

2017 Legends Cross Country Meet

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 at Trumbull County Fairgrounds, Cortland, Ohio
Presented By: Maplewood High School

For more Legends Meet information visit – 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

2016 - Dave Wottle, Kate Radkewich Burkowski

The 2017 Legends

Clayton Murphy – Tri-Village High School



Clayton Murphy made his mark on the high school and collegiate levels in the Buckeye State.

Heading into his first full year as a professional, the middle-distance standout stands ready to add to his growing status as a star on the national and international stage, further cementing his place in American track and field history.

In last year's Olympic 800-meter final in Rio, Clayton positioned himself a few feet behind defending champion and world record-holder David Rudisha of Kenya after the opening lap. Having slipped to sixth as the lead pack broke apart, the Ohioan began to move his way through the field, earning his spot on the awards stand with only about 30 meters remaining.

Clayton's bronze was just the sixth medal by an American in the men's 800 in the past 60 years and the first since American record-holder Johnny Gray also was third in 1992. The time of 1:42.93 made Clayton the third-fastest American in history (only four have ever run sub-1:43) and helped him claim Track & Field News' rankings of No. 6 worldwide and No. 1 American. Prior to his success in Rio, Clayton utilized his late drive to the finish to win the U.S. Olympic Trials in his first major competition as a professional running for Nike. His win in Eugene came on the heels of a whirlwind third and final season at the University of Akron that saw him win the NCAA indoor 800 and outdoor 1,500 titles.

At Tri-Village High School, Clayton was a three-time All-Ohioan in cross country and a three-time state track qualifier. In 2013, he won the Division III state title in the 1,600, with his time of 4:11.72 still the state meet record. Clayton left Tri-Village as the school record holder in four individual track events, two relays and cross country.

He then wasted no time in making an impact on the collegiate level, pacing the Akron Zips in each of his first three cross-country races. The successes continued, with Clayton earning All-MAC honors 17 times. As a Zip, he won 13 conference titles in his three years running under the direction of distance coach Lee LaBadie and is one of only five Akron performers to win an NCAA track and field title and one of only two in program history with at least two NCAA crowns.

A Bowerman Award semifinalist in 2016, Clayton was the 2015 Pan American Games gold medalist in the 800 in his debut race representing his country. Later that summer, he was the silver medalist in the NACAC Championships and was the top American in advancing to the semifinals at the World Championships in Beijing. Also an Academic All-American at Akron, Clayton continues to live and train in Ohio.

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. Kate Radkewich accomplished that feat and much more in her career at Beaumont High School.

All told, Kate 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.

Kate'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 20th in San Diego in 1993 before moving up to 7th, 3rd and 2nd 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, Kate represented the USA in the World Cross Country Championships, finishing 41st 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 Kate 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 is a 2017 inductee into the Ohio Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame. Kate was scheduled to be the 2016 Legend but could not come due to Hurricane Matthew. She works for Apple and lives in Orlando with her husband, Steve, and two sons, Luke and Chase.

The 2017 Legends Cross Country Meet Information

Date and Location

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 - The Legends 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 High School will be the host school for The Legends Meet.

Awards

The top four teams in the high school races and the top three teams in the middle school races will receive team picture plaque awards. The top seven members of the winning high school teams and the coach will receive individual awards. The top 25 individuals in all races will receive individual awards. Individual champions in each race will receive picture plaques. Team awards will be presented by The Legends on the stage in front of the grandstands within one hour after the scheduled start time of each race. Individual awards are presented on the stage by The Legends immediately after the finish of each race.

Entry

Any school may enter the meet through Baum's Page beginning August 15th - baumspage.com

Fees

- \$85 HS Boys (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 8 runners)
- \$85 HS Girls (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 8 runners)
- \$60 MS Boys (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 6 runners)
- \$60 MS Girls (unlimited entries; \$10 per individual if less than 6 runners)

* A minimum of 5 runners and a maximum of 9 runners are permitted in the team races for both the high school and middle school. Schools with less than 5 runners or more than 9 runners must enter their runners in the open race or enter a B or C Team (high school only). You may enter a B or C Team to compete in the varsity race for an additional \$25 each. Extra teams will be permitted only as space allows in each team race. This option is available on Baum's Page.

* Each coach submitting a full team into any one of the team races will receive a coach's gift.

* **IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE** - Entry fee checks **MUST** be made payable to: **Maplewood Running Rockets**
(Do NOT make checks payable to Maplewood HS) 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 Boys Open Race (for all runners beyond top 8 from a school) - 2 mile
- 9:30 Middle School Girls Open Race (for all runners beyond top 8 from a school) - 2 mile
- 10:00 Middle School Boys Race (for no more than top 8 runners from a school) - 2 mile
- 10:30 Middle School Girls Race (for no more than top 8 runners from a school) - 2 mile
- 11:00 *HS Small School Division - High School Boys Race - 5K
- 11:30 *HS Small School Division - High School Girls Race - 5K
- 12:00 Presentation of The 2017 Legends / National Anthem
- 12:15 Elementary Kids 1 Mile - Individual awards given to the top ten boys and top ten girls
- 12:30 *HS Large School Division - High school Boys Race - 5K
- 1:00 *HS Large School Division - High School Girls Race - 5K
- 1:30 Boys Open Race - All Divisions - 5K
- 2:00 Girls Open Race - All Divisions - 5K

Points of Interest

- **Race Division** - *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. If numbers allow in a race, we will permit schools of any size to enter the race of their choice based on team competitiveness.
 - Small School Division - division 3 and small division 2 schools (240 or less total male and female students in top 3 grades)
 - Large School Division - division 1 and large division 2 schools (241 or more total male and female students in top 3 grades)
- **Timing** - We will be using a chip timing system with 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 chips for those athletes at the registration area. Schools will be charged \$15 for each missing chip.
- **Digital Clocks** will be available at the 1 and 2 mile marks for each race.
- **Results** will be available at baumspage.com and on gopherarun.com
- **Concessions** and other vendors will be available beneath the grandstands.
- **Legends Meet T-shirts** will be sold at the registration area.
- **Restrooms** are available under the grandstands and in adjacent buildings.
- **Parking** - There will be a \$3 parking fee per non-team vehicle that will be charged in accordance with fairground policy.
- **Coaches** are asked to please cooperate in advance by:
 - Submitting rosters online at baumspage.com by the 5:00 PM deadline on the Tuesday before the meet.
 - Ensuring correct chips are securely placed on runners shoes... and all chips returned after race.