

Ross win, Oak Harbor loses in cross country

Ross won its first cross country meet of the season and at the same time, four Ross girls made history.

"This is the first time, I believe," Ross Coach Norm Bray pointed out, "that girls have run in a cross country race for Ross. We only have four girls but it's a start."

The four Lady Little Giants had 17 points, two less than Port Clinton, which also had four girls running.

In the boys race, Ross won 25-33 (low score wins in cross country) despite the blazing pace of Port Clinton's Pat Fahey, the individual winner in 16

minutes and 28 seconds.

John Snedgrass of Ross was second in 17:07 while Mike Agnello of Port Clinton was third followed by Ross's Dave Slater and Ryan Smith.

Linda Gulas was the first girl to cross the finish line, recording a 23:12 clocking. Kelly Wolfe of Ross was second in 23:44 and Chris Iler, also of Ross, was third in 24:08.

In another meet, Fostoria stopped Oak Harbor 25-30.

Jamie Watson of the Redmen was first in 18:14 with Jeff Thornbush of the Rockets taking second in 18:21.

Fostoria tops Ross runners

FOSTORIA—Ross had only one runner in the top five as Fostoria handed the Little Giants a 22-32 setback in high school cross country Wednesday.

Dave Slater was third in 18:54 to pace Ross. Mike Mezinger was sixth in 19:29. Ryan Smith was seventh, Dave Middleton eighth and Willie Norwood ninth for Ross.

Perkins wins a pair

Perkins swept a pair of cross country meets while Ross split in a double dual meet at East Side Park in Fremont Tuesday.

The Pirates ran past the Little Giants 15-40 and and Huron by the same score while the Little Giants boys defeated Huron 22-33 (low score wins in cross country).

Scott Fry ran the 5,000 meters in 15 minutes and 10 seconds to win the

Cross country

individual race for Perkins. Teammate Brian Martin was second, five seconds off that pace. John Snodgrass was Ross's first runner, finishing seventh in 17 minutes.

The Ross girls lost twice: 19-36 to Perkins and 26-29 to Huron. Penny McClusky of Perkins was first in 20:11 while Brenda King of Huron was second in 20:28. Chris Iler of Ross took third in 21:21.

In other area meets, Old Fort's boys defeated St. Wendelin 20-42. Mohawk also ran in the meet but did not have enough runners to count in the team scoring. Brian Cole of Mohawk won in 17:22 and another Mohawk runner, Gerry Brose, was second.

Ray Dunlap was Old Fort's first finisher, taking fourth in 18:13. Stockaders finished fourth through ninth in the meet.

St. Wendelin's girls defeated Old Fort 20-38. Kirsten Sheeter of St. Wendelin was first in 21:04 and Tammy Slane of Old Fort was second in 21:46.

Oak Harbor's boys won a pair of meets, defeating Otsego 27-29 and Elmwood 23-38. Todd Bierley and Jamie Cox of Otsego, finished 1-2. Sung Ki Leemaster of Elmwood was third while Fred Artiaga of Oak Harbor was fourth. Oak Harbor runners finished fifth, seventh, eighth and 11th.

Otsego's girls defeated the Lady Rockets 26-29. Janet Ballard of Otsego was first in 20:51 and Amy Macko of Oak Harbor took second in 21:19.

Lakota's boys ran their record to 7-0 in dual meets by defeating Woodmore 18-45 and Genoa 15-47. Genoa topped Woodmore 20-43. Freshman Joe McKown of Lakota was the individual winner, finishing in 17:10. Gary Smith of Lakota was second in 17:33 and Jeff Katko of Woodmore took third in 17:37. Joe Lau was Genoa's first finisher, taking seventh in 17:59.

The Lakota girls defeated Woodmore 18-37. Amy Hollinger of Lakota was first in 21:35 while teammate Amy Gabel took second in 21:42. Carrie Flinner gave Lakota a sweep of the top three spots. Mary Utendorf was fourth for Woodmore in 21:59.

Oak Harbor 1st, Ross 2nd in 5-team meet

Oak Harbor (44) and Ross (68) finished 1-2 in a five-team boys cross country meet with Margareta (75), Lorain Admiral King (77) and Lorain Senior (122) at East Side Park Thursday.

In a girls triangular at ESP, Margareta (21) defeated Oak Harbor (38) and Ross (61). And in one other area boys dual meet, Bellevue defeated Clyde 19-41.

In the boys meet at ESP, Oak Harbor didn't have a runner cross the finish line until Fred Artiaga did so four places behind winner Kim Satterfield of Admiral King, but the Rockets still came away with the team victory.

Satterfield was timed in a speedy 15:50 to win by 19 seconds over his teammate Cornelius Spocogins. Rick Weidman of Lorain Senior was third in 16:12, followed by Ross's Dave Slater in 16:20 and Artiaga in 16:23.

Other area runners in the top 10 were Oak Harbor's Jeff Dornbusch (sixth, 16:24) and Rick Waterhouse (eighth, 16:28), Ross's John Snodgrass (ninth, 16:29) and Margareta's Chris Stevens (seventh, 16:27).

In the dual-meet scoring of this event, Oak Harbor picked up four wins to up its record to 7-3 while Ross gained three wins to put its mark at 6-4.

In the girls meet at ESP, Margareta's Kelly Hartsook led the Lady Polar Bears to the easy twin victories with a race-winning time of 19:26, good for a 1:18 triumph over runnerup Mary Everett of Oak Harbor.

The top Ross runner was Kris Iler, who came in ninth in 22:21.

In the boys meet at Green Hills, Bellevue easily defeated Clyde behind the 1-2-3 sweep of Marty Goetze (16:12), Marc Woodard (16:38) and Craig Verhoff (16:41).

Clyde's Sonny Workman (16:50) and Brian Hoffman (16:56) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

St. Joe boys, girls team win

Clyde runners trip Ross 20-35

Brian Hoffman, Sonny Workman and Tom Kochendoerfer swept the top three spots to lead the Clyde Fliers past the Ross Little Giants 20-35 in high school cross country action at East Side Park Thursday.

In other boys action yesterday, St. Joe edged St. Paul 27-28, Gibsonburg bombed Bettsville 18-40 and Hopewell-Loudon downed Old Fort 26-31.

In two girls meets, St. Joe toppled St. Paul 16-44 and Oak Harbor beat Bellevue 26-30.

At East Side Park, Hoffman was clocked in 15 minutes, 51 seconds to pace Clyde's win over Ross. Workman followed closely behind in 15:56. Kochendoerfer was next in 16:41. Top runner for Ross was John Snodgrass, who finished fourth in 16:55.

At Norwalk, Matt Paeth's ninth-place finish provided the difference as St. Joe nipped St. Paul by one. Paeth came in at 20:17 to beat out 10th-place finisher Tom Gross of St. Paul by 38 seconds, as both teams had five runners in the top 10.

St. Paul's Dave Poole, champion of last week's Old Fort Invitational, edged St. Joe's top man Joe

Colon by nine seconds, 16:36 to 16:45, for individual honors Thursday. Colon had finished fourth to Poole at Old Fort.

The St. Joe girls, meanwhile, had an easier time with their St. Paul counterparts.

Led by Paulette Dickman (20:56), Katie Seiler (22:29), Joanne Reardon (22:30) and Ann Naderer (22:53), the Lady Streaks swept the top four places to increase their record to 5-1.

At Nature Trails, Gibsonburg kept its record unblemished at 11-0 with an easy win over Bettsville. Gibsonburg's Lewis Morelock edged teammate Dale Rosenberger by one second, 17:44 to 17:45, to lead the Bears to victory. Joe Hartsel led the Bobcats with his third-place finish in 18:08.

At Loudon Meadows, Hopewell-Loudon took three of the top four places to slip past Old Fort. Keith Hohman won the race in 17:28. Old Fort's top man was Ray Dunlap, who came in third in 18:14.

At Oak Harbor, the Lady Rockets got a 1-2 finish out of Julie West (21:04) and Amy Macko (21:15) to edge Bellevue.



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CLYDE RUNNERS Brian Hoffman (left) and Sonny Workman set the pace midway through a

dual cross country meet with Ross at East Side Park Thursday afternoon.

Sandusky 20

Marion 36

Ross 75

Top 15 runners

1-Curt Rogers (S) 15:59; 2-Dave Skillman (S) 16:21; 3-Tim Putman (S) 16:49; 4-Scott Parish (M) 16:53; 5-Bret Farris (S) 17:23; 6-Steve Temple (M) 17:27; 8-Bob Forbes (M) 17:36.

9-Brad Kasner (M) 17:40; 10-Dave Slater (R) 17:45; 11-Terry King (M) 17:46; 12-Rod Leathers (M) 17:51; 13-Denny Steele (S) 17:59; 14-John Snodgrass (R) 18:02; 15-Mike Etlerlington (S) 18:06.

Girls race (no team score)-
Ross finishers — 4th, Chris Iler 24:06; 9th, Jodi Ritzman 25:22; 10th, Melinda Moreno 26:09; 11th, Kelly Wolfe 28:06; 12th, Grace Kelly 28:07.

Ross harriers drop finale

A strong Toledo Whitmer team ended Ross's cross country season on a dismal note Thursday, sweeping the top five places for a 15-46 victory over the Little Giants at East Side Park.

Whitmer, now 15-1, was led by Ed Altivies' winning time of 16:29. Top runners for the Little Giants, who finished the regular season at 6-9, were John Snodgrass (sixth, 17:15) and Dave Slater (seventh, 17:27).

In one other area meet, St. Mary's nipped Clyde 26-30 at Green Hills.

The Panthers' Tom Schnurr took individual honors with a time of 16:08, good for a 43-second victory over Clyde's Sonny Workman. Brian Hoffman was fourth for the Fliers in 17:08.

Clyde is 4-6.