

1996 Regional meet...

Running nationals today

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and Bellevue will have both its boys and girls cross country teams vying for berths in the state final meet when they run in today's regional meets at Hedges Park in Tiffin.

The boys teams from **Old Fort** and **Gibsonburg** get the day started when they vie in the Division III, Region 10 meet at 11:05 a.m. The Div. II, Reg. 6 boys race, featuring **Bellevue** and **Lakota** begins at 11:50 a.m. At 12:35 p.m., the Little Giants boys team will race in the Div. I, Region 2 meet.

Fremont St. Joseph and **Woodmore** will be in the Div. III, Region 10 girls race, scheduled to begin at 1:20 p.m. **Bellevue** and **Clyde** are in the Div. II, Region 6 competition, which has as 2:05 p.m. start. **Ross's** girls run at 2:50 p.m. in the Div. I, Region 2 race.

Eleven runners qualify for state

Travis leads 'Cats in regional

By CHUCK KRUMEL
News-Messenger correspondent

TIFFIN — The Woodmore girls cross country team is headed to Columbus for Saturday's state cross country championships.

The runners earned the right to compete with Ohio's best by finishing third Saturday at the Division III regional meet which took place at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin. Seneca East placed first and Liberty Benton second.

Sophomore Lindsay Travis placed 11th with a time of 19:46 over the 3.1-mile course, while

teammates Amanda Roadarmel (20:10), Mandy Opter (20:43), Connie Camp (20:51) and Cara Moellman (21:06), placed 17th, 25th, 29th, and 39th respectively.

"Lindsay (Travis) hung in there," head coach Alicia Wollmering said. "It may not have been one of her better races, but she will be well rested this week and ready to go (at state)." Travis had won the district meet a week earlier at Terra Community College, breaking

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State qualifiers

Eleven of the area's cross country runners qualified for Saturday's state tournament in Columbus. Here they are, separated by division:

Boys
Division I
Jeremiah Smith (Fremont Ross)
Division III
Jon Burroughs (Fremont St. Joe)
Girls
Division I
Lindsay Frontz (Fremont Ross),
Alison Kelly (Fremont Ross)
Division III
Woodmore team: Lindsay Travis,
Amanda Roadarmel, Mandy Opter,
Connie Camp, Cara Moellman, Lisa
Schneider and Lindsay Kuhlman.

Smith third in Division I meet

By BRIAN SPIESS
Sports editor

Jeremiah Smith of Fremont Ross put himself in position to accomplish his and his coach's goal Saturday in Columbus.

Smith, a senior, ran a 16:13 for third place in the Division I regional meet at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin. Now he'll run at Scioto Downs in Columbus.

"Jeremiah ran a great race," coach John Elder said. "Our goal is a top 10 performance at state."

Elder said he was proud of his team, which placed eighth and

did not qualify.

The Little Giants girls team nearly qualified, placing fifth at the regional meet.

Sophomore Lindsay Frontz (14th, 19:48) and junior Alison Kelly (15th, 19:50) qualified for state as individuals.

"I told them to stay in the top 15," coach Cathy Esposito said.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic runner Jon Burroughs qualified with little time to spare.

As he came toward the finish

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line, Burroughs was in a pack of three runners going for the final two spots at state. Burroughs let one in front of him but beat out the other for the 15th and final qualifying spot.

"I don't like anybody coming in 16th, that's the worst," coach Gary Logson said.

Freshman teammate Mike Chapman finished 97th, which Logson said it was good experience for the next few years.