

SPORTS CHATTER

Demon harriers compete in Lakota Invite

The Westlake cross country teams competed at the Lakota Invitational last Saturday, with the boys coming in fourth behind the first-place performance of senior Jack St. Marie. The girls took fifth overall out of a field of 19 teams.

St. Marie went out fast in the first mile and went on to win his race with a time of 16:27.48. Fellow senior Peter Ogonek had a strong finish to come in fifth with his time of 16:55.42 to give the Demons a pair of finishers in the top five.

Also competing for the Demon boys were freshman Gavin Kelly (27th, 18:04.79), sophomore Jonathan Simon (48th, 18:39.63), sophomore Aaron Brown (53rd, 18:46.55), junior Zach Goodman (59th, 18:52.00) and senior Josh Buzzard (67th, 19:13.74).

For the girls, freshman Grace Jenkins (20:43.03) edged out senior teammate Alesha Beverly (20:43.83) for ninth place as both registered personal bests. Sophomore Liz Kobe ran a 21:05.49 to take 19th, giving Westlake three runners in the top 20.

Rounding out the field for the Demons were sophomore Brittany Antognazzi (51st,

22:37.89), senior Katherine Beaton (52nd, 22:40.89), sophomore Nora Lee (54th, 22:42.53) and sophomore Bridget Smik (61st, 23:01.16).

Demon girls runners-up at Tiffin

The Westlake girls cross country team had its best-ever showing at the Tiffin Carnival, taking second place behind Beaumont in the Division I-B race.

Beaumont scored a 94 to win the team

title, while the Demons scored a number of personal records to come in with 142 points, edging out Findlay's 144. Liz Kobe led Westlake by finishing sixth overall with a time of 20:11 for a personal best. Grace Jenkins was the team's second runner, taking 19th with a time of 21:05.

Rounding out the varsity team for Westlake (all with personal records) were Alesha Beverly (21:12), Megan Duffy (21:50, tied Tiffin personal best), Brittany Antognazzi (21:56), Katherine Garruto (22:45) and Jacky Gardner (23:38).

Westlake harriers run to titles

The Westlake cross country teams had a big day last Saturday as both the boys and girls squads won team titles at the 32nd annual Jim Obenour Memorial Invitational in Vermilion.

The boys won it with a score of 45, getting past Southwestern Conference rival Amherst's 57. The Demon girls scored a 42 to outrun the score of 72 turned in by North Ridgeville.

The boys were led by Jack St. Marie, who won the individual championship with his time of 16:34.40. Teammate Peter Ogonek gave Westlake a strong one-two punch at the top of the field as he finished third overall with a time of 17:05.55. Josh Buzzard ran an 18:01.74 to finish ninth, while Gavin Kelly just missed the top 10 with his 11th-place time of 18:05.03.

Rounding out the team's varsity seven were Jonathan Simon (21st, 18:28.09), Aaron Brown (23rd, 18:33.05) and Zach Goodman (24th, 18:34.83).

For the girls, freshman Grace Jenkins led the way with a 21:21.15, good for the runner-up spot. Alesha Beverly took fifth with her time of 21:42.62, while Brittany Antognazzi was right behind in sixth with a 21:46.45 clocking. Both Beverly (meet) and Antognazzi (career) recorded personal records.

The rest of the Demons ran in a pack to help clinch the team title. Megan Duffy with 14th with her time of 22:44.63, followed by Nora Lee (15th, 22:46.88), Katherine Beaton (17th, 22:57.99, personal meet record) and Bridget Smik (19th, 23:02.48).