

# Gen Ridge, Hillside win harrier titles

Gen Ridge and Hillside won sectional championships yesterday to highlight action in 14 state sectional cross-country meets held around the state.

Gen Ridge won the North Jersey Section 2, Group 1 title and Hillside won in Group 2 in competition at Warnance Park, Elizabeth.

Yesterday's action was the first step toward the eventual crowning of group state champions next Saturday at Warnance. Only two defending state champs won sectional crown yesterday. Haddon Township was an easy winner at Pennsauken for its third straight South Jersey title, and Jefferson proved up in a three-way tie for the North Jersey 2, Group 1 title.

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Park Ridge swept its third straight sectional title by putting six runners in the top 15 at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

Led by three Marzan brothers, Park Ridge scored 16 points to easily defeat Pumpsion Lakes, next best at 20 points. Pumpsion Lakes had the individual winner in Stan Glewicz in 12:15.

Ken Marzan led Park Ridge in second place, followed by teammate Mark Pustro, Freshman twins Pete and Paul Marzan were eighth and ninth for Park Ridge.

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Mike Richards of Sparta won his second straight North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 race in 12:26 but Pasack Valley upset Ramsey in the team standings at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

Richards, who won the sectional championship yesterday, placed 10th with a time of 22:11 in the 49-mile final.

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**Fleming finishes 12th in NCAA X-country**

WHEATON III — Tom Fleming, New Jersey's standout cross-country runner from William Paterson College, finished 12th yesterday in the NCAA College Division championships.

The finish, which the Bloomfield, N.J., resident accomplished in 24:08 on the Wheaton course, qualified Fleming for the Nov. 20 University Division meet in Houston.

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Group 2 individual crown last year, was an easy winner by more than 100 yards over Tim Chambers of Ramsey, runner-up at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

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Greg Miller of Northern Highlands posted the second fastest time at the Garret Mountain, West Paterson course as he took the Group 3 race in 12:18.5. He led Northern Highlands in the team title with 71 points.

Miller, in winning his third straight sectional race, has only lost once this season, in the Eastern cross-country championships at Park Ridge, N.J., last year.

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**PARAMUS, INMAN WIN CATHOLIC TITLES**

Chris Inman scored another personal triumph, but his Paramus Catholic team fell to Paramus Catholic in the 10th annual New Jersey Catholic Track Conference championships yesterday at Warnance Park, Elizabeth.

Inman covered the two-and-a-half-mile state championship course in 16:20, 18 seconds slower than his time the week before at the Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot.

This was a close race all the way, with Inman and Bill Huntley of Christian Brothers hitting the track together. But Chris pulled away steadily after that to win by 20 yards. Tim Conbeary of Paramus Catholic was third.

In a team battle that included seven of the state's Top Ten teams, Paramus Catholic won with 89 points to 108 for Queen of Peace and 117 for Essex Catholic.

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**NO. JERSEY, SECT. 2**  
**GROUP 4**  
George Moore of Morris Knolls showed his heels to the field by 80 yards as he turned in the fastest time of the morning at Warnance Park, taking the group race in 12:23.

It was strictly a solo effort, however, as Moore's teammates finished sixth in the team standings with 181 points.

Favored Parsippany Hills came with 147 points and Weirfield at 71 and Plainfield at 74.

Moore, a 4:17 miler in Michigan last spring, led Don Billson of Plainfield, who turned in 12:23.

Parsons was 12:23, followed by Morris Knolls, 12:23, and Weirfield, 12:23.

**NO. JERSEY, SECT. 2**  
**GROUP 1**  
Gen Ridge Jefferson Township and Whippany Park finished in a three-way tie for the Group 1 title with 56 points at Warnance Park, Elizabeth.

It marked the first time in the history of the state sectional that three teams had shared for the title. Whippany Park took home the trophy for the winning performance of junior Mark Hagelgans.

Hagelgans breezed home 40 yards in front of Stan Hankinson of Jefferson, with Jim Murray of Gen Ridge in third place. The three winning teams accounted for 11 of the first 15 places.

The team came when Gary Bailey of Whippany Park edged Mike Durawell of Jefferson for 16th place. Had Durawell gotten to the line first, the defending champion would have scored a winning 55 points.

**NO. JERSEY, SECT. 2**  
**GROUP 2**  
A 1-2 finish by John Rocco and Bruce Kulpan led Hillside to the group title at a 48-82 count over Parsippany at Warnance Park.

Rocco trailed Scott Buttinghausen of New Providence for the first mile, but took over soon after that and ran away to win by 100 yards. Kulpan finished fast to take second.

**NO. JERSEY, SECT. 2**  
**GROUP 3**  
Harry Krnick of Franklin Township came within four seconds of his second record as he won the sectional title at Warnance Park, Elizabeth.

Two days before, at the same site, Krnick had beaten Hillsborough for the Mountain Valley Conference title