

1978 Sectional meet...

# Sectional meets set to run on Saturday

Area runners will be moving a step closer to the state championships as the Class A, AA and AAA Sectional cross country tournaments get underway Saturday.

Ross and Port Clinton lead the area Class AAA action, which begins at 11 a.m. at Amann Park in Galion. Bruce Schrader, Brian Szakovits, John Eler, Mike Pena, Tom Trabbic and Mark Walther will lead the Ross thinclad against a field of 11 teams.

In Class AA action, the high-powered Clyde Fliers are the favorites to win the 15-team field at the 2.5 mile Clyde Green Hills course, set to start at 10 a.m.

The undefeated Fliers are led by the phenomenal foursome of Marty Meyer, Randy Noftz, Rene Garcia and Bill Sanford. Other area schools competing include Bellevue and Margaretta.

In Class AA action at Ottawa Park in Toledo, Woodmore, Genoa, Lakota and Oak Harbor head the list of area teams in a field of 14.

In Class A action, St. Joe, Gibsonburg and Old Fort are the area teams in a 16-team field running at Hedges Boyer Park in Tiffin. The meet is expected to start at 10 a.m.

Jim Swint, Brent Godfred, Paul Hrupcho, Matt Setzler and Matt Freeh will lead the St. Joe thinclads.

In class AAA and AA action, three teams and nine individuals not members of the first three teams, will advance to the District meets Oct. 28.

In Class A action, four teams and 12 individuals, not members of the first four teams, will advance to the Districts Oct. 28.

Raiders captured a state championship.

"We've had a good reputation in cross country and track," Cline said. "But we haven't been to the state meet since 1974. That's our main goal now."

The Raiders are 9-1 in dual meets this season, their lone loss coming against Clyde, one of the teams Cline fears most in the district meet.

Genoa's Charles Tuttle was individual runner-up in 12:42, while Jim Blausey of Oak Harbor finished behind Braun for fourth.

In class AAA sectional action, Joe Zach, Doug Stuckey and Jim Pepa of Port Clinton headline the area thinclads advancing to the district meet at Ottawa Park next Saturday.

Ross finished ninth of 11 teams at Amann Park in Galion and failed to qualify any individual runners.

Zach earned individual honors with a time of 12:42 on the 2.5 mile course, while Stuckey placed third in 12:59. As a team Port Clinton placed fifth, 18 points out of third.

Old Fort's Clark Sturgill, with a time of 13:33, was the top finisher in the Class A sectional meet at Hedges Boyer Park in Tiffin. Sturgill will be the lone Class A area representative advancing to the district meet at Faurot Park in Lima.

#### SECTIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SUMMARIES CLASS AAA

at Galion

**TEAM STANDINGS** — Shelby, 42; Ashland, 76; Lexington, 103; Marion Harding, 106; Port Clinton, 121; Galion, 152; Vermilion, 193; Sandusky, 193; ROSS, 208; Mansfield Madison, 266; Mansfield Senior, 302.

**TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS** — Joe Zach, Port Clinton, 12:42; Doug Stuckey, Port Clinton, 12:59; Todd Jaliff, Marion Harding, 13:30; Ron Brown, Sandusky, 13:21; Tim Kohler, Marion Harding, 13:32; Paul Kim, Galion, 13:26; Jim Pepa, Port Clinton, 13:29; Joel Russell, Marion Harding, 13:31; Tony Williamson, Sandusky, 13:35.

#### CLASS AA

at Clyde

**TEAM STANDINGS** — CLYDE, 76; Perkins, 132; Clear Fork, 150; Huron, 156; Bucyrus, 172; Edison, 173; Ontario, 189; Malabar, 191; Mowhawk, 192; Willard, 197; Winford, 218; MARGARETTA, 239; BELLEVUE, 261; Norwalk, 358; Colonel Crawford, 388.

**DISTRICT QUALIFIERS** — CLYDE (Bill Sanford, 13:15, Marty Myer, 13:18, Randy Nofz, 13:20, Rene Garcia, 13:38, Kenny Pearce, 14:26)

**TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS** — Mike Hallabarin, Malabar, 13:02; Scott Jones, Ontario, 13:10; Frank Brown, Huron, 13:13; Mark Wood, Edison, 13:22; Ryan Boyer, Huron, 13:28; Richard Brown, Huron, 13:30; Allen MacIntosh, Bucyrus, 13:31; Andy MacIntosh, Bucyrus, 13:34; BRENT SMITH, BELLEVUE, 13:36.

at Ottawa

**TEAM STANDINGS** — LAKOTA (MIKE BRAUN, DAVID BRAUN, TODD GABEL, TODD HARMON, GREG BRUBAKER), 72; GENOA (CHARLES TUTTLE, JEFF BARRETT, JEFF FLYNN, MARTY CASTILLES, ED PEREZ), 95; Cardinal Stritch (George Rodriguez, Mike Mondragon, Jose Mondragon, Joe Gaspodarek, Jim Zieler), 98; OAK HARBOR, 116; Lake, 142; Swanton, 145; WOODMORE, 200; Eastwood, 225; Wauseon, 230; Springfield, 251; Rossford, 252; Delta, 285; Otsego, 365; Evergreen, 388.