

Large group advances to regional

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross boys and girls team qualified for the Division I regional cross country meet next week with runner-up finishes Saturday in the district meet at Pearson Park in Oregon.

Four area teams, meanwhile, earned district championships. Gibsonburg won a boys title, and Woodmore a girls crown in Division III at Terra Community College in Fremont; Clyde's girls won a Division II championship at Pearson Park; and Bellevue's girls took first in Division II at Galion.

Other teams advancing to regional competition next Saturday are Margaretta's girls and Bellevue's boys in Division II; boys teams from Woodmore, Old Fort and Lakota in Division III; and the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic girls in Division III.

Ross finished behind district champ Toledo St. John's. The Titans had 39 points to 53 for the Little Giants.

The Ross girls were second to Toledo Central Catholic behind Jami Toepe's individual victory. The Little Giants compiled 66 points to TCC's 28.

Toepe crossed the finish line in 19 minutes, 15 seconds in front of Defiance's Erin Richardson, while teammate Sarah Williams placed ninth in 20:14.

Four Ross boys finished in less than 17 minutes. Jeremiah Wagner was fifth in 16:12, Jeremiah Smith seventh in 16:23, Dane Snyder ninth in 16:36, Doug Jibilian 12th in 16:56 and Kurt Snyder

Cross Country Roundup

20th in 17:07.

Clyde's Kelly Taylor won the Division II individual title, and teammate Jenni Staats was second as the Fliers scored 34 points to edge Margaretta by four.

Taylor finished in 19:12, Staats in 19:26 and Margaretta's Stephanie Hall and Becky Riddle were third and fourth in 19:30 and 19:42, respectively.

Oak Harbor just missed qualifying for the regional as a team despite not having a runner finish in the top 15. The Rockets 146 points were 10 higher than Lake's total in the fourth and final qualifying spot.

In the boys Division II race, Ben Ingersoll of Clyde was the runner-up to champion Troy Rathge of team champ Napoleon. Rathge ran a 16:40 and Ingersoll a 16:47, while Margaretta's James Bales was next at 16:54.

Tony Whitman of Oak Harbor qualified for regional competition after placing 10th in 17:17, and Joe Gioffredo of Margaretta advanced by placing 12th in 17:25.

In the team standings, Margaretta (148), Clyde (156) and Oak Harbor (249) placed fifth, sixth and 10th, respectively.

Individual champ Lindsey Hamilton led Woodmore in one of the Division III meets at Fremont, finishing in 19:16. The Wildcats also filled places three, five, seven, nine and 11 as well as 25 to finish with 27 points.

Individual regional qualifiers

from that race were Gibsonburg's Brooke Bowe and Bettsville's Heather Leidy. Bowe finished 14th in 21:32 and Leidy 15th in 21:40.

Gibsonburg's boys were led by the runner-up finish of Steve Smith, who trailed winner Adil Sidig of Maumee Valley Country Day by two seconds at the finish line of one of two Division III races at Fremont. Smith finished in 16:44, and the Golden Bears' 85 points edged Woodmore by two.

Mike Sorg led the Wildcats, finishing ninth in 17:43.

Old Fort and Lakota trailed team champ Liberty-Benton in the other boys district but advanced to the regional meet. Liberty-Benton had 34 points, but Old Fort was second with 72 and Lakota third with 108.

Bettsville finished sixth with 143 points and St. Joe eighth with 190. Jon Burroughs was the lone individual qualifier from those squads, finishing second to Liberty-Benton's Jamison Shrode. Shrode finished in 16:19, Burroughs in 17:01, Old Fort's Brock Cleveland was third in 17:16 and Lakota's Richie Rathburn was fourth in 17:20.

Sarah Yeager led the St. Joe girls to their third-place finish. Yeager finished in 19:54, 11 seconds behind winner Michelle Avers of Eastwood.

The Crimson Streaks had 94 points, trailing Liberty-Benton with 33 and Eastwood with 53.

Lakota had 134 points for fifth

place, missing a regional qualifying spot by 11 points. The Raiders, however, will send Regan Youngs to the regional. Youngs finished in 21:14 to grab the 15th and final qualifying spot for individuals.

At Galion, Bellevue's girls scored 68 points as Beth More finished third. More's time of 20:03, and race winner Jessica LaFene finished 19:29.

Bellevue's boys were fourth as Sandusky Perkins won the team title. The Pirates had 43 points and the Redmen 140.

Owners alter proposal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball owners plan on withdrawing their \$1 billion yearly guarantee to players, according to a memorandum sent to teams by management negotiator Richard Ravitch.

Owners also will propose minimum salaries ranging from \$115,000 for rookies to \$500,000 for fourth-year players, a person familiar with the memo said Saturday, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The plan also drops the owners' proposal to split licensing revenue. In the original proposal, made June 14, owners call for all licensing money to be included in the 50-50 revenue split they were asking players to accept. The union objected because players use their licensing money as a strike fund.