

City, Essex champs win with 62 pts.

South Side 3d; Huetz, Fekete individual stars

ELIZABETH—West Side High's talented cross-country team completed a sweep of major championships yesterday by winning the New Jersey Group 4 crown at Wannamo Park.

The Newark team practically begged for competition as it scored a low of 62 points to 123 for second place New Brunswick and 133 for third place South Side. West Side also has won the Newark and Essex County championships and yesterday's triumph was the Newark school's fourth in the last five state meets.

The title for Groups 3, 2 and 1 combined went to Metuchen High in a much closer race over the two and a half-mile course. But Topping, in sixth place, was the first Metuchen runner to finish as the Union County school won with a low of 105 points to 114 for St. Aloysius of Jersey City and 149 for Cranford in third place.

The individual stiles were won by Bob Huetz of Orange in Group 4 and brilliant Tom Fekete of Lower Camden County Regional in the combined Groups 3, 2, 1. Huetz' winning time was 13:09.5, compared to Fekete's 12:53.

5TH VICTORY FOR FEKETE

Fekete, a junior, won his second state title in a row and can make it three next year, in which case he will have tied the mark set by his brother, Bill, who won three consecutive meets. As a freshman, Tom finished second to brother Bill in the latter's third triumph and yesterday marked the fifth straight year that a Fekete has sprinted home in front of the field.

More than 250 runners competed in the combined groups race and more than 175 in Group 4 over a fast course in good weather.

The Group 4 race was the closest, producing a terrific winning finish by Huetz. Almost the entire field was clustered for about a mile before four runners—Huetz, Perry Jones of Montclair, James Baleman of West Side and Joe Platz of Seton Hall—broke away to a 50-yard lead.

HUETZ'S WINNING 'KICK'

These four stayed together until Jones suddenly broke away to a 25-yard advantage with a quarter of a mile left. Then Huetz opened up and collared Jones just 25 yards from the finish line. The Orange runner won by five over Jones with Baleman third and Platz fourth.

West Side's scoring five were Baleman, third; Leonard Moore, fifth; Vin Korman, 13th; Garfield Jones, 20th, and Richard Giustiano, 22nd.

No one offered Fekete any competition. The South Jersey youngster took the lead with a half-mile gone and just kept increasing it until he was 100 yards in front. He was coasting at the finish.

ROSELLE GRIDDER 2d

Second place fell to Godfrey Mathews of Roselle, competing in his second cross-country meet of the season. Mathews, a football player, won the Union County meet the only previous time he tried the barrier distance this season. He is one of the state's top milers.

Metuchen won the team crown by placing Topping sixth, Richard Fairbank 17th, William Poehick 19th, James Moran 26th and George Hollingshead 37th.

Team Standings

GROUP 4

- 1—West Side 62.
- 2—New Brunswick 123.
- 3—South Side 133.
- 4—Edison 141.
- 5—Montclair 166.
- 6—Paterson 178.
- 7—Kearny 181.
- 8—East Side 214.
- 9—Hudson 211.
- 10—Dunelmans 212.
- 11—Orange 219.
- 12—Seton Hall 203.
- 13—Harrison 205.
- 14—Harrison 203.
- 15—Cresskill 222.
- 16—Newark 226.

GROUPS 3, 2 AND 1

- 1—Metuchen 103.
- 2—St. Aloysius 114.
- 3—Cranford 149.
- 4—Trent River 165.
- 5—Rahway 179.
- 6—Edison 201.
- 7—Dover 247.
- 8—Pennsauken 247.
- 9—Morris Hills Regional 274.
- 10—Trenton 290.
- 11—Princeton 294.
- 12—Woodbury 310.
- 13—Lodi 310.
- 14—Westfield 327.
- 15—Princeton 376.

INDIVIDUAL

GROUP 4

- 1—Huetz, Bob, Orange.
- 2—Fekete, Tom, Roselle.
- 3—Baleman, James, West Side.
- 4—Platz, Joe, Seton Hall.
- 5—Jones, Perry, Montclair.
- 6—Mathews, Godfrey, Roselle.
- 7—Fekete, Bill, Newark.
- 8—Fekete, Tom, Newark.
- 9—Baleman, James, West Side.
- 10—Huetz, Bob, Orange.

GROUPS 3, 2 AND 1

- 1—Topping, Bill, Metuchen.
- 2—Fairbank, Richard, Union County.
- 3—Mathews, Godfrey, Roselle.
- 4—Moore, Leonard, West Side.
- 5—Korman, Vin, West Side.
- 6—Topping, William, Metuchen.
- 7—Huetz, Bob, Orange.
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- 9—Baleman, James, West Side.
- 10—Platz, Joe, Seton Hall.
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