

Follett happy with league results

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Normally finishing fourth in the conference is nothing to ride home about.

But such is not the case with Plymouth's boys cross country team.

The key word in that last paragraph was "team."

For the first time in years, the Big Red actually fielded a complete team.

Football players Kevin and Ryan Click joined the regulars and helped Mike Follett's troops to a fourth-place finish in the Firelands Conference standings last Saturday at Crestview.

New London finished first with 30 points, while pre-meet favorite Western Reserve was second with 37. Crestview checked in third with 99 points, followed by Plymouth (101) and Norwalk St. Paul

(105). Monroeville, Mapleton and South Central didn't enter teams.

"I'm elated to get fourth place," Follett said. "We really appreciate Kevin and Ryan coming over and running with us and coach (Dick) Roll allowing them to do it."

Kevin Click was the first Plymouth runner to cross the line. He was clocked in 19:03 and was closely followed by Jay Follett at 19:04. Click was 14th, while Follett was 15th.

Ryan Click was 19th in 19:32, while Daniel Schillerwein was 24th in 20:05 and Eliot Fackler was 33rd in 24:11.

"Eliot was injured or I think we would have finished third," Mike Follett said. "I don't know how he completed the race. He ran on total guts. Most kids would have quit.

"It was nice to have a full team. Both (Kevin and Ryan) ran excellent races. I'm really pleased with the overall performance of all the kids."

On the girls side, Mapleton was first with 39 points, followed by St. Paul (41), New London (59), Western Reserve (100) and Crestview (104). The rest of the league members failed to enter a full team, including Plymouth.

Katie Follett was the lone Big Red runner on the girls side. She was 25th in 24:12.

April Schwaderer was fourth in 14:12 in the middle school race.

The Big Red will head to Galion this Saturday for the Division III district meet at Amanns Reservoir. The boys will run at 1 p.m., while the girls will take to the course at 2:30 p.m.

Firelands Conference Boys

TEAM SCORES: New London 30, Western Reserve 37, Crestview 99, Plymouth 101, Norwalk St.Paul 105, Monroeville-no team, Mapleton-no team

TOP 20 FINISHERS: 1.Jake Bibb (WR) 16:45; 2.Chad Duchette (WR) 16:57; 3.Joe Hicks (NL) 17:17; 4.Dam Roberts (NL) 17:32; 5.Mike Podrosky 17:37; 6.Brian Myers (NL) 17:56; 7.Rick Sprang (CV) 18:14; 8.Sean Hovinetz (NL) 18:25; 9.Shawn Mason (NL) 18:40; 10.Corey Wybensinger (NL) 18:41; 11.Neil Creary (SP) 18:42; 12.Philip Pickering (NL) 18:46; 13.Aric Wagner (WR) 18:58; 14.Kevin Click (P) 19:03; 15.Jacob Follett (P) 19:04; 16.Nate Janicek (WR) 19:13; 17.Matt Keppler (CV) 19:21; 18.Keith Welch (WR) 19:26; 19.Ryan Click (P) 19:32; 20.Mark Messmore (CV) 19:39.