

1977 Season review...

West tops Lakota, Ross

Ross came out on the long end of a triangular cross country meet Friday at Thornwood Links.

Cleveland Lincoln West was charged with just 30 points to edge Lakota by a single marker. Ross had 63 in the race over open country.

Leon Sender and Dave Taylor of Lincoln West placed one-two in the meet. Sender trotted to a 13:19 clocking while Taylor was 12 seconds off his teammate's pace.

Kevin Gabel of Lakota was third in 13:35 while Mike Braun, also from Lakota, was fourth in 13:37. Mike Stanley of Lincoln West rounded out the top five with a 13:42 effort.

Ross's best finisher was Mark Bodecker in 10th with a 14:35. Bruce Schrader of Ross was 11th in 14:36.

Sender's time is a course record for the new two and one-half mile distance.

Perkins' Bossart sets record in win over Ross

It was run between the rain drops for several Fremont area high school cross country teams Tuesday.

Heavy rains caused most of the courses to be partially under water or very muddy in spots and all this helped slow down the times in most instances. The only one of two places where the weather did not cause problems was at Thornwood Links, here in Fremont.

Chuck Bossart of Perkins set a new mark for the two and one-half miles in leading Perkins to a lopsided 15-49 win over Ross. Bossart ran a 13:04, 15 seconds better than the previous course record set just last Friday.

Perkins runners swept the top six spots with Ross's best finish, a seventh by Mark Boedecker in 14:17. Randy Russell of Perkins was second in 13:20 with Dave Lee of Perkins third, Paul Worecki fourth, and Ken Toft fifth, 12 seconds ahead of the sixth place Perkins runner Dan Strayer.

Tom Trabbic and Bruce Schraeder of Ross were ninth and tenth.

St. Joe lost to Edison 18-40. Mark Woods and Dave Collart of Edison finished one-two in 13:04 and 13:32, respectively. Jim Swint was third for St. Joe in 13:34 with Brent Gottfried seven, Louie Zamora ninth, and Lynn McKinney 10th.

Bettsville finished on the bottom of a triangular meet with Ottawa Hills and Hopewell-Loudon. Ottawa Hills had 26 with the Chieftains second at 38, and Bettsville third with 71.

Dirk Armstrong of Ottawa Hills was the winning runner over Bettsville's hilly E.P. Eells Park course. He checked in at 14:35. Mark Kimmet was 12th with Scott Robinette 18th for the Bobcats.

Old Fort finished eighth of nine teams in the Buckeye Central Invitational, the only meet run over dry conditions. Crestview won the meet with 39 followed by Wynford at 55, New London 86, Seneca East 88, Mohawk 129, (tie) Buckeye Central and Colonel Crawford 171, Old Fort 191, and Plymouth 227.

Dave Dotson of Wynford won the meet in 13:20.

Old Fort's best finisher was Clark Sturgill in 29th at 15:04. Tim Miller was 35th with Dave Riehm 37th for the Stockaders.

Margaretta shaded Bellevue 27-28 in a meet ran at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Bellevue. Rick Lyden was the first place runner in 14:00 but Margaretta's Randy Schock and Mike Beechler finished second and third, respectively. Schock ran a 14:16 and Beechler, 14:33. Roger Kryling of Bellevue was fourth and Dean Cox of Margaretta was fifth.

Little Giants runners ambushed 15-53

FINDLAY — The Trojans of Findlay High School handed Ross its third consecutive cross country loss Monday 15-53.

The Trojans, paced by individual winner Bill McCleave, grabbed the first six places. Ross's Mark Boedecker broke the string by trotting home

seventh in 14:45. McCleave was timed in 13:42 over the two and one-half mile Hillcrest Golf Club layout.

Findlay's Adrian Benavides was second in 13:50. Bruce Schrader was ninth for Ross with Kevin Freeman coming in 11th to round out the top three runners for the Little Giants.

Columbian trips Ross

TIFFIN — Host Tiffin Columbian easily defeated the Ross cross country team 15-49 here Wednesday night.

Columbian took the first six places with Brent Walton winning the race at 13:16. Paul Traunee was second at 13:22.

Mark Boedecker had the best time for Ross. His 14:16 was good enough for seventh place. Ross's Bruce Schroeder was ninth at 14:48 and Tom Trabbic was 10th at 14:55.

Cross country

Ross in the middle

Ross finished in the middle of a triangular cross country meet Thursday at Thornwood Golf Links. The Little Giants were charged with 57 points, a distant second to Clyde's 18.

Finishing on the back end of the heap was Bowling Green with 60. In double dual scoring, Clyde ran its record to 5-1, beating Ross 17-44 and Bowling Green 16-47.

Ross, however, after tying 28-28 with five runners, actually gets credit for a dual meet win using the cross country "tiebreaker" Scoring the first four runners in the method, Ross came out on top 17-19.

Marty Meier of Clyde was first in 13:02, a new record on the Thornwood course. The old mark of 13:04 was set by Perkins' Chuck Bossart earlier this season.

Clyde's Bill Sanford was second with teammate Randy Noftz third and Rene Garcia fifth. Mark Boedecker of Ross was fourth in 13:26 with Ross runners Bruce Schraeder eighth and Kevin Freeman 12th.

Bowling Green's best runner was Dave Mukus in sixth.

Woodmore rolled past Oak Harbor 22-33. Rob Hernandez cracked the 13-minute barrier with a 12:51 in taking the top spot for Woodmore. Jim Blausey of Oak Harbor was second with a 13:03.

Dave Kontak of Woodmore was third in 13:13 with Glen Mangrum of Oak Harbor fourth in 13:15. Tom Netz, Mark Sandwisch, and Jeff Hamons of Woodmore took the next three positions to wrap up the meet for Woodmore.

Genoa won its seventh meet against no losses by burying Eastwood 16-47. Chuck Tuttle finished first in 13:11 with Genoa teammate Ed Stone in second in 13:28. Jeff Barrett and Keith Hille were third and fourth for the Comets with Jeff Flynn sixth. Terry Pasquale finished fifth for Eastwood.

Wynford topped Bettsville and Monroeville in a triangular. Wynford had 23 points with the second two teams getting 57 apiece.

Dave Dotson of Wynford was first in 14 minutes. John Reese was fifth for Bettsville in 14:30. Bettsville's Mark Kimmet was eighth with Dave Johnson 10th, Jim Lang 14th, and Scott Robinett 20th for the Bobcats. Monroeville's best finish was a third by Kevin Kyran.

Cross country

Ross, St. Joe lose again

Ross and St. Joe took it on the chin again in cross country action Tuesday.

The Little Giants were stopped by Margaretta 24-32 and St. Joe lost to St. Wendelin 24-34.

In other cross country chases, Woodmore won a pair, defeating Genoa 23-32 and Ottawa Hills 25-30 while Genoa downed Ottawa Hills 27-28, Bettsville defeated Mohawk 25-32 and Riverdale 21-36, and Clyde scooted past Lakota 22-33.

Bill Hoelzer ran a 13:05 at Ross's Thornwood Links layout to take individual honors and lead two teammates in the top five across the finish line. Ross's Mike Beechler was third with Randy Schock fourth.

Bruce Schrader was in the fifth spot for Ross followed by teammate John Elder in sixth.

Jim Swint finished third in 14:52 for St. Joe's best finish. Jim Seibert of St. Wendelin won the race in 13:46. Louie Zamora was fourth and Brent Godfred fourth for the Crimson Streaks.

Rob Hernandez ran a 13:26 to take

individual honors for Woodmore. That was seven seconds ahead of Genoa's Chuck Tuttle and 10 ahead of the Comets' Ed Stone. Kirt Armstrong of Ottawa Hills was fourth in 13:38 with Dave Kontak of Woodmore rounding out the top five.

Kevin Gabel of Lakota led the pack across the finish line at Green Hills Golf Course, Clyde's home course, but that was not enough as Clyde runners finished in the next four spots and another in eighth for the win.

Marty Meyer of Clyde was second, just one second behind Gabel's winning time of 13:32. Meyer was chased by teammates Bill Sanford, third, Randy Noftz, fourth, and Rene Garcia in fifth. Rocky Demars was sixth and Mike Braun seventh for Lakota.

John Reese posted a 14:09 to lead Bettsville to its two wins. Mark Kimmet was third and Scott Robinett fifth for the Bobcats. Bill Fout of Riverdale was second and Rodger Drake of Mohawk finished fourth.

Bettsville is now 12-7 for the season.

Woodmore slips past Lakota in 16-team field

BETTSVILLE — Woodmore edged Lakota to win the Lakota Invitational Cross Country Meet title Thursday.

The Wildcats, with three runners in the top 15 of the 16-team boys varsity meet, were charged with 74 points, six less than the host Raiders.

The two and one-half mile race was run over the Nature Trails Golf Course.

Kevin Gabel of Lakota was the individual winner, trotting the distance in 12:44, two seconds ahead of Elmwood's Jeff Nonnemaker. Third and fourth went to a pair of Genoa runners, Ed Stone and Chuck Tuttle, respectively.

Rob Hernandez was Woodmore's best finisher, coming home in seventh spot. Teammate Dave Kontak was right on Hernandez's heels in eighth and Mark Sandwisch was the third Woodmore runner in the top 15, finishing 13th.

Ottawa Hills was third in the team race with Elmwood fourth and Genoa fifth.

Bev Lynch of Old Fort won the girls race but Eastwood won the girls title in the two-mile race. Lynch ran a 12:20 for the win.

Ottawa Hills won the boys junior varsity race with Old Fort second. Mark Baldwin of Ottawa Hills was the individual winner.

John Gibson of Lakota won the ninth grade race in

five of the top spots. Mark Boedecker was the first Ross runner to cross the finish line. He was sixth in 13:45. Bruce Schraeder was eighth for Ross with Kevin Freeman 10th.

Clyde ended its dual meet season at 8-3 but it was a sour ending. Fostoria defeated the Fliers 25-30 on the Fliers' home course at Green Hills Golf Course.

Chuck Pullom of Fostoria was the individual winner, running a 13:18 for the distance. Bill Sanford of Clyde was second and Marty Meyer of the Fliers was third.

Randy Nofitz was sixth for Clyde.

Following are the official results for the Lakota Invitational meet,

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: Woodmore 74, Lakota 80, Ottawa Hills 106, Elmwood 110, Genoa 120, Oak Harbor 161, Hopewell-Loudon 173, Seneca East 194, Ada 204, Bettsville 210, Danbury-Lakeside 316, Eastwood 317, Old Fort 325, Otsego 386, Gibsonburg 389, Fremont St. Joe 414;

Top 15 runners:
1-Kevin Gabel (L) 12:44; 2-Jeff Nonnemaker (Elm) 12:46; 3-Ed Stone (Gen) 13:06; 4-Chuck Tuttle (Gen) 13:08; 5-Dirk Armstrong (Ott H) 13:09; 6-John Reese (Bet) 13:09; 7-Rob Hernandez (Wood) 13:12; 8-Dave Kontak (Wood) 13:14; 9-Jim Blaney (OH) 13:16; 10-Mike Fries (SE) 13:16; 11-Granger Soder (Ott H) 13:17; 12-Mike Braun (L) 13:17; 13-Mark Sandwisch (Wood) 13:21; 14-Doug Cappus (HL) 13:24; 15-Layne McDonald (Elm) 13:25

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: Eastwood 42, Seneca East 60, Lakota 61, Old Fort 75;

Top 10 runners:
1-Bev Lynch (OF) 12:20; 2-Karen Beaston (SE) 13:18; 3-Jenny Turkal (E) 13:20; 4-Peggy O'Neal (E) 13:34; 5-Vicki Sandwisch (W) 13:43; 6-Becky Cessna (L) 13:59; 7-Brenda Schultz (E) 14:02; 8-Karen Cleveland (OF) 14:08; 9-Holly Dotts (E) 14:15; 10-Sara Miller (SE) 14:17.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM STANDINGS: Ottawa Hills 32, Old Fort 92, Hopewell-Loudon 225;

11:22 for the two-miles. Robin Hickle of Lakota was second.

Chris Cameron of Old Fort ran an outstanding 11:47 for two miles in winning the seventh and eighth grade race.

In other cross country meets, Ross was stopped by Toledo Whitmer 15-47. Steve Reighard of Whitmer set a new Thornwood Links record for two and

Top five runners:
1-Mark Baldwin (Ott H) 14:07; 2-Bob Keaton (Gen) 14:14; 3-Kevin Turner (Ott H) 14:15; 4-Joel Gottlieb (Ott H) 14:26; 5-Bob Gilmor (OF) 14:32;

NINTH GRADE TOP FIVE RUNNERS: 1-John Gibson (L) 11:22; 2-Robin Hickle (L) 11:27; 3-Dane Christen (E) 11:28; 4-Kirby King (Elm) 11:46; 5-Bob Youngpeper (Ots) 11:49;

JUNIOR HIGH TOP FIVE RUNNERS: 1-Chris Cameron (OF) 11:47; 2-John Shriner (HL) 12:00; 3-Dave Pesne (OF) 12:05; 4-Russ Meixner (D-L) 12:24; 5-Burn Bowen (Elm) 12:32.