

Ludwikowski, Noden win X-country titles

By GRANT EDWARDS

In almost identical races, Marty Ludwikowski of Cherry Hill West and Hilary Noden of Hopewell Valley won NJSIAA all-group cross country titles yesterday at Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick.

Both runners, undefeated this season, crushed their rivals with a fast pace that left the rest of the field far behind. Ludwikowski won the boys' event by 50 yards from Sal Vega of Memorial, West New York, while Hilary had a 175-yard margin over Maro Bchakjian of Clifton in the girls' event.

Ludwikowski broke his own course record as he covered the three miles in 14:21.1, three seconds faster than in taking last week's Group 4 title. It was Marty's 12th major victory of the campaign, also a state record.

Miss Noden, who has never lost a girls' high school race in cross country or track, established a record of 11:21.7 for the new two-mile course at Buccleuch. This was the first time the boys' and girls' all-group races had been run at the same site.

Morris Catholic, which had been the state's No. 1 ranked team from the first week of the season, confirmed that position as it took the boys' team title, 80-106, from defending St. Joseph, Metuchen. Red Bank Catholic repeated as girls' winner, 95-154, over North Hunterdon.

Ludwikowski moved away

from the field as it made its first of two one-and-a-half-mile loops. He had a 75-yard edge by the mile pole, which he passed in 4:35. Vega was the only one to make a real

effort to catch him on the second lap, but was never a threat for the gold medal.

Bergen Catholic sophomore Kevin Byrne took a close race for third place from Marty

Moratz of Morris Catholic and Steve Mohyla of Seton Hall. Moratz, who was Morris Catholic's fifth man in last week's Parochial B victory, took over as top man yesterday when Dave Lamm, the winner last week, caught a stitch in his side on the second lap and fell back to 18th place.

The strong balance which has carried Morris Catholic all season was evident yesterday. Coach Tom Donahue, who has brought the school from cross country obscurity to the top in two years, also had Thad Noll in ninth place and Paul Werdner 14th for four men in the top 25. St. Joseph could place only two in the elite group.

Miss Noden was 100 yards ahead of the field by the one-mile mark and increased that lead with every step toward the finish line. Miss Bchakjian, who is a product of the strong Nutley T.C. girls' team, won a close race for second from Kathy Clancey of Bayley-Elard and Kathy Christman of Roncoocas Valley.

Red Bank Catholic, which has never lost a high school girls' harrier meet, was led by Susan Frenz in sixth place, with Monica Lancola, Sharon McCabe and Holly O'Hern also in the top 25.



(Photo by Stan Grossfeld)

Hilary Noden, a junior at Hopewell Valley H.S., expresses joy at finishing first in NJSIAA girls' cross country championships yesterday at New Brunswick



(Photo by Stan Grossfeld)

Martin Ludwikowski of Cherry Hill West finishes first in the NJSIAA state cross-country championship yesterday at New Brunswick

West Side Shabaz

West Side turned three fourth-period fumbles into touchdowns as it rallied to beat Central, 20-6, and end its 18-game losing streak at Untermyer Field, Newark, yesterday.

Central (1-7) took a 6-0 lead in the third period, driving 50 yards in six plays, after a punt. Halfback John Jones scored on a 30-yard sweep around right end.

West Side (1-6) knotted matters early in the fourth period after Charlie Long recovered the first of two fumbles at the 17. The drive covered the distance in four plays and ended with quarterback Mark Wright scoring from the two.

The first play after the ensuing kick, Long recovered another fumble at the 17 to set up a 15-yard scoring pass from Wright to James Warren.

On its next series of plays, Central quarterback Marv Cook was dropped in the end zone by Richard Brehoun for a safety. Late in the period, Greg Morehead recovered a fumble at the three to set up a short plunge by Dan Stubbs.

Top 20 teams

Here's how The Star-Ledger Top 20 fared in weekend games:

- 1-Westfield (8-4) plays Plainfield (5-3) Thursday
- 2-Morrisiana (8-6) plays Dover (2-4) Thursday
- 3-Brick (8-0) plays Toms River North (4-3) Thursday
- 4-Bayonne (7-1) plays Marist (1-5) Thursday
- 5-Red Bank (8-0) plays Lang Branch (5-3) Thursday
- 6-Bergenfield (8-0) plays Paramus (4-4) Thursday
- 7-Barringer (8-0) defeated Vailsburg (5-3), 16-7
- 8-Memorial (W.N.Y.) (7-1) plays Mahoning (4-2) Thursday
- 9-West Essex (7-1) plays Livingston (4-2) Thursday
- 10-Bloomfield (7-1) plays Montclair (4-2) Thursday
- 11-Colonia (7-1) plays Rahway (3-3-2) Thursday
- 12-St. Joseph's (W.N.Y.) (8-4) plays North Bergen (2-5-1) Today
- 13-Pat. Kennedy (8-4) plays Pat. Eastside (4-3-1) Thursday
- 14-Morris Knolls (9-0) defeated Morris Hills (1-8), 29-4
- 15-Parsons (4-2) plays Boonton (3-5) Thursday
- 16-Union (7-1) plays Raritan (4-2) Thursday
- 17-Morris (7-1) plays Manchester (5-3) Thursday
- 18-Carlton (7-1) plays Perth Amboy (2-4) Thursday
- 19-Hillsborough (7-6-1) defeated Immacu-

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Princeton 26, Trenton Central 8

MIDDLESEX
St. Peter's (N.B.) 27, South Brunswick 4
East Brunswick 13, Sayreville 6

MONMOUTH
Allentown 3, West Windsor 3 (tie)
Keyport 4, Keansburg 8
Mater Dei 26, Red Bank Catholic 7

MORRIS
Morris Knolls 22, Morris Hills 4
West Millford 25, Passaic 27

PASSAIC
Paterson Cath. 38, Paul VI 14
Bergen Tech 8, Passaic Tech 8 (tie)
Lakeland 27, Kinnelon 7
St. Mary's (Ruth.) 14, De Paul 4

SOMERSET
Highland Park 24, Watchung Hills 21
Hillsborough 27, Immaculate 4

SUSSEX
Sports 48, Franklin Boro 7
Jefferson Twp. 19, High Point 8
Pope John 45, Mt. Olive 8

WARREN

Baldiero 12, St. Pius (P.A.) 4

BERGEN

Clifton 33, Garfield 7
St. Joseph's (Montvale) 12, Hudson Catholic 7
Ridgefield 29, North Arlington 34
Bergen Catholic 27, St. Peter's (J.C.) 8

SOUTH JERSEY

Northern Burlington 13, Bordentown 12
Burlington Twp. 19, Maple Shade 10
Holy Cross (Riverside) 6, Cinnaminson 8 (tie)
Wildwood 30, Lower Cape May 8
Pennsville 46, Gloucester Catholic 8

Va. Tech upset

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Freshman quarterback Dan Kendra passed for a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the final 90 seconds to give West Virginia a 22-21 upset over Virginia Tech yesterday.