

2000 Season review...

CROSS COUNTRY

Ross opens in Tiffin

TIFFIN — The Ross boys and girls cross country teams started the season with fourth-place finishes in a five-team meet at Hedges Boyer Park.

Jeremy Framstad was second in 17 minutes, 42 seconds as the boys totaled 104 points. Findlay edged host Columbian 32-33 for the win. Bowling Green was third with 102 and Clay was fifth with 154.

Jay Ohms was 13th in 19:32, Josh Ohms was 25th in 21:24, Noah Grayson was 31st in 22:05 and Art Neeley was 33rd in 22:23 for the Little Giants.

Stacy Hall's eighth place finish in 22:58 led the Ross girls team, which had 100

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Giants boys, girls take fourth at Tiffin

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points. Findlay won with 32, Columbian was second with 48, Bowling Green was third with 52 and Clay was fifth with 175.

Wendy Farrell was 17th with 24:18, Megan Neeley was 19th with 24:46, Kristy Gabel was 20th in 24:46, Monica McElfresh was 24th in 24:53, Kaylie Crispen was 31st in 25:11, Lindsay Swope was 33rd in 25:24, Brittney Dohonas was 40th in 26:39, Morgan O'Connor was 41st in 26:41, Brittnay O'Connor was 45th in 26:59 and Shana Frontz was 53rd in 28:15.

The Little Giants host the Norm Bray Invitational on Saturday at Walsh Park.



Woodmore fourth at Tiffin Carnival

Framstad finishes 17th in Division I

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TIFFIN — Nearly 2,000 runners turned out Saturday for the annual Tiffin Carnival cross country race, the state's largest competition in the sport.

"It's frightening," said Ross coach John Elder. "We're lucky we don't come home injured. They run it well, but it's hot and crowded."

The Ross boys finished 28th of 35 teams. Jeremy Framstad led the way, placing 17th in 17 minutes, one second. He was 34th a year ago in Tiffin.

In girls action, the Ross A team finished 30th out of 34 teams in the Div. I-A race. The Ross B team finished

24th of 30 teams in the Div. I-B race. In the A race, Stacy Hall was 16th in 21:30 for the Little Giants.

"As far as the experience of having a big race that they'll never see again, I think it was a good developmental time," Ross coach Cathy Esposito said.

Woodmore was the top area performer, competing in Division III. The Wildcats' girls were fourth of 45 teams with 164 points. Woodmore's Meredith Magsig was the area's highest placer, taking seventh in 19:48. Teammate Casey Ulinski was ninth in 20:02.

The Wildcats took 18th in the boys race with 488 points. Montana Garcia led Woodmore, finishing in 17:23. Jason Haar finished 17:57 and Nick Garcia came across in 17:58. Places were not available.

Also in Division III, St. Joseph Central Catholic's boys took 10th. Jeremy Velliquette was 23rd in 17:30, Dan Chudzinski was 53rd in 17:59, Adam Miller was 73rd in 18:20, Chad Walerzyk was 92nd in 18:38 and Brad Harman was 105th in 18:51.

"I'll take that," St. Joe coach Gary Logsdon said of the boys' finish. "That was a very good run for us. They did a nice job."

The St. Joe girls were 38th. Trischa Snyder led the way, finishing 52nd in 21:46.

Gibsonburg's girls were 36th. Barb Davies led the team, finishing in 22:48. The Golden Bears were 39th, led by Andrew Sponseller in 18:59. Gibsonburg's placings were not available.

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JEREMY VELLIQUETTE of St. Joe runs Saturday at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin.

Tiffin tough on area teams

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"We had some injuries, so we didn't do as well as we could have," Golden Bears coach Beth Kohler said.

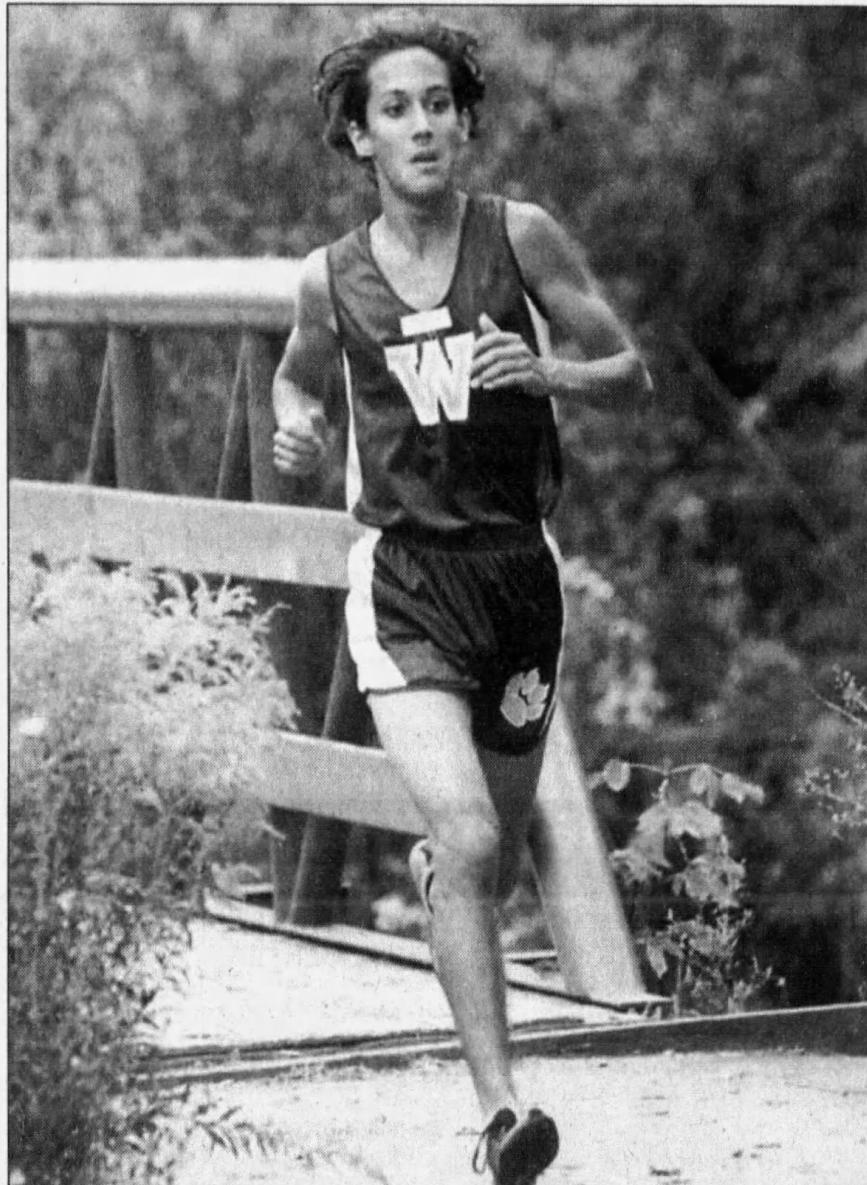
Lakota was 22nd with 633 points in the boys race. Nick Smith led the way with an 80th place finish in 18:27. The Lakota girls were 32nd with 672. Rachel Munoz was 45th in 21:35.

Old Fort's boys were 42nd, led by Jordan Miller's 94th place finish in 18:40.

The Clyde boys were 18th in Div. II. Cliff Moore was 29th in 17:48 and Kyle Gettys was 31st in 17:53 to lead the Fliers. Clyde's girls were 24th in Div. II-B race. Andrea Stetler was 85th in 24:35. The Fliers' top runner, Laura Dearsman, missed the race because of a prior commitment.

"That's a tough course, but they ran all right," Clyde girls coach Ken Cheek said. "They're running as a team. Now I've got to get them to drop a few minutes."

Bellevue's girls were 15th. Nichole Guardiola led the Lady Red with a 21st place finish in 21:00. Oak Harbor's girls were 17th, led by Alison Jacobs, who was 48th in 22:02.



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MONTANA GARCIA of Woodmore runs the course at Hedges-Boyer Park on Saturday at the Tiffin Carnival. The Wildcats took 17th with 488 points in the Division III race, while Garcia finished in 17 minutes, 23 seconds. Woodmore's girls placed fourth with 164 points in the Division III race.

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Ross sweeps Admiral King

LORAIN — Fremont Ross cross-country runners Stacy Hall and Jeremy Framstad took first place as the Little Giants defeated Lorain Admiral King in a dual meet Tuesday.

Hall won in 22 minutes, eight seconds as the girls beat Admiral King 15-50. Framstad finished in 17:54 to help the Giants to a 21-34 victory.

For the Ross girls, who took nine of the top 10 spots, Lindsay Swope was second in 22:57, Wendy Farrell was third in 23:00, Megan Neeley was fourth in 23:34 and Morgan O'Connor was fifth in 23:52.

Jay Ohms finished second in 18:27 for the Ross boys. Art Neeley came in fifth in 20:10, Josh Ohms was sixth in 20:29 and Noah Grayson was seventh in 21:28.

Ross is at the Galion Invitational on Saturday.

Ross's Framstad ninth at Galion

GALION — Jeremy Framstad's ninth-place finish led the Fremont Ross boys at the Galion Invitational on Saturday at Amman's Reservoir.

Framstad finished in 16 minutes, 30 seconds as the Little Giants took eighth in Division I with 312 points. Also for the Little Giants, Jay Ohms was 51st with 17:46, Art Neeley was 65th in 18:10, Josh Ohms was 79th in 18:35 and Noah Grayson was 108th in 19:22.

Hudson won with 35 points.

The Fremont Ross girls A team took 11th with 336. Stacy Hall was 17th in 20:20, Wendy Farrell was 71st

in 21:59, Lindsay Swope was 77th in 22:04, Megan Neeley in 22:15 and Morgan O'Connor was 89th in 22:27.

For the Ross B team, which was 21st, Brittney Dohanos was 100th in 22:47, Kaylie Crispen was 103rd in 22:56, Shana Frontz was 110th in 23:11, Brittany O'Connor was 122nd in 24:05 and Laura Cena was 143rd in 28:41.

Andrew Sponseller was 24th in 17:56 as Gibsonburg took 13th in the Division III boys race.

Also for the Golden Bears, Chris Brown was 47th in 18:36, Chris Slaughter was 80th in 19:37, Andy

Hise was 91st in 19:53 and Mark Rorda was 98th in 20:05.

Convoy Crestview edged Seneca East for the team title. Both teams totaled 100 points, but Crestview's sixth runner was seven spots ahead of Seneca East's.

Jake Haughn of Mt. Gilead won the race in 16:13.

Gibsonburg's girls were 12th with 310 points, led by Barb Davies, who was 25th in 21:22. Also for the Bears, Joni Rupke was 42nd in 41:31, Rachel Fleming was 55th in 22:46, Meredith Fisher was 100th in 24:21 and Kelly Shively was 102nd in 24:31.

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Ross splits in GLL

The Fremont Ross boys and girls cross country teams split Great Lakes League tri-meets with rivals Findlay and Sandusky at Walsh Park.

Findlay won the girls match with 21 points, beating Ross (50) and Sandusky (80). The Trojans also won the boys competition with 21 points, ahead of the Little Giants (59) and Blue Streaks (71).

Stacy Hall led the Ross girls, taking sixth overall in 22 minutes, 13 seconds. Britney Dohanos was ninth in 23:20, Wendy Farrell was 10th in 23:23, Lindsay Swope was 12th in 23:49 and Monica McElfresh was 13th in 24:08.

Jeremy Framstad was second to lead the Ross boys. His time was 17:15. Also for the Giants, Jay Ohms was ninth in 18:31, Josh Ohms was 13th in 19:34, Noah Grayson was 16th in 20:34 and Art Neeley was 19th in 21:32.

The Little Giants are at Clay with Fostoria on Tuesday.

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Framstad wins for Ross

OREGON — Ross senior Jeremy Framstad was first for the Little Giants with a time of 17 minutes, 6 seconds in a Great Lakes League tri-meet with Clay and Fostoria at Pearson Park.

Because of an injury to Art Neely, Ross did not have a full team and did not score as a team. Jay Ohms was third in 18:04, Josh Ohms was sixth in 19:11 and Noah Grayson was 10th in 20:14.

Clay beat Fostoria 22-35.

The girls meet was not scored because of a course discrepancy.

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Woodmore wins at Clay

OREGON — Woodmore's Meredith Magsig won the Clay Eagle Invitational on Saturday, leading the Wildcats to the Division I girls crown at Pearson Park.

But it was the performances of Andrea Moenter and Pam Kuhlman, Woodmore's fourth and fifth runners, that most excited coach Craig Nieset. Moenter finished 36th in 20 minutes, 56 seconds, and Kuhlman came in 62nd in 21:36. Both times were personal bests.

"They're getting there," Nieset said of the girls. "We had a couple girls step up pretty big."

Magsig won the race in 19:01, nine seconds off her personal best, as the Wildcats racked up 110 points. Notre Dame Academy was second with 124 points. Fremont Ross finished 15th with 428 points.

Woodmore's Casey Ulinski was fifth in 19:37, and Kathy Camp took sixth in 19:42.

Stacy Hall turned in the best performance for Ross, placing 30th in 20:44. Megan Neeley finished 87th in 22:00, Brittney Dohanos was 96th in 22:16, Wendy Farrell came in 106th in 22:30 and Lindsay Swope turned in a 109th finish in 22:34.

In the Division II-III race girls, Oak Harbor was fifth with 196 points. Seneca East took the title with 58.

Oak Harbor's Jackie Baumgartner crossed the line in 11th place, in 20:27, followed by Alison Jacobs (20:58), Heather Distel (21:34), Amy Jenkins (22:34) and Isabel Rodriguez (22:42).

In the Division I boys race, Fremont Ross did not field a complete team. But Ross got a sixth-place finish from Jeremy Framstad, who recorded a time of 16:32. Also for Ross, Josh Ohms placed 99th in 18:50, Noah Grayson was 123rd in 19:44 and Dan Burris was 154th in 23:35.

