

1985 Buckeye Conference...

# Both Ross teams come in 2nd place in Buckeye meet

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Second place isn't the same as winning, but it ain't bad as far as Ross cross country coach Norm Bray is concerned.

Both of Bray's Little Giant running teams took runner-up spots in the Buckeye Conference Meet at Marion Harding High School Tuesday.

The Ross boys finished second to Sandusky while the girls were runners-up to Findlay, both by 12 points.

Sandusky scored 56 points to earn the boys crown, followed by Ross with 68, Lorain Senior 76, Elyria 85, Findlay 109, Marion Harding 139 and Admiral King 151.

Findlay took the girls championship with 45 points, followed by Ross with 57, Sandusky 76, Lorain Senior 101 and Elyria 138.

"What a great job the boys did," said Bray. "I can't ever remember a Ross cross country team finishing this high in the conference. Every one of them beat their best times of the year. I'm so proud of them."

Leading the way for the Ross boys was Brian Doty, who surged to a third-place finish and a berth on the All-BC first team. Doty was clocked in 16 minutes, 38 seconds to finish behind two Lorain Senior runners — winner Chuck Sutton in 16:03 and runner-up Carlo DiFrancesco in 16:27.

Also earning a first-team berth for the Little Giants was John Brown, who finished eighth in 16:53.

Eric Middleton, who was just two places and six seconds behind his teammate Brown, earned second-team honors.

Ross's other two scorers were Dave McDonald, who came in 21st in 17:25, and Scott Nossaman, who finished 28th in 17:53.

As for the Ross girls, Bray

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said, "They went from last place last year to second place this year. What can I say about that?

"The girls are great. They really put it all out. They all ran their best times, too. I'm so proud to be a part of them."

Terri Slane captured first-team All-BC laurels with a fifth-place finish in 19:47. Findlay's Julie Williamson ran away with the meet in 18:27, nearly a full minute ahead of runner-up Jody Butler of Marion Harding.

Taking second-team All-BC honors for Ross were Tami Stanley, who finished eighth in 20:04, and Cathy Mallia, who came in 12th in 20:43.

The other two scorers for Ross were Shelly Hines, who was 15th in 21:27, and Lisa Abdoo, who was 17th in 21:35. Natalie Albert was right behind Abdoo in 18th place with a 22:04 clocking.

In other area cross country action Tuesday, the Clyde boys defeated Margaretta 18-40 and the Genoa boys beat Clay 15-45, but the Clyde girls fell to the Polar Bears 24-31.

The Fliers, 13-2, swept the top four places in the boys race to easily beat Margaretta. Sonny Workman led the way with a winning time of 16:41.

The Clyde girls were not as fortunate however, falling to 2-11 this season. Lara Knapp won the girls meet in a time of 19:44 to pace the Polar Bears, while Lisa Birmingham was second in a time of 20:55. Kim Albright was third for the Fliers, clocking in at 21:46.

Jason Gladden led a Genoa sweep of the top five places in its blowout over Clay. Gladden clocked in at 17:32 to take first place in the meet.

Genoa is now 13-2.

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## Boys

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#### Team standings

1-Sandusky 56, Ross 68, Lorain Senior 76, Elyria 85, Findlay 109, Marion Harding 139, Admiral King 151.

#### Top 25 runners

1-Chuck Sutton (L) 16:03; 2-Carl DiFrancesco (L) 16:27; 3-Brian Doty (R) 16:38; 4-Daniel Villanueva (F) 16:42; 5-Brad Farris (S) 16:51; 6-Mike Millott (S) 16:52; 7-John Brown (R) 16:53; 8-Norm Marks (E) 16:57; 9-Eric Middleton (R) 16:59; 10-Brian Shind (MH) 17:01; 11-Greg Sopszak (MH) 17:01; 12-Terry Komlosi (E) 17:10; 13-Henry Arrizagabala (AK) 17:12; 14-Mark Thom (S) 17:12; 15-Mike Moore (S) 17:13; 16-Chuck Miller (S) 17:13; 17-Rick Carek (L) 17:14; 18-Ken Shawver (AK) 17:17; 19-Mike Blaszak (E) 17:22; 20-David Blewer (F) 17:25; 21-Dave McDonald (R) 17:25; 22-Rod Humphries (E) 17:33; 23-Mark May (F) 17:40; 24-Rick Blaszak (E) 17:41; 25-Tony DeFrancesco (L) 17:42.

#### Other Ross finishes

28-Scott Nossaman 17:53; 30-Pat Hetrick 17:55; 34-Andy Bodeker 18:04.

### Genoa 15, Clay 45

#### Top 10 runners

(C) 16:48; 3-Jeff Tomlinson (C) 16:54; 4-Tom Kochendoerfer (C) 17:27; 5-Jason Hand (M) 17:35; 6-Deric Kenne (M) 17:51; 7-Dave Riedy (M) 18:21; 8-Dave Jackson (C) 18:36; 9-Tim Kritzel (C) 18:43; 10-Larry Yost (M) 18:47.

Season record: Clyde 13-2.

## Girls

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#### Top 20 runners

1-Julie Williamson (F) 18:27; 2-Jody Butler (MH) 19:18; 3-Dawn Drouillard (S) 19:37; 4-Laura Anning (F) 19:40; 5-Terri Slane (R) 19:47; 6-Kim Jackson (S) 20:01; 7-Heather Creel (F) 20:03; 8-Tami Stanley (R) 20:04; 9-Beth Pekare (AK) 20:09; 10-Jenny Wachter (F) 20:10; 11-Lillian Suez (L) 20:32; 12-Cathy Mallia (R) 20:43; 13-Colleen McBennett (L) 20:57; 14-Tracy Bell (MH) 21:15; 15-Shelly Hines (R) 21:27; 16-Angela Adkins (S) 21:31; 17-Lisa Abdo (R) 21:35; 18-Natalie Albert (R) 22:04; 19-Lisa Henderson (L) 22:07; 20-Melissa Markutsa (AK) 22:14.

#### Other Ross finishes

26-Melinda Moreno 22:55.