

Essex Catholic wins harrier title

Essex Catholic, led by record-breaker Marty Liquori, and Brick Township, led by record-breaker Russ Taintor, ran away to expected victories yesterday in the state schoolboy cross-country championships to Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick.

The course record was a virtual cinch to fall — and it fell twice yesterday.

First, Taintor ran almost by himself to the Group 3 individual title in 12:25.2, shattering his own mark of 12:41.1 which he set in last week's Central Jersey trials, and leading Brick to its third straight Group 3 crown.

But that standard prevailed for only an hour. Then the sensational Liquori took off in the Parochial A race and bore down in the stretch to a 12:20.7 finish and a 150-yard victory. That brought him to the end of an unbeaten season that included record-breaking runs at Van Cortlandt Park in The Bronx, Warinanco Park in Elizabeth and Lincoln Park in Jersey City.

FOURTH STRAIGHT

Given that performance, Essex Catholic won the Parochial A title for the fourth straight year.

In the other divisions, Westfield won in Group 4, Overbrook of Camden County in Group 2, Bernards in Group 1 and DePaul of Wayne in the new Parochial B class.

Despite the fact teammate Jim McLaughlin followed Liquori over the finish line, Essex Catholic was pressed to win the team title, 36 to 49, over Roselle Catholic. The Newark school also placed Joe Fowlkes eighth, Kevin Hayes ninth and Ralph Vreeland 16th.

But Brick ran away with its race, 85 to 160 for second-place Glen Rock. After Taintor, there were Sean McGorty 10th, Don Camero 18th, Kevin McGorty, Sean's brother, 25th, and Ron Taintor, Russ' brother, 31st.

134, Randolph 143, Delaware Valley 147, Mahwah 174, South Brunswick 180, Point Pleasant Beach 181, Point Pleasant Beach 181, Burlington Township 190, Walwick 235, Ridge 241, Chatham 246, Williamstown 269, Cresskill 297, Glassboro 299, Jefferson Township 431, West Milford 440.

Individual standings—1, Rick Jacques, Burlington Township, 12:45; 2, Gene Shirley, Point Pleasant Beach; 3, Earl Owen, Williamstown; 4, John Monsees, Bernards; 5, Mark Vornhagen, Bernards; 6, Bruce Langen Kamp, Randolph; 7, Karl Kinsharf, Bernards; 8, Phil Stack, Delaware Valley; 9, Brian Young, South Brunswick; 10, Bob Klimm, Kinneelon; 11, Harry Gianetti, Bernards; 12, Kevin Dunn, Kinneelon; 13, John Parr, Bernards; 14, Bob Griggs, South Brunswick; 15, Karl Harmon, Waldwick; 16, Sheldon Karlin, Kenilworth; 17, Don Andrews, Randolph; 18, Paul McFarlane, Chatham; 19, Jan Chieffli, Point Pleasant Beach; 20, Paul Vornhagen, Bernards.

PAROCHIAL A

Team scores—Essex Catholic 36, Roselle Catholic 49, St. Joseph's (Metuchen) 98, Bergen Catholic and St. Joseph's (Montvale) 143, Union Catholic 148, Christian Brothers 157, Seton Hall 196, Don Bosco 228, Marist 267, Notre Dame 309.

Individual standings—1, Martin Liquori, Essex Catholic, 12:20.7; 2, Jim McLaughlin, Essex Catholic; 3, George Crosby, St. Joseph's (Montvale); 4, Gene Maffey, Roselle Catholic; 5, Paul Maffey, Roselle Catholic; 6, Steve Baran, Union Catholic; 7, Mike Tier, St. Joseph's (Metuchen); 8, Joe Fowlkes, Essex Catholic; 9, Kevin Hayes, Essex Catholic; 10, Kevin Clark, St. Joseph's (Montvale); 11, Richie Stickle, Roselle Catholic; 12, Larry Connoily, Bergen Catholic; 13, Bruce Barckalow, Union Catholic; 14, Frank Hogan, Roselle Catholic; 15, Tom Weber, Roselle Catholic; 16, Ralph Vreeland, Essex Catholic; 17, Bob Monahan, St. Joseph's (Metuchen); 18, Richie Libonate, Roselle Catholic; 19, Bob Kaczka, JDon Bosco; 20, Jay Gsell, Seton Hall.

PAROCHIAL B

Team scores—DePaul 30, St. Rose 66, Red Bank Catholic 92, St. Peter's (New Brunswick) 117, St. Mary's (Perth Amboy) 143, Queen of Peace 160, Bishop Eustace 168, St. Joseph's (Toms River) 176, Morris Catholic 233, Gloucester Catholic 282, Our Lady of the Valley 321.

Individual standings—1, Bill Lyons, St. Peter's 12:58.4; 2, Jim Krauss, St. Mary's; 3, Walt Wronko, DePaul; 4, Ken Kopecky, DePaul; 5, Gary each, Red Bank Catholic; 6, Pat Egan, DePaul; 7, Pete Borrelli, St. Joseph's; 8, Jack Curley, DePaul; 9, Pete Lianso, DePaul; 10, Nick Condon, St. Rose; 11, Bill Van Nostrand, St. Rose; 12, Frank Holman, St. Peter's; 13, John Calabro, Queen of Peace; 14, Jim Keterschid, St. Rose; 15, Tom Hopkins, St. Rose; 16, Jim Van Nostrand, St. Rose; 17, Chris Yen, DePaul; 18, Al Sikora, Morris Catholic; 19, Paul Desmond, Red Bank Catholic; 20, John Casey, IshopB Eustace.

Soccer schedule

TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE Northern Division, 2:30

Newark Slitch vs. Roma, Ironbound Field, Newark
Boston vs. Phila. Nationals, Chelsea Stadium, Chelsea, Mass.

Southern Division, 2:30

New Bruns. Hungarian vs. Newark Port
Lions vs. New Brunswick