

1995 Season review...

Boys Preview

ROSS

Despite losing two of the top five runners from the 1994 state runner-up team, coach John Elder would like to bring home a state title in 1995.

"Last year was such a great, fun ride," said Elder, who begins his eighth season. "This year we want to return to Columbus and improve."

Gone are co-captains Dane Snyder and Doug Jibilian, who were the Little Giants' third and fourth runners respectively.

Returning are four of the top five runners, with a pair of Jeremiahs leading the charge. All-state performers Jeremiah Wagner, a senior, and junior Jeremiah Smith return as well as senior Clint Hill, who ran fifth a year ago.

Kurt Snyder is another returning letterman.

"If we stay healthy and continue our commitment to improve, this could very well be another great year," Elder said.

Girls Preview

ROSS

All eyes are on sophomore Jami Toepple, who finished second at the state meet last season, but the Little Giants' top runner has a strong backing.

Cathy Mallia, in her fourth year as head coach, has experience to go along with Toepple. Alison Kelley, Sarah Williams, Kristyn Warner, Molly O'Conner and Monica Wood give the Little Giants the depth needed to repeat as Great Lakes League champions.

"The team is comprised of young runners with a lot of experience," Mallia said. "We have the talent we need to make it to state."

Cross Country

High School Boys

Tiffin Columbian	42
Ross	46
Bowling Green	65
Findlay	67

1-Jeremiah Wagner (R) 16:34, 2-Ramin Raznvi (TC) 16:48, 3-Brett Bad-dorf (F) 16:59, 4-Jeremiah Smith (R) 17:09, 5-Clint Hill (R) 17:44.

Gibsonburg 21, Lakota 35

1-Steve Smith (G) 17:41, 2-Jeremy Harrison (L) 18:02, 3-Corey English (G) 18:16, 4-Brent Fahle (G) 18:34, 5-Andy Wasserman (L) 18:39, 6-Jason Balsizer (G) 19:04, 7-Mario Picciuto (G) 19:10, 8-Marcus Rogier (L) 19:12, 9-Steve Wasserman (L) 19:22, 10-Jason Young (G) 19:27.

New Riegel 19, Bettsville 36

1-Chriss Kinn (N) 17:28, 2-Mark Faeth (N) 17:32, 3-Tom Gibson (N) 18:31, 4-Doug Wolfe (B) 18:37, 5-Chris Wescott (B) 18:38, 6-Cory Nye (N) 19:30, 7-Dillon Tiel (N) 19:51, 8-Ryan Hull (B) 20:12, 9-Nick Staib (N) 20:18, 10-Andy Defibaugh (B) 20:28.

Otsego 24, Woodmore 35

Patrick Henry did not field a full team
1-Tony Elder (W) 19:51, 2-Kyle Green (O) 20:15, 3-Joseph Snyder (O) 20:26, 4-Kenny Garman (O) 20:37, 5-Nick Dangler (W) 20:51, 6-Andy Cuevas (W) 21:10, 7-Travis Vollmar (O) 21:23, 8-Kyle Dubois (O) 21:28, 9-Anthony Kale (O) 22:02, 10-John Pryzbylek (O) 22:28.

High School Girls

Ross double-dual

1-Jami Toepple (R) 20:50, 2-Lenna Lewis (BG) 21:30, 3-Kathy Frye (BG) 21:32, 4-Krystn Warner (R) 21:37, 5-Lindsay Frontz (R) 22:10, 6-Molly O'Conner (R) 22:13, 7-Alison Kelly (R) 22:32, 8-Monica Wood (R) 22:42, 9-Sarah Williams (R) 22:46, 10-Katie Wilhelm (F) 22:52, 11-Erin Cernovich (BG) 23:18, 12-Chau Nguyen (BG) 23:48, 13-Movica Tinagern (F) 24:14, 14-Cassie Downie (BG) 24:47, 15-Erin Bosmusson (BG) 25:11.

Team scores: Ross 15, Findlay 50; Ross 24, BG 41

Records: Ross 2-0.

Ross girls win, boys second

News-Messenger reports

Ross runners finished in three of the top five spots but still finished second in a quadrangular meet at Bowling Green Tuesday.

Tiffin Columbian has 42, four less than Ross. Bowling Green had 65 and Findlay 67.

Jeremiah Wagner of Ross won the race in 16 minutes, 34 seconds while Ross teammates Jeremiah Smith and Clint Hill finished fourth and fifth.

In the girls meet, Jami Toepple won in 20:50 as Ross defeated Bowling Green 24-41 and posted a perfect score in beating Findlay 15-50. Krystn Warner, Lindsay Frontz and Molly O'Conner of Ross finished fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

In other meets:

Gibsonburg 21, Lakota 35

Gibsonburg's Steve Smith won in 17:41 with Corey English and Brent Fahle finishing third and fourth, respectively, to pace the Golden Bear's victory.

Jeremy Harrison was second for the Raiders in 18:02 while Andy Wasserman finished fifth.

Regan Youngs won the girls race in 22:22. There was no team score because Gibsonburg did not have a complete team.

New Riegel 19, Bettsville 36

New Riegel took the top three positions in their win over Bettsville. Doug Wolfe and Chris Wescott finished fourth and fifth for the Bobcats in 18:37 and 18:38 respectively.

Bettsville, running without a complete team, lost to New Riegel.

Suzanne Tiell of New Riegel won the girls race in 22:42 but no score was kept because Bettsville did not have a full team. Bettsville's Kellie Snodgrass

Cross Country

Little Giants sweep Napoleon; St. Joe 3rd, 5th at New Riegel

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross boys and girls teams were victorious in meets with Napoleon Tuesday. The boys defeated the Wildcats 23-32 behind Jeremiah Wagner's first in 16 minutes, 54 seconds. N

Jeremiah Smith, Clint Hill and Kurt Snyder finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively, for the Little Giants.

Jami Toeppe and Lindsay Frontz were first and second for the Ross girls in their 21-38 victory. Toeppe crossed the line in 19:46 while Frontz finished in 20:40.

Woodmore girls win II-A race

Ross girls 7th in Division I-A; St. Joe girls 12th in Division III racing

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Woodmore's girls cross country team, fueled by senior Lindsey Hamilton's first-place finish, won the Division II-A race Saturday at the 27th Tiffin Carnival at Hedges-Boyer Park.

Hamilton won the 3.1-mile race in 19 minutes, 3 seconds to help the Wildcats earn the championship with 62 points. Amanda Clearcreek was second in the team standings with 92 points, while Clyde was fourth with 178 and Bellevue seventh with 204.

Woodmore's Angie Michael followed Hamilton with a sixth-place finish (19:58).

Clyde's Jenni Staats was fourth overall in 19:32, followed by teammates Kelly Skeels (32nd, 20:57), Amanda Cheek (49th, 21:29), Renee Martin (74th, 22:35) and Destiny Pierce (80th, 22:43).

In the girls Division II-B race, Woodmore had 123 points to take third behind Bay Village (56) and Otsego (103). Oak Harbor was 18th with 439 and Clyde 23rd with 550.

Oak Harbor's Jodi Kaiser finished 50th in 22:40 and Clyde's Sherah Norman took 86th in 23:25.

In the girls Division III race, Liberty-Benton won with 45 points while Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic was 12th with 380. Lakota took 15th with 449, followed by Margaretta (17th, 483) and Gibsonburg (36th, 992).

St. Joe sophomore Elizabeth Stierwalt (20:21) and Sarah Yeager (20:22) finished 14th and 15th, respectively. Jamie Chapman (21:12) took 38th for the Crimson Streaks.

Heidi Burks of Old Fort was 47th in 41:24, and Lakota's Regan Youngs took 61st in 21:43.

Cross Country

In the boys Division I-A race, Fremont Ross had 359 points to take 13th out of 24 teams. Toledo St. Francis won with 122 points.

Jeremiah Wagner led Ross with a 16th-place finish in 16:36. Jeremiah Smith was 24th in 16:45 and teammate Clint Hill was 60th in 17:20.

"Our team finish was not where I expected," Ross coach John Elder said. "But Kurt Snyder did not run due to injury. With Kurt, we are in the top seven. We did have good races, though. Jon Framstead (131), our freshman, ran great as did Clint Hill."

The Ross girls squad, competing in the Division I-A race, took seventh with 233 points. Beavercreek had 80 points to win the title.

Jamie Toeppel (19:28) had a fifth-place finish and Lindsay Fronz took 10th (19:47) for the Little Giants.

Lakota's boys finished 11th with 348 points in the boys Division II event, which was won by Galion with 174 points. Margaretta was 19th (512), Bellevue was 25th (581) and Oak Harbor 33rd (758).

Ben Ingersoll of Clyde took 10th (16:43) and Lakota's Andy Wasserman was 55th (17:43).

In the boys Division II Open race, Lakota's Nick Foo took 16th in 18:49 and Clyde's Jason Hill was 33rd in 19:20.

In the boys Division III Open race, Jason Young of Gibsonburg was 10th in 18:45, while Old Fort's Robert Compliment was 22nd in 19:18.

In the girls Division I-II Open race, Jenny Weyer of Bellevue was ninth in 22:58, Jen Hutchinson of Lakota was 20th in 23:32, Kendra Schiewe of Bettsville was 84th in 25:00 and Clyde's Heather Goehring was 96th in 25:24.

In the boys Division III race, Gibsonburg took seventh place with 293 points, followed by Old Fort (10th, 394), Bettsville (26th, 698), Woodmore (30th, 743) and St. Joe (32nd, 842).

Gibsonburg's Steve Smith took eighth in 16:49, while Brock Cleveland of Old Fort was 17th in 17:05. St. Joe's Jon Burroughs was 42nd in 17:31 and Bettsville's Doug Wolf was 87th in 18:13.

In the junior high girls varsity race, Woodmore and St. Joe took eighth and ninth, respectively, while Oak Harbor was 17th, Fremont 29th, Clyde 37th and Lakota 41st.

Jeanette Fronz (63rd, 14:46) was the top finisher for Fremont, while Deneil Sherman of Lakota was 45th in 14:27 and Lora Brizzi of Lakota was 188th in 16:34.

Carrie Buchanan of Bettsville finished 38th (15:42) in the junior high girls open race, Lakota's Nicci Sherman was 121st in 17:36 and Fremont's Calandra Deleon was 133rd.

In the junior high boys open race, Ryan Mendoza of Clyde took 14th in 13:26, Fremont's Mark Thomson was 16th and Jason Welker of Old Fort was 53rd in 14:09.

Old Fort took fifth and Woodmore sixth in the junior high boys Division III race. St. Joe was 12th, Gibsonburg 15th and Bettsville 16th.

Jeremy Riehm of Old Fort finished second in 11:52 and Nate Weyant of Bettsville was 16th in 12:27.

Cross Country

Ross girls win, boys defeated

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross girls managed to defeat Bedford Thursday without the scoring place of No. 1 runner Jami Toeppe.

Toeppe started the race at Bedford High School and was leading, but she got lost after the first mile.

"That scared the girls because when they came out of the woods, Jami was nowhere to be seen," Ross coach Cathy Mallia said.

The Little Giants, though, got a second-place finish from freshman Lindsay Frontz and their 24 points were eight fewer than the Mules compiled.

Frontz finished in 20 minutes, 33 seconds. Ross also took the next two spots. Monica Wood was third in 21:17 and Kristyn Warner fourth in 22:14.

Alison Kelly (22:47), Sarah Williams (23:07) and Molly O'Conner (23:30) all finished in the top 10.

Bedford beat Ross in the boys meet, 21-38, as Jesse Elzinga breezed to the finish in 16:33.

Jeremiah Wagner (16:52) was second for Ross, which ran without Kurt Snyder. Ross coach John Elder said Snyder is nursing a sore knee.



FRONTZ

The Golden Bears got a second-place finish from Steve Smith and a third from Corey English.

The Gibsonburg girls split by defeating Genoa 19-45 but falling to Otsego 21-36.

Brooke Bowe was second for Gibsonburg, 21 seconds behind winner Kristen Noblett of Otsego.

Northwood double-dual

The Rangers did not run with a full team in either the boys or girls meet, and Woodmore's girls and Eastwood's boys came away with dual wins.

Lindsey Hamilton (19:36) and Angie Michael finished first and second as the Wildcats girls defeated Eastwood 22-36.

The Woodmore boys had two runners in the top ten, Tony Elder and Nick Dangler, and the Eagles won 17-44.

Clyde triangular

Clyde's Ben Ingersol was the winner in 16:57, but Huron won the meet with 35 points to Clyde's 38 and Oak Harbor's 55.

Oak Harbor's Tony Hiss and Tony Whitman finished third and fourth, respectively, and Clyde's Colin Bennett was sixth.

The Clyde girls scored 20 points to Oak Harbor's 55 and Huron's 62.

The Fliers took six of the top seven places led by Jenny Staats' runner-up finish. Rachel Salazar followed by Kristy MacDonald, Kelly Skeels,

Wagner wins race; Wo

News-Messenger reports

Jeremiah Wagner of Fremont Ross took first place in the boys Division I race at the Galion Invitational Saturday, while the Woodmore girls team took first place in the A Division of the Perrysburg Invitational.

Other cross country running took place at the Boardman Invitational, where Clyde's boys and girls team competed.

Galion Invitational

Wagner finished in 16 minutes, 13 seconds and led Ross to a sixth-place finish with 145 points — 58 points behind team champ Ashland.

Other top finishers for Ross were Jeremiah Smith in 11th place and Clint Hill, who finished 31st.

The Ross girls team was runner-up in the Division I meet. The Little Giants, who

Cross Country Roundup

placed five runners in the top 20, compiled 54 points or 12 more than team champion Tiffin Columbian.

Jami Toeppel was the runner-up among individuals, finishing in 19:10. Lindsay Frontz placed 11th, Kristyn Warner was 12th, Allison Kelly 13th and Monica Wood 16th.

Perrysburg Invitational

Lindsey Hamilton won the race in 19:23 as Woodmore finished with 39 points — eight lower than Cardinal Stritch.

Woodmore's next two runners were freshmen, Lindsey Travis and Connie Camp. Travis placed fifth and Camp sixth. Other Wildcats in the top 20 were Rachel Harder in 15th place and Kim Damschroder 16th.

Leader of the pack

Toeppe leads Ross girls to Maumee Invite team title

News-Messenger reports

Jami Toeppe took first place in 18 minutes, 56 seconds Saturday, leading the Fremont Ross girls cross country team to the championship at the nine-team Maumee Invitational at Secor Park.

The Little Giants won with 47 points, followed by Bowling Green (80), Bellevue (81), Perrysburg (93), Defiance (133), Anthony Wayne (136), Whitmer (166), Maumee (194) and Swanton (222).

The Ross boys had 143 points to take seventh out of nine teams. Perrysburg won with 62, followed by Bowling Green (78), Maumee (91), Defiance (103), Anthony Wayne (104), Bellevue (109), Ross, Swanton (152) and Libbey (282).

Jon Framstead led the Ross boys by taking 18th in 17:38. Jake Smith was 20th in 17:44, followed by Eric Gabel (21st, 17:48), Kurt Snyder (37th, 18:37) and Eli Semer (47th, 19:10).

"We gave (three runners) a day off because we can't afford injuries and we need to develop depth," Ross coach John Elder said. "Kurt ran for the first time without pain and John, Jake and Eric ran personal

Cross Country

bests. We now have seven runners who are capable of sub 18:00."

In other meets Saturday:
Cardinal Stritch Invitational

At Maumee Bay State Park, Perkins' boys won the Red Division with 59 points and Sylvania Northview won the girls meet with 62 points. Clyde's girls took fifth with 94 points and the Fliers' boys were seventh with 163.

Clyde's Jenni Staats was second in 19:48 and Ben Ingersoll was third in 16:33 in the girls and boys events, respectively.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic's girls had 195 points to finish sixth out of 17 teams in the Black Division. Liberty-Benton won with 41 and Old Fort was 11th with 374.

St. Joe's Sarah Yeager was seventh in 19:51, followed by Elizabeth Stierwalt (19th, 21:02), Jamie Chapman (38th, 21:56), Jamie Dicker (56th, 22:57) and Holly Snyder (75th, 23:46).

Old Fort's Heidi Burks was 27th in 21:15, followed by Sunshine Ramey (63rd, 23:22),

Katie Berlekamp (87th, 24:49), Whitney Collins (96th, 25:32) and Jenni Meeker (101st, 26:11).

St. Joe boys placed 17th (428 points) out of 22 teams. Jon Burroughs was 36th overall for the Streaks in 17:56, followed by Josh Lauer (90th, 19:09), Brett Reineck (95th, 19:15), Nick Haynes (101st, 19:26) and Brian Harman (106th, 19:52).

Old Fort's boys took ninth with 225 points. The Stockaders were led by Brock Cleveland, who took seventh in 17:02. Josh Fortney was 39th in 17:59, Phil Riehm (51st, 18:15), Dan Haugh (59th, 18:25), Paul Dymond (69th, 18:40) for Old Fort.

Lake Invitational

Otsego won the girls meet with 27 points while Lakota was second with 63, Margaretta third with 64 and Oak Harbor fifth with 113.

Oak Harbor's Jodi Kaiser was seventh in 20:59.

Oak Harbor's boys were led by Tony Wittman, who was second in 16:05.

"The entire field ran the wrong way and the course measured 270 yards short," Oak Harbor coach Bob Van Horn said.

Cross Country^N

Ross teams beat Northview, Fostoria

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross boys and girls won double-dual meets against Great Lakes League opponents Northview and Fostoria at Walsh Park Tuesday.

The boys beat the Wildcats 27-30 and the Ross girls topped Northview 26-31. Both teams defeated Fostoria 15-50.

Jeremiah Wagner finished 29 seconds ahead of teammate

Jeremiah Smith, winning the boys race in 16 minutes, 44 seconds.

In the girls meet, Jami Toeppe won in 19:57.

Kristyn Warner's fourth-place finish, secured the Ross win over Northview. Warner passed two Northview runners down the stretch.

In other meets:

Port Clinton triangular

The Clyde boys and girls teams each finished second in a meet with Edison and host Port Clinton at East Harbor State Park.

The boys scored 38



WAGNER



WARNER

High School Boys

Ross double-dual

1-Jeremiah Wagner (R) 16:44, 2-Jeremiah Smith (R) 17:13, 3-Clint Hill (R) 17:41, 4-Mike Nelson (N) 17:57, 5-Jeff Hite (N) 18:00, 6-Ben Slaata (N) 18:02, 7-Matt Chaney (N) 18:14, 8-Josh Masters (N) 18:15, 9-Jon Framstead (R) 18:19, 10-Jon White (N) 18:24.

Team scoring: Ross 27, Northview 30; Ross 15, Fostoria 50; Northview 15, Fostoria 50.

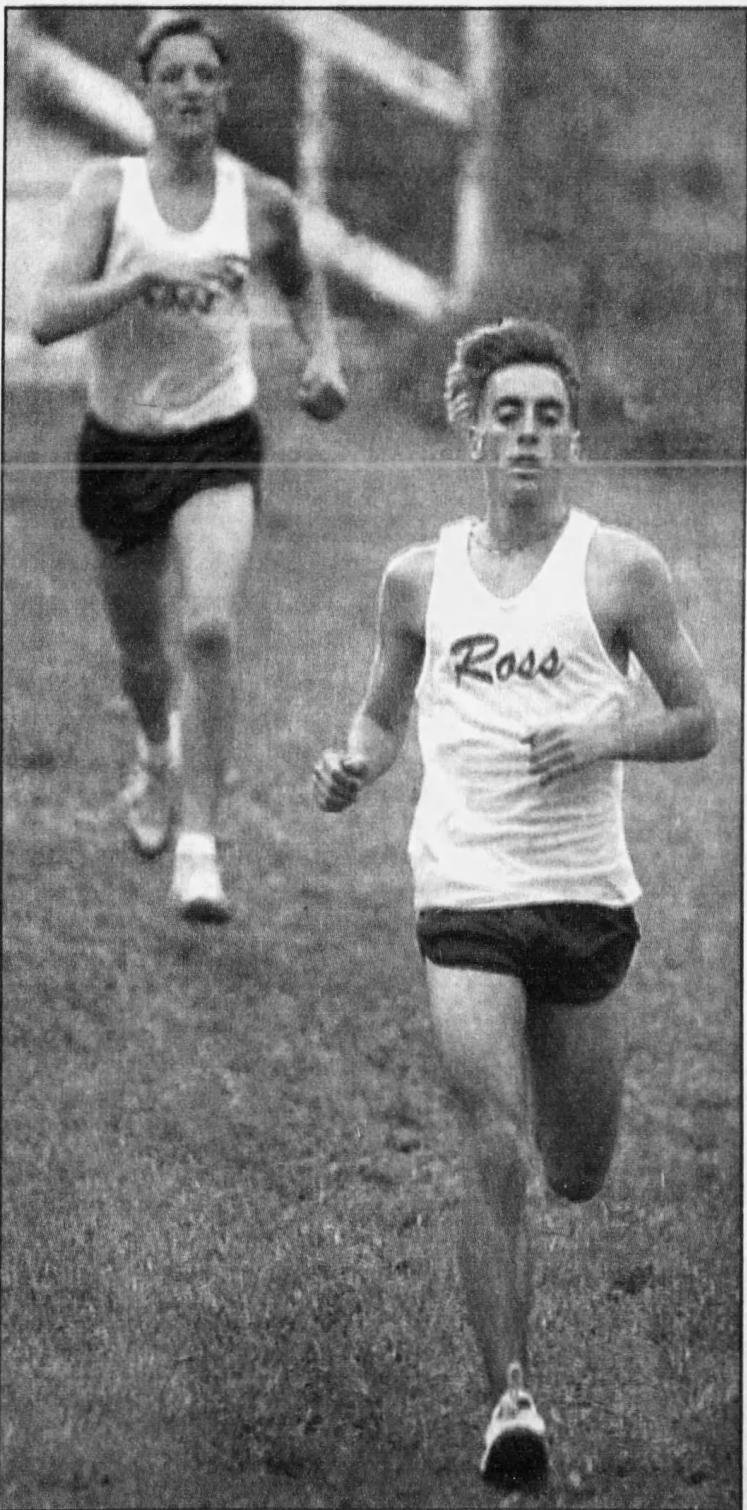
High School Girls

Ross double-dual

1-Jami Toepppe (R) 19:57, 2-Lindsay Frontz (R) 20:39, 3-Laura Kaminski (NV) 20:43, 4-Kristyn Warner (R) 20:44, 5-Liz Nigh (NV) 20:45, 6-Mary Kaons (NV) 20:46, 7-Alison Kelly (R) 21:11, 8-Abby Nash (NV) 21:25, 9-Melissa Snyder (NV) 21:29, 10-Meghan Sterk (NV) 21:47.

Team scores: Ross 26, Northview 31; Ross 15, Fostoria 50.

Ross wins Bray titles



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

Jeremiah Wagner leads Ross teammate Jeremiah Smith during the Norm Bray Memorial Meet Saturday at Walsh Park. **Details, B3.**

