

1969 Buckeye Conference...

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Ross Runners Third In Buckeye

Led by their dynamic duo of cross country, the Ross high Little Giants ran to a third place finish in the Buckeye Conference Cross Country meet at Lorain County Community College's course Tuesday afternoon.

The Little Giants, with sophomore twins Joe and Al Widman both finishing in the top ten in the standings, nosed out Marion for third place. Sandusky's Blue Streaks, getting a one-two finish out of their district champion and runner-up combination, repeated as Buckeye Conference Cross Country Champion while Lorain Admiral King finished second.

Joe Widman, covering the LCCC course in 10:40, took sixth place in the meet. He was the highest finishing underclassman as the top five finishers were all seniors. Brother Al, who covered the two mile distance in 10:50, finished tenth in the meet.

By finishing in the top ten, The Widman brothers earned gold medals. Teammate Rick Scott, who ran a 10:58 to finish fifteenth, won a silver medal for his efforts.

With the Widmans finishing sixth and tenth and Scott running fifteenth, Ross had a total of 84 points. Tom Hoffman, who ran the two mile distance in 11:07, took twenty-first, and Kirk Stout, who finished thirty-seventh with an 11:30, aided the Ross cause.

Led by district champion Rich Brown, who took first with a time of 10:04, and district runnerup Jeff Tanchon, who was just two seconds slower in second place, Sandusky's Blue Streaks repeated as conference champions with just 58 points. Lorain Admiral King, led by third and fourth place finishes, took second place with 72 points, while Marion was just one point behind Ross.

Ross, Sandusky, Admiral King and Findlay each had two runners in the top ten.

The Little Giants of coach Ron Brant improved their finish by two places over last year, when they took fifth place in the conference.

Final team standings for the Buckeye Conference were as follows: Sandusky, 58; Lorain Admiral King, 72; Fremont Ross, 84; Marion Harding, 85; Findlay, 99; Lorain Senior, 143; Mansfield, 157; Elyria, 203.

The top ten individual finishers in the meet were as follows: Rich Brown, Sandusky, 10:04; Jeff Tanchon, Sandusky, 10:06; Brad Elles, Lorain Admiral King, 10:20; Don Nicoloff, King, 10:28; Jim Wasco, Lorain Senior, 10:29; Joe Widman, Ross, 10:40; Den Barnes, Findlay, 10:43; Jim Patrick, Marion, 10:44; Jeff Hochstettler, Findlay, 10:45; Al Widman, Ross, 10:50.