

S. Side 2d, W. Side 3d in Group A

Kopik, Browne
in 1st; Rahway
is B champ

ELIZABETH—Sweeping the first two places, Bayonne High won the Group A championship in the NJSIAA cross-country championships at Warinanco Park yesterday. Rahway took the Group B title.

Slim John Kopik of Bayonne, 17-year-old senior, who finished third last year, led all the way and crossed the finish line more than 20 yards ahead of his teammate, George Browne. Al Peterson of Bayonne was fourth.

With Percy Rochester finishing 39th and Al DiBella 54th, Bayonne had a total score of 73. South Side, the Newark City League champion, was second with 95 points. West Side, which had beaten South Side for the Essex County title, wound up third with 123. New Brunswick was fourth with 136 and Kearny fifth with 174.

Rahway won its division with 75, followed by Metuchen with 113. Others in the first five were Dover 134, Cranford 161 and Princeton 228.

In the A division, Kopik and Browne ran side by side for the first mile with Ed Mullin of West Side, the Essex County champion, third, Chris Rottman of Kearny fourth and Don Walker of Montclair fifth. Walker moved into third spot over the next half mile and Kopik pulled out ahead of Browne. That was the way they finished.

Over the last mile, Kopik extended his lead to 20 yards and finished in 13:20 for the two and a half mile distance. Mullin dropped into fifth place. Ruben Jackson, of East Side, the City League titlist, was 12th.

The Group B race was strictly a one-man affair with Tom Pekete of Lower Camden Regional leading all the way. Winning by 50 yards, he turned in the lowest time of the afternoon, 12:57.2.

CLASS B

1—Pekete, Lower Camden; 2—Sloan, Woodbury; 3—Briedy, St. Aloysius (J. C.); 4—Shyne, St. Michael's (J. C.); 5—Skutka, Rockaway; 6—Topping, Metuchen; 7—King, Metuchen; 8—Green, Dover; 9—Loesner, Rahway; 10—Slack, Dover; 11—Moskwa, Edison; 12—Sieg, Cranford; 13—Hansen, Metuchen; 14—Simon, Rahway; 15—Wengel, Princeton; 16—Vossler, Rahway; 17—Hills, Rahway; 18—McVaugh, Toms River; 19—Maul, Rahway; 20—McClendon, Cranford.

CLASS A

Team Standing
1—Bayonne, 73; 2—South Side, 95; 3—West Side, 123; 4—New Brunswick, 136; 5—Kearny, 174; 6—Union, 175; 7—Montclair, 180; 8—East Side, 184; 9—Dickinson, 216; 10—Jefferson, 243; 11—Bloomfield, 280; 12—Trenton, 325; 13—Orange, 329; 14—Seton Hall, 359; 15—Asbury Park, 372.

CLASS B

1—Rahway, 75; 2—Metuchen, 113; 3—Dover, 134; 4—Cranford, 161; 5—Princeton, 228; 6—St. Michael's (J. C.), 230; 7—Edison, 244; 8—Westfield, 245; 9—Lower Camden County Regional, 248; 10—St. Aloysius (J. C.), 253; 11—Englewood, 257; 12—Toms River, 270; 13—Woodbury, 275; 14—Teaneck, 277; 15—St. Mary's of Perth Amboy, 289; 16—Freehold, 322; 17—Don Bosco, 396; 18—Rockaway, 467; 19—Passaic, 475; 20—Pope Pius of Passaic, 508.

Individual Finishers

Class A
1—Kopik, Bayonne; 2—Browne, Bayonne; 3—Walker, Montclair; 4—Peterson, Bayonne; 5—Mullin, Kearny; 6—DiBella, Bayonne; 7—Mendez, New Brunswick; 8—Ellis, New Brunswick; 9—Franklin, East Side; 10—Gleason, Union; 11—Mullin, West Side; 12—R. Johnson, South Side; 13—Pristo, East Side; 14—O'Leary, West Side; 15—Rittman, Kearny; 16—Lunney, Dickinson; 17—Jones, Montclair; 18—K. Johnson, South Side; 19—Wilson, South Side; 20—Smith, New Brunswick.