

# 2016 Legends Cross Country Meet

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Trumbull County Fairgrounds, Bazetta, Ohio

Presented By: Maplewood High School

For more Legends Meet information visit – [www.gopherarun.com/legendsmeet](http://www.gopherarun.com/legendsmeet)

## The goals of The Legends Meet are to:

- offer the athletes a fast, accurate course with great competition and awards
- honor the legends of the sport who will be presenting awards to the athletes
- provide athletes and coaches a link to Ohio's great history in cross country by meeting The Legends of our sport

## Past Legends:

2007 - Ann Henderson, Mark Croghan

2008 - Patty Metzler Champney, Alan Scharsu

2009 - Rachel Sauder Kinsman, Scott Fry

2010 - Maggie Infeld, Ricky Pittman

2011 - Bob Schul, Harrison Dillard, Briana Shook, Bernice Holland

2012 - Marc Hunter, Harrison Dillard and Bernice Holland

2013 - Bridget Franek, Bob Lunn

2014 - Bob Mau, Julie Dias Taylor, Joanna Dias Ripple

2015 – John Zishka, Katie Sabino Dugan

## The 2016 Legends

### Dave Wottle – Canton Lincoln High School



To many sports fans in the U.S. and around the world, Dave Wottle is solely remembered as the young American whose seemingly miraculous sprint to a gold medal in the 800-meter run at the 1972 Olympics served as one of most memorable moments from an unforgettable Summer Games.

However, the Canton native's run to Olympic glory in Munich while wearing his trademark golf cap was just one of many achievements that earned him a place among America's greatest track performers and a spot in the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.

A 1968 graduate of Lincoln High School and the reigning state champion in the mile, he continued his academic and athletic careers at Bowling Green State University. Dave and his Falcon teammates quickly developed into a Mid-American Conference power that

battled the established front-runners of the day in Oregon, Villanova and UTEP at the annual NCAA cross country championships.

He won seven national titles and earned All-American honors eight times as a Falcon, showing tremendous range from the 800 through 10K cross country races. Injuries sidelined him in 1971, but a year later he came back and won the NCAA 1,500 and AAU 800 meters.

Leading up to his dramatic race in Munich, Dave tied the existing world record of 1:44.3 in winning the Olympic Trials in Eugene. In the Olympic final, Dave immediately fell to the back of the field, trailing the other seven runners by a wide margin early before catching up after 450 meters. He moved into medal contention with just a straightaway remaining before nipping favorite Yevgeny Arzhanov at the line.

At BGSU, Dave was track and XC captain, inducted into the national leadership honorary Omicron Delta Kappa, was an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholar and was runner-up in 1973 to basketball star Bill Walton for the James E. Sullivan Award presented to the country's top amateur athlete. Dave was equally talented over the 1,500/mile distance, winning NCAA titles and turning in the third-fastest mile at the time of 3:53.3 in a duel with the late Steve Prefontaine at historic Hayward Field. Following his collegiate career, Dave was one of the first athletes to compete as a professional, signing with the International Track Association.

He retired from competition in 1976, turning his attention to higher education and coaching. After starting the track program at Walsh University in North Canton, Dave became the head track and cross country coach at Bethany College in West Virginia before working in admissions and financial aid positions at Bethany and Rhodes College in Memphis. He retired in 2012.

Dave and his Munich roommate, Frank Shorter, remain as the last American men to win Olympic gold medals in a middle-distance or distance event. He and his wife, Jan, live in Tennessee.

### Kate Radkewich Burkowski – Beaumont High School



To be considered one of the finest distance runners ever in Ohio, one must compete against and defeat the best of the rest in the Buckeye state. Katy Radkewich accomplished that feat and much more in her career at Beaumont High School.

All told, Katy won 16 individual and team state titles as a Blue Streak, filling the role as the key component in one of the most dominant track and cross country programs in state history.

Her winning performances included three state titles each in cross country and the 3,200-meter run, along with a championship 1,600 and legs on a pair of winning 4x800 teams. With Radkewich collecting points, Beaumont won four state cross country titles and a trio of track championships in the mid-1990s.

Katy's excellence was not limited to the courses and tracks in Ohio, however, as she was among the nation's best throughout her high school career, especially in cross country.

She is a member of a select group of four-time Foot Locker Finalists, finishing 20<sup>th</sup> in San Diego in 1993 before moving up to 7<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her final three appearances after claiming a pair of Foot Locker Midwest regional titles. Combined with her brother, Nick, the Radkewich family has the second-highest number of sibling appearances in the prestigious national event with six.

In addition to being runner-up in the 1995 Penn Relays 3,000, she finished second in the 1994 national outdoor 2-mile championship and 1996 national indoor 2-mile run. In 1996, Katy represented the USA in the World Cross Country Championships, finishing 41<sup>st</sup> in the junior women's race in South Africa.

A six-time letter winner at Michigan in cross country and track, she was an All-Big Ten selection in 2000 for the Wolverines.

Although it has been almost 20 years since Katy ran her last high school race, her legend is firmly in place because of the unmatched performances she turned in on a consistent basis. She is the record holder on the 5K course at Boardman at 17:17 and has two other clockings in the top 4, while her 16:59.8 effort at Scioto Downs in 1996 remains the fastest 5K performance in the state meet. She won that Division II race by almost 2 minutes.

She works for Apple and lives in Orlando with her husband, Steve, and two sons, Luke and Chase.

# The 2016 Legends Cross Country Meet Information

## Date and Location

Saturday, October 8th, 2016 The meet will be held at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds (4181 Hoagland Blackstub Rd. Cortland, OH). The Fairgrounds offer an excellent facility for cross country meets. Ample parking, sheltered seating and restrooms are available to complement a fast, spectator-friendly course. Maplewood HS will be the host school for The Legends Meet.

## Awards

The top three teams in the high school races and the top two teams in the middle school races will receive team picture plaque awards. The top 7 members of the winning high school teams and the coach will receive individual awards. The top 25 individuals in the high school races and the top 15 individuals in the middle school races will receive individual awards. Individual champions in each race will receive picture plaques of them. Team awards and the award for individual champions for each race will be presented by "The Legends" in front of the grandstands 1 hour after the scheduled start time of each race. Individual awards are presented at the finish of each race.

## Entry

Any school may enter the meet through Baum's Page beginning August 15th - <http://www.baumspage.com/>

## Fees

- \$80 HS Boys (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 7 runners)
  - \$80 HS Girls (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 7 runners)
  - \$55 MS Boys (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 5 runners)
  - \$55 MS Girls (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 5 runners)
- \* A minimum of 5 runners and a maximum of 9 runners are permitted in the high school team races. Schools with more than 9 runners must enter the extras in the open race or enter a "B Team". There is no limit on middle school entries.
- \* You may enter an additional "B Team" to compete in the varsity race for an additional \$25 per extra squad. Extra teams will be permitted only as space allows in each varsity race.
- \* Each coach submitting a full squad into any one of the four races will receive a coach's gift.
- \* PLEASE NOTE - Entry fee checks MUST be made payable to: Maplewood Running Rockets and be mailed to:

**Legends Meet - Maplewood High School**  
**Attn. Mark Yoder**  
**2414 Greenville Road**  
**Cortland, OH 44410**

## Schedule of Events - see below for division breakdown

- 9:00 - Middle School Boy's Race - 2 Mile
- 9:30 - Middle School Girl's Race - 2 Mile
- 10:00 - \*HS Small School Division - High School Boy's Race - 5 kilo
- 10:30 - \*HS Small School Division - High School Girl's Race - 5 kilo
- 11:00 - Elementary Kids Race - 1 Mile
- 11:15 - Presentation of The 2016 Legends / National Anthem
- 11:30 - \*HS Large School Division - High school Boy's Race - 5 kilo
- 12:00 - \*HS Large School Division - High School Girl's Race - 5 kilo
- 12:30 - Boy's Open Race - All Divisions - 5 Kilo
- 1:00 - Girl's Open Race - All Divisions - 5 Kilo

\*Our intent is to have the Large School Division to host the most competitive teams regardless of school size and the Small School Division to be the lesser competitive race. Following are guidelines based on school size to use if your team is uncertain which race to enter.

- Small School Division - division 3 and small division 2 schools (250 or less total male and female students in top 3 grades)
- Large School Division - division 1 and large division 2 schools (251 or more total male and female students in top 3 grades)

*Team awards will be presented in front of the grandstands 1 hour after the scheduled start time of each race.*

### Points of Interest

We will be using the IPICO Chip Timing System - a chip that is attached to the runner's shoe. There will be a bullpen area at the finish of the race where water will be available and chips will be collected. If coaches have runners that do not run or do not finish the race, they must turn in the numbers for those athletes at the registration area. Schools will be charged \$10 each for missing chip. Runners will also wear a bib number on the front of their singlet that matches their chip number.

Coaches are asked to please cooperate in advance by:

- Submitting rosters online at [baumspage.com](http://baumspage.com) by at least one week prior to the meet, sooner is better.
- Ensuring correct chips are securely placed on runners shoes... and all chips returned after race.
- Digital clocks will be available at the 1 and 2 mile marks for each race.
- Concessions and other vendors will be available beneath the grandstands.
- Results will be available at [www.gopherarun.com](http://www.gopherarun.com) and on Baumspage
- Meet T-shirts will be sold at the registration area.
- Restrooms are available under the grandstands and in adjacent buildings.
- There will be a \$2 parking fee per non-team vehicle that will be charged in accordance with fairground policy.