

1968 District meet...

Ross Harriers

Second In District

Cross Country

SANDUSKY — Their top five runners finished in the top 16 Saturday as Fremont Ross added a secondplace trophy in the district run to a highly successful cross country season. The Little Giant runners finished second behind District champion Sandusky. Ross finished five points ahead of Norwalk to take the runnerup trophy.

Chuck Cheek finished ninth to lead the Fremont runners in 10:39, 34 seconds behind Nelson Rodriguez, Oregon Clay, who won the individual crown. Chris Rodriguez of Clyde was sixth among the individual runners but the Fliers finished fifth in the team standings.

Rodriguez was a popular name among the leaders with brothers Nelson and Wally of Oregon Clay finishing first and fourth. Then came Chris, no relation, from Clyde in sixth place.

Sandusky dominated the run with three runners in the top five positions.

The second place trophy adds another success to a season which has been all-winning since an opening loss to Lakota. Ross has now won six dual meets.

Team standings in the district meet were: Sandusky, 28; Fremont Ross, 80; Norwalk, 85; Oregon Clay, 100; Clyde, 124;

Port Clinton, 148; Genoa, 190; Lake, 203; Oak Harbor, 229. The two teams advance to the regional meet next week.

Order of individual finish was:

Nelson Rodriquez, Oregon Clay, 10:15; Rich Brown, Sandusky, 10:10; Al Ferguson, Sandusky, 10:15; Wally Roiquiquez, Oregon Clay, 10:17; John Jefferson, Sandusky, 10:29; Chris Roiquiquez, Clyde, 10:30; Ray Sizemore, Norwalk, 10:35; Jack Bennet, Sandusky, 10:36; CHARLES CHEEK, Fremont Ross, 10:39; Dave Lesley, Sandusky, 10:43.

Joe Ramirez, Clyde, 10:46; Charles Boskovich, Fremont Ross, 10:47; TOM HOFFMAN, Fremont, 10:48; Gordon Terrell, Sandusky, 10:49; Jerry Lunsford, Port Clinton, 10:50; Bill Fiske, Sandusky, 10:53; Doug Ott, Norwalk, 10:54; Rodney Ienle, Norwalk, 10:55; David Krieg, Norwalk, 10:58.

BOB BALLANGER, Fremont Ross, 11:00; Bill Freeman, Lake, 11:03; Jim Mackey, Oak Harbor, 11:04; Charles Barnes, Port Clinton, 11:05; Harry Gordon, Norwalk, 11:06; David Hughes, Norwalk, 11:07; RANDY KARG, Fremont Ross, 11:09; Glaen Parsil, Genoa, 11:10; Ollie LaCourse, Oregon Clay, 11:11; Al Walker, Port Clinton, 11:15; Tim Weis, Genoa, 11:17.

MELVIN HOFFMAN, Fremont Ross, 11:18; Mark Hamilton, Oregon Clay, 11:19; Andy Palacios, Oak Harbor, 11:20; Calvin Dennis, Clyde, 11:21; Al Bittner, Oregon Clay, 11:25; Jorge Mendoza, Clyde, 11:29; Tony Rodriguez, Clyde, 11:30; Jim Whaley, Lake, 11:31; Ron Martin, Genoa, 11:32; Steve Nagy, Port Clinton, 11:33.

Ken Keynock, Port Clinton, 11:35; TOM THOMSON, Fremont Ross, 11:36; Ralph Hamilton, Lake, 11:37; Ernie Sanchez, Genoa, 11:38; Vince Snyder, Clyde, 11:40; Larry Kutch, Oregon Clay, 11:43; Kevin Taylor, Lake, 11:44; Mike Cullen, Clyde, 11:50; Ed Kaman, Port Clinton, 11:51; Don Margin, Genoa, 11:54.

Terry Leslie, Norwalk, 11:55; Ray Harris, Port Clinton, 11:57; Bob Steinburgh, Oregon Clay, 11:58; Ed Fenny, Lake, 12:03; Charles Palacios, Genoa, 12:04; Jay Kowalka, Lake, 12:12; John Whiting, Oak Harbor, 12:16; Bob Grimm, Oak Harbor, 12:17; Dennis Lochotzki, Oak Harbor, 12:25; Kenn Niefeld, Oak Harbor, 12:26; Rick Ontko, Oak Harbor, 12:27; Scott Reitz, Lake, 12:28; Bill Brooks, Genoa, 12:29;

Pro Grid

Standings

Ross Harriers Show Marked Time Improvements

The goal of any coach has to be improvement and no coach in the area has realized this more than Ron Brant, mentor of Fremont Ross cross country team. The Little Giants had a winning record a year ago and were a respectable third place in the district.

Last Saturday the Ross harriers hit a peak with second place in the district. From third to second in one year doesn't seem like much improvement until you compare the times of the two seasons. Running on the same Sandusky Mills Creek course, the 1968 edition of Little Giant runners averaged a

27.8 second improvement. The five top runners for Ross a year ago in the district averaged 11:20.4 clocking per man. This was with a fastest time of 11:13 by Chuck Cheek and slowest of the top five an 11:27 by Mel Hoffman.

This season the five top Ross runners averaged better than the fastest man a year ago, 10:52.6. Fastest was again Chuck Cheek, but he was better than half a minute ahead of his pace the year before at 10:39. Slowest of the top five this season, Randy Karg, was clocked in 11:09, four seconds faster than Cheeks leading pace the previous year.

Seven of the top eight boys for Coach Brant have improved their times this year and the eight, Tom Hoffman, did not compete a year ago.

Cross country courses vary so Coach Brant likes to evaluate the improvement of his team on the basis of their home course times. On the home Rodger Young course the following improvements from last year's times have been recorded: Chuck Cheek, lowered from 11:19 to 11:04; Chuck Boskovich, 11:26 to 11:10; Tom Thomson, 12:26 to 11:18; Bob Ballenger, 11:46 to 11:30; Mel Hoffman, 11:38 to 11:21; Randy Karg, 12:04

to 11:54, and Tim Grayson, 12:45 to 11:56.

Best time on any course for the two-mile distance this year has been the 10:30 by Boskovitch at Bowling Green. On the same course Chuck Cheek was clocked in 10:37 and Tom Hoffman in 10:38. Hoffman also registered a 10:38 at Lakota.

The Little Giants will be in the regional run field this Saturday at Lima Hawthorne Hills golf course. The top three teams and top 15 individuals will qualify for the State meet. The Little Giants have hopes of adding state qualification to the 8-2 season record to date.

Ohio College Scene

Little Giants Answer Wooster Point Call

When you need a yard turn to a Little Giant. That was the strategy used to get Wooster on the path to its second victory Sunday. Wooster College raised its Ohio Conference record to 1-2 and its overall mark to 2-3 by beating Dennison, 28-0. The first of the Little Giants responding to the call was Jeff Wise, a freshman who graduated from Fremont Ross a year ago. The halfback, who played an end for Ross, dove over from the one-yard line with the first Wooster touchdown.

Next to get the call was Tim Arndt, a sophomore fullback from Ross. He also got across from the one-yard line as Wooster scored a touchdown in each quarter. You can't help but ponder if the key block in each situation might not have been thrown in the middle of the line by still another Little Giant. Senior Dennis Keyes, another Ross alumnus, is Wooster captain and starting offensive guard.

BEIER ON THE SPOT

Steve Beier, the St. Joseph graduate named Mid-American Conference lineman of the week the previous week, was Johnny on the spot for Toledo University again Saturday. A fumble recovery by Beier set up the third of three field goals by Kenny Crots. Kent State appeared on the move when Tim Majerle fumbled near the Toledo 35-yard line. Beier fielded the ball in the air and ended the Kent threat. The resulting field goal after Toledo had moved to the Kent two-yard line gave the Rockets a 9-0 lead.

PANKRATZ IN ACTION

Wally Pankratz, junior at Bowling Green and Ross graduate, saw considerable action with the Falcons Saturday in 30-7 win over Kent State. Pankratz, who was slowed by early season injuries was called upon as a quick side tackle by Coach Don Nehlen.



ROSS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — The seven boys who will compete Saturday in the regional cross country meet at Lima are shown with their district runnerup trophy and

their coach. Kneeling are Tom Thompson, Randy Karg, Jim Grayson and Tom Hoffman. Standing are Bob Ballenger, Chuck Cheek, Mel Hoffman and Coach Brant.