

Lakota runners defeat Little Giants; Oak Harbor captures pair of wins

Lakota swept the top four places to run past Ross 19-39 in high school cross country action at East Side Park Tuesday.

In other area action, Oak Harbor won a pair and Port Clinton won one in a tri-meet with Clay, and Clyde split in another tri-meet with Tiffin Columbian and Fostoria.

Doug Nieset, Jerry Long, Andy Garcia and Dwayne Decker led a 1-2-3-4 finish for Lakota in its win over Ross.

Nieset ran a 15:49 to outdistance runnerup Long by 52 seconds. Garcia ran a 16:43 and Decker a 16:44.

Ross' Mark Schmidt came in fifth place at 16:53.

At Oak Harbor, the Rockets nipped Port Clinton 27-28 and beat Oregon Clay 25-30. PC beat Clay 24-31.

Port Clinton's Mike Bou-Sliman led everyone across the finish line in 17:06. He was followed by OH's Johnny McHale (17:18) and Fred Artiaga (17:35), and PC's Pat Fahey (17:36).

At Fostoria, Tiffin Columbian rolled past Clyde 21-38 and Fostoria 15-48, and Clyde beat the Redmen 19-38.

Clyde's top runners were Rolando Garcia, who came in third at 18:03, and Anthony Goedicke, who was fifth at 18:31.

PC harriers top Ross 21-34

Mike Bou-Sliman outdistanced the field by 49 seconds to lead the Port Clinton Redskins to a 21-34 victory over Ross in high school cross country action at Port Clinton Thursday.

In other action yesterday, Old Fort's boys beat Bettsville and St. Joe while Tiffin Columbian's girls topped the Streaks, Stockaders and Bobcats, Oak Harbor's boys and girls defeated Rossford and Fostoria, St. Wendelin's girls beat Woodmore and Hopewell-Loudon, and Woodmore's boys downed H-L, St. Wendelin and Elmore.

At Port Clinton, Bou-Sliman ran a 17:58 to dominate the race. Mark Schmidt's third-place

finish (18:56) led Ross.

At Oak Harbor, the Rocket boys defeated Rossford 20-35 and Fostoria 16-46. Four Rocket runners crossed the finish line first, led by John McHale in 17:32. OH is now 4-0.

Amy Macko led the Lady Rockets to a 25-30 win over Fostoria and a 22-33 triumph past Rossford. Macko ran a 22:26 to win by 30 seconds. The Rocket girls are also 4-0.

At East Side Park, St. Joe's Rob Slater won the race, but his team scored 67 points to finish last to Old Fort (29) and Bettsville (64). Slater ran a 17:21. Old Fort's Ray Dunlap was second in 17:26.

In the girls' meet, Tiffin Columbian scored 39 points to St. Joe's 47, Old Fort's 56 and Bettsville's 90. Mindy Mowery of Bettsville ran a 20:23 for the victory.

At Elmwood, the boys' meet saw Woodmore score 32 points to beat Hopewell-Loudon (42), St. Wendelin (58) and the host Royal (90). H-L's James Arbogast ran an 18:38 to beat out Woodmore's Ted Wegert by five seconds.

The Lady Wildcats came in second place with 41 points in the girls' meet. St. Wendelin had 24 and H-L 66. Mary Utendorf's sixth-place finish (23:45) led Woodmore.

Ross harriers end skein

Mark Schmidt led Ross to its first cross country dual meet win in three years Wednesday.

Schmidt covered the 3.1 mile course at East Side Park in a school-record 17 minutes, 23 seconds to lead the Little Giants past Fostoria 20-40.

Boys

Perkins 19, Ross 51, Huron 56

TOP 15 RUNNERS

1 — Scott Kearney (P) 16:41; 2 — Bryce Butkus (H) 16:48; 3 — Chris Smith (P) 17:05; 4 — Rob Schweifert (P) 17:31; 5 — Pete Stengel (P) 17:31; 6 — Chris Lynn (P) 17:42; 7 — Dave Cousino (P) 17:43; 8 — Steve Stockdale (P) 17:54; 9 — Jim Batley (P) 17:59; 10 — Mark Schmidt (R) 18:05; 11 — Dunn (H) 18:11; 12 — John Snodgrass (R) 18:14; 13 — Ryan Smith (R) 18:16; 14 — June (H) 18:30; 15 — Dave Slater (R) 18:34.

Season record: Ross 2-3.

Findlay harriers sweep past Ross

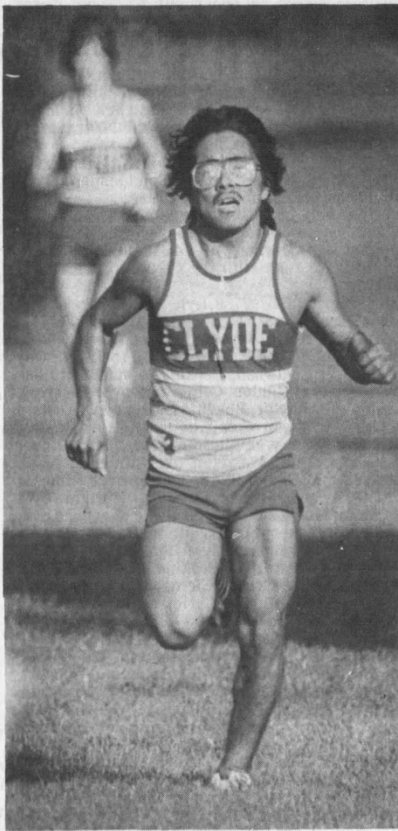
Keith Olson's record-setting performance led a Findlay sweep of the first five places to give the Trojans a 15-40 victory over Ross in high school cross country action at East Side Park Tuesday.

Olson covered the 3.1-mile trek in a new course-record time of 15 minutes, 26 seconds. His nearest competitors, teammates Mike Murphy and Jeff

Smith, were each 45 seconds behind.

Ross' Mark Schmidt, himself setting a new school record with a 16:58 clocking, could only manage to finish sixth.

In other boys cross country action yesterday, Port Clinton scored 39 points to finish first in a quad meet with Danbury (51), Monroeville (53) and St.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

ROLANDO GARCIA WAS FIRST

Clyde runners trim Ross

The Clyde Fliers swept the top three spots to defeat Ross 18-41 in high school cross country action at Green Hills Thursday.

Rolando Garcia led the Clyde trio across the finish line in 17 minutes, 24 seconds. He was followed by Brian Hoffman (17:31) and Tom Mason (17:46). Ross' Mark Schmidt was fourth in 18:19.

Ross Coach Norm Bray was unhappy with the Ross showing. "It was the worst meet of the season for us," he said.

Ross will be in the Buckeye Conference meet Tuesday at Findlay.

In other cross country action yesterday, Mohawk defeated St. Joe 25-36, Gibsonburg bombed Bettsville 19-42 and Old Fort won a triangular with Oak Harbor (24-33) and Hopewell-Loudon (19-43). Oak Harbor beat Hopewell 19-40.

In girls action, St. Joe beat Mohawk 20-41 and Old Fort (30) beat Hopewell (40) and Oak Harbor (58).

Rob Slater (18:03) and Joe Colon (18:08) finished 1-2 for St. Joe, but once again it tailed off after that, as

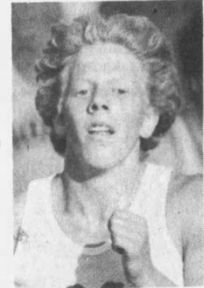
Mohawk runners took up the next seven places.

Lewis Morelock (17:36) and Dale Rosenberger (17:59) led Gibsonburg to its sixth win in nine meets.

Old Fort's Ron Dunlap nipped Oak Harbor's John McHale by two seconds as the Stockaders handed the Rockets their second defeat in 16 meets this season.

Paulette Dickman and Katie Seiler repeated their 1-2 performance from the day before to lead the Lady Streaks past Mohawk. The St. Joe girls are 8-2.

Terri Slane and Rachel Barto led the Old Fort girls with their 1-2 performance. Slane won the meet in 21:16, more than one minute before Barto crossed the finish line.



MARK SCHMIDT
... 1st Ross runner

Nothing accomplished during NFL strike talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bargainers for National Football League players and club owners are immersed in intensive negotiations aimed at ending an 11-day-old strike, but the principals are not optimistic about a quick settlement.

The two sides met for more than 10 hours Thursday in the longest single bargaining session since negotiations began in February. But there was no indication the parties were narrowing their differences.

"I can't be overly optimistic at this point," Jack Donlan, the owners' chief negotiator as head of the NFL Management Council, said prior to resumption of talks today.

A bitter and weary Gene Upshaw, president of the NFL Players Association, predicted a long strike.

"The players out there should be

concerned. Nothing has changed. Absolutely nothing of substance has happened. It's a sad state of affairs," Upshaw said.

On Thursday the NFL announced the 14 games scheduled to be played Sunday and Monday had been canceled, the second weekend of the season to be lost by the players' strike.

Also Thursday, in Buffalo, New York State Supreme Court Judge Rudolph Johnson ordered Turner Broadcasting System Inc. to show cause why it should not be barred from getting NFL players to play in games while they are under contract to their teams.

The NFLPA has arranged a 20-game series of All-Star games featuring striking players. Turner Broadcasting has agreed to guarantee the players' union \$500,000

In other area boys action, Ross (63) finished last in a tri-meet with Sandusky (21) and Marion Harding (36) and St. Joe fell to St. Mary's 21-35.

In girls action, St. Joe nipped St. Mary's 27-28 and St. Wendelin beat Oak Harbor 16-39.

Mark Schmidt's 10th-place finish was the best Ross could do at East Side Park. Sandusky's Kurt Rogers won in 15:18.