

1988 Buckeye Central Conference...

Long BCC trips plentiful for Ross

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The Buckeye Central Conference volleyball and cross country championships will be decided Saturday.

The volleyball tournament is at Newark while the cross country teams will run at Zanesville.

Ross drew the second seed in the volleyball tourney and will play Findlay at approximately 11 a.m., Saturday at Newark High School. The Little Giants played Findlay in a regular season match Wednesday, losing to the Trojans in two games at Ross High School.

Zanesville will take on Lancaster in the 10 a.m. opener with top-seeded Newark getting a bye. The winner of the Zanesville-Lancaster clash will play Newark at approximately 12:10

p.m. while the losers of the two first round games take the floor in match four.

"We have been in a slump," said Ross Coach Tom Joseph, who added that the Little Giants are not looking past Findlay.

"I am concerned about beating Findlay," he said. "That is all I am going to worry about right now."

Ross will take an 8-10 record into the first round. Findlay is 9-8.

At Zanesville, the Ross girls are given a shot at winning the BCC cross country crown. The Little Giants' chief opposition will be from defending champ Findlay.

"Findlay beat us in a dual meet," said Ross Coach John Elder, "but we finished ahead of

them in an invitational meet."

The BCC meet will be two meets in one. The meet is part of a 15-team invitational Zanesville is conducting at the same time. The conference scoring will be done separately, but BCC teams could win two trophies.

The Ross girls nucleus of Amy Ritzman, Lisa Abdoo, Bridget Boda and Stacy Pasch are possible top 10 finishers.

The boys race is expected to be between Zanesville and Lancaster with the host team having the edge.

Ira Wentworth of Zanesville is the defending champion and the 3200-meter state track meet winner.

Aaron Potter and Phil Missig are expected to be the top Ross runners.

Ross girls make history at BCC meet

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ZANESVILLE — The first time was the charm for the Fremont Ross girls cross country team.

Never before in the history of the sport at Ross had the team won an invitational and Saturday at Zanesville, the Little Giants girls won not one, but two titles. The first was the Buckeye Central Conference title and the second was the top spot in the 15-team Zanesville Invitational.

"That (winning the BCC) was what I thought we would do," Ross Coach John Elder said, "but what made it really exciting, was winning the invitational."

Just two other teams — Findlay and Lancaster — had girls teams in the BCC and Ross dominated, scoring just 23 points, 11 less than Findlay. Lancaster had 65.

Ross sophomore Amy Ritzman, named the BCC's top girl runner, was first in both meets, running the relatively flat 3.1-mile course in 19 minutes and 51 seconds. Teammates Lisa Abdoo was third in 20:15 and Stacy Pasch fifth in 20:35. The top five finishers were named All-BCC first team.

Briget Boda and Kaylene Bartson won second team honors with seventh and ninth place finishes, respectively.

In the invitational, Ross had 71 points to Findlay's 106. Dover was third with 113.

In the BCC boys meet, defending champion Zanesville won with 30 points, six better than Lancaster. Ross took third with 98, the same as Newark, but was awarded the spot on finishes of sixth place runners. Findlay finished on the bottom with 101.

Ira Wentworth, named the top BCC boys runner, of Zanesville was first in 15:36.

Aaron Potter was the first Ross runner, coming in ninth in 17:12. That won Potter second team All-BCC honors. Phil Missig was 18th for the Little Giants and Jim Kelly finished 22nd.

Cross Country

High School Boys

Buckeye CC Meet

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1-Zanesville 30, 2-Lancaster 36, 3-Ross 98*, 4-Newark 98, 5-Findlay 101.

Ross finishes

Aaron Potter, 9th, 17:12; Phil Missig, 18th, 18:09; Jim Kelly, 22, 18:26; Scott Rosenberger, 23, 18:41; Mark Schwartz, 26th, 19:09; David Boda, 28th, 19:31; Brian Gillogly, 20:58.

Winner

Ira Wentworth, Zanesville, 15:36.

High School Girls

Buckeye CC Meet

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1-Ross 23, 2-Findlay 34, 3-Lancaster 65.

Ross finishes

Amy Ritzman, 1st, 19:51; Lisa Abdoo, 3rd, 20:15; Stacy Pasch, 5th, 20:35; Bridget Boda, 7th, 21:01; Kaylene Bartson, 9th, 21:59; Samantha Augugliaro, 23:53; Dawn Brooks, 25:05.