

1984 Buckeye Conference...

Sandusky sweeps BC crowns

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SANDUSKY — Sandusky ran away with a pair of Buckeye Conference crowns Tuesday, winning the boys and girls cross country championships at Mills Creek Golf Club.

It was no contest in the boys run as Coach Pat Logue's team was charged with 25 points as Curt Rogers won his second straight individual title and Sandusky its third straight team title.

Elyria hauled down second, beating Marion Harding 72-74 and Ross took fourth with 104 points.

"I think that is the first time in a decade that we have not finished on the bottom," Ross Coach Norm Bray cheerfully pointed out. Actually, Ross was sixth in the seven-team race a year ago.

Rounding out the field was Findlay in fifth, Admiral King sixth and Lorain Senior seventh.

Rogers won the race in 15 minutes, 53 second while his teammate, David Skillman, fourth in 1983, took runnerup honors in this race, 23 seconds off the winning pace.

Ned Ayish of Elyria, second in '83, slipped to third this time around the 3.1 mile course. Kim Satterfield of Admiral King was fourth with Todd Wachter of Findlay fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 were Bret Farris and Mark Thom of Sandusky, Eril Densmore of Elyria in eighth, Danny Steeler, the fifth Sandusky runner in ninth and Ed Castaneda of Marion in 10th.

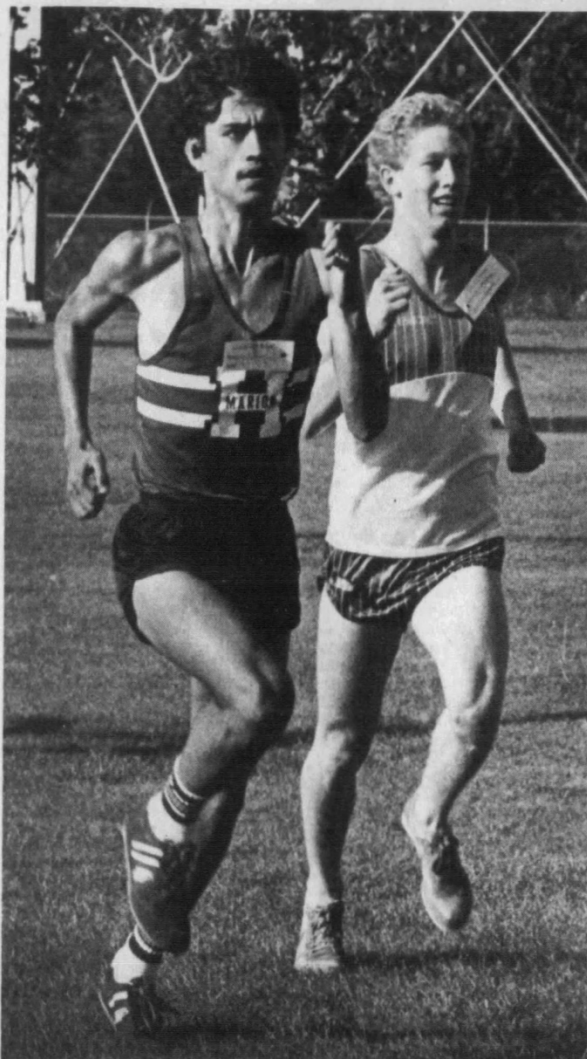
The first Ross runner was John Brown, 13th in 18:08, four seconds ahead of teammate John Snodgrass in 14th. Snodgrass was the first Little Giant to cross the finish line in the '83 race, finishing 25th.

"We have to get more people up higher in the finishes," Bray said, "and to do that, it takes a little more work."

Other Little Giant finishes included a 21st by Greg Coleman, Mike Beal in 25th, Mike Robinette in 31st, Mike Mezinger 33rd and Tracy Turner 35th.

In the girls race, Sandusky won with literally a pick-up team, finishing with 56 points, five better than Findlay.

"This is only the second or third meet they have run together," Logue, the conference coach-of-the-year, said about the Lady Blue Streaks. "Many times we have run with three or four runners."



Running with only a five-girl team, four of the Sandusky runners finished in the top 10.

Krista Reynold was third in 19:49, Dawn Drouillard fourth, Teresa Pickens seventh and Kim Jackson eighth. The fifth Sandusky runner, Lisa Nolder, finished 34th.

Ann Densmore, a sophomore out of Elyria, was the individual winner, finishing in 18:14, more than a 1½ minutes ahead of Findlay's Julie Williamson.



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TERRI SLANE, above, was the first Ross girls to finish Tuesday during the Buckeye Conference Cross Country Meet at Sandusky. She ran the distance in 21 minutes and 57 seconds. At the left, Mario Castaneda, left, edged John Brown of Ross in the boys run. Brown finished 13th, one second behind the Marion Harding runner.

Marion was third in the girls race with 65, followed by Lorain Senior, Elyria and Ross. Admiral King had three runners in the race but was not scored as a team.

Jody Butler of Marion was fifth in the girls race with Laura Lanning of Findlay in sixth. Missy Freel, also from Findlay, was ninth and Beth Pekare of Admiral King finished tenth.

Terri Slane was the first Ross runner, crossing the finish line

11th in 21:57. Cathy Mallia was 21st with Jodi Ritzman, Melinda Moreno, Kelly Wolfe and Angie Flores, in 28th through 31st, respectively.

"I cannot be critical of the girls," Bray said, "this year is the first time they have ran as a team and they did their best."

The first five finishers were named to the All-Buckeye Conference first team and the second five to the second team all-conference in both races.

Buckeye Conference meet

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

Sandusky	56	Lorain	108
Findlay	61	Elyria	109
Marion	65	Ross	119

TOP 30 RUNNERS

1-Ann Densmore (E) 18:14, 2-Julie Williamson (F) 19:45, 3-Krista Reynolds (S) 19:49, 4-Dawn Drouillard (S) 20:14, 5-Jody Butler (M) 20:34;

6-Laura Lanning (F) 20:37, 7-Teresa Pickens (S) 20:41, 8-Kim Jackson (S) 20:42, 9-Missy Freel (F) 21:18, 10-Beth Pekare (Admiral King*) 21:47;

11-Terri Slane (R) 21:57, 12-Tracy Bell (M) 22:24, 13-Shelby Forrider (M) 22:40, 14-Mewlissa Markube (AK) 22:47, 15-Lillian Saez (L) 22:55;

16-Arsie Verespe (L) 22:56, 17-Buffy Morris (M) 23:18, 18-Carrie Seamon (M) 23:20, 19-Sarah Foster (F) 23:27, 20-Carol Meade (L) 23:32;

21-Cathy Mallia (R) 23:36, 22-Lisa Henderson (L) 23:47, 23-Brenda Resar (E) 24:02, 24-Tabitha Watson (Admiral King) 24:18, 25-Sandy Fleming (F) 24:39.

26-Julia Harn (E) 24:54, 27-Melanie Wahl (E) 24:55, 28-Jodi Ritzman (R) 25:07, 29-Melinda Moreno (R) 25:11, 30-Kelly Wolfe (R) 25:35.

* Admiral King did not have a full team and was not figured in the team scoring.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

Sandusky	25	Findlay	113
Elyria	72	Admiral King	146
Marion	74	Lorain Sr.	152
Ross	104		

TOP 30 RUNNERS

1-Curt Rogers (S) 15:53, 2-Dvid Skillman (S) 16:16, 3-Ned Ayish (E) 16:35, 4-Kim Satterfield (AK) 16:44, 5-Todd Wachter (F) 17:11;

6-Bret Farris (S) 17:27, 7-Mark Thom (S) 17:28, 8-Eric Densmore (E) 17:31, 9-Danny Steele (S) 17:32, 10-Ed Castaneda (M) 17:51;

11-Brian Shind (M) 18:02, 12-Mario Castaneda (M) 18:07, 13-John Brown (R) 18:08, 14-John Snodgrass (R) 18:12, 15-Daniel Villanueva (F) 18:16;

16-Dave Kallas (AK) 18:19, 17-John Reyna (S) 18:26, 18-Joel Castaneda (M) 18:31, 19-Mike Blaszk (E) 18:32, 20-Rod Humphries (E) 18:33;

21-Greg Coleman (R) 18:35, 22-Terry Komlusi (E) 18:36, 23-Dale Morris (M) 18:41, 24-Tony DiFrancesco (L) 18:43, 25-Mike Beal (R) 18:45;

26-Jim Schiltz (F) 18:46, 27-John Mateka (L) 18:51, 28-Joe Foster (F) 18:52, 29-Chris Matos (L) 18:55, 30-Brad Perkins (E) 19:10.