

# First!

## Jay Follett wins open race at Firelands Conference meet

He didn't get a medal and he wasn't crowned champion in the Firelands Conference.

But Jay Follett did win his race Saturday during the annual league meet at Norwalk Reservoir.

The only problem was that Follett was running in the jayvee race.

The sophomore turned in a time of 19:45 to win by better than 30 seconds, according to coach and father Mike Follett.

"It was kind of exciting to have him cross the finish line first," Mike Follett said. "It was the first time he has ever won."

Along with Follett, Elliot Fackler turned in a time of 21:15, which was good for 10th place.

On the girls side, Katy Follett was 20th in 23:09 and Renae Smith was 36th in 28:28. It was Smith's second-best time of the year.

"I was really pleased with everybody's effort," Mike Follett said. "Katie had herself in a position to make the team standings interesting and that's what we wanted."

New London wound up winning both the boys and girls championships.

The Big Red will compete in the district tournament Saturday at Galion's Amanns Reservoir. The boys will run at 1 p.m., while the girls will run at 2:30 p.m.

"Our goal this week is to run our personal bests," the Plymouth coach said. "If you have your personal best, you never know what can happen."