effort in all-conference honors," Ross coach Kathy Esposito said.

Tom Holman added a 34th-place effort in 20:05 for the Little Giants.

Stephen Mackell was the GBC individual champion in 16:30, pacing Findlay to the league title. The Tro-

jans held off Sandusky 33-55 for the team championship, followed by Ross (62), Napoleon (92), Marion Harding (110) and Lima Senior (188).

In the girls race, Ross's Jessica Soule ran to a spot on the All-GBC second team by finishing ninth overall in 22:08.

No other Little Giants' runner qualified for all-league honors.

Lisa Carter had a time of 23:55 to place 20th overall for Ross.

Brier Sterling completed the course

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FREMONT ROSS RUNNER MICHAEL YUHAS stays ahead of a Marion Harding competitor during the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships on Saturday at Municipal Golf Course in Napoleon.



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FREMONT ROSS CROSS COUNTRY COACH KATHY ESPOSITO (far left) poses with All-Greater Buckeye Conference team members Jessica Soule (second team), Andy Leemaster (second team), Ricky Ramirez (second team), Kristopher Esparza (first team) and Michael Yuhas (second team) on Saturday at Municipal Golf Course in Napoleon.

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in 20:02 to become the GBC individual champion. She led Findlay, which was the team title-winner with 40 points.

Napoleon had 47 points to finish second, followed by Sandusky (58), Ross (107), Marion Harding (120) and Lima Senior (158).

NOL effort.

Alexander Emlinger paced Willard (26 points) to the NOL team championship. Emlinger was the NOL individual champion in 16:29.

Shelby (57 points) was second, followed by Columbian (74), Bellevue (75), Galion (161), Upper Sandusky (163), Norwalk (174) and Fostoria (214).

In the girls race, Mercedes Specht captured 21st overall in 21:42 for the Lady Red.

No Bellevue girls qualified for the first or second All-NOL teams.

Cross Country

High School Boys

GBC Championship

Team Standings

1. Findlay 33; 2. Sandusky 55; 3. Fremont Ross 62; 4. Napoleon 92; 5. Marion Harding 110; 6. Lima Senior 188.

Winner and Ross Results

1. Stephen Mackell (Findlay) 16:30.00; 5. Kristopher Esparza (FR) 17:19.00; 8. Andy Leemaster (FR) 17:50.0; 9. Ricky Ramirez (FR) 17:51.0; 11. Michael Yuhas (FR) 17:56.0; 34. Tom Hohman (FR) 20:05.0; 41. Luis Franco (FR) 20:40.0; 43. Brian Hoelze (FR) 20:45.0; 45. Brandyn O'Connel (FR) 20:54.0; 46. Jared Schueren (FR) 20:55.0.

High School Girls

GBC Championship

Team Standings

1. Findlay 40; 2. Napoleon 47; 3. Sandusky 58; 4. Fremont Ross 107; 5. Marion Harding 120; 6. Lima Senior 158.

Winner and Ross Results

1. Brier Sterling (Findlay) 20:02.0; 9. Jessica Soule (FR) 22:08.0; 20. Lisa Carter (FR) 23:55.0; 21. Paige Wiechman (FR) 23:56.0; 30. Alyssa Fischer (FR) 25:02.0; 43. Amy Yuhas (FR) 28:48.0.