

TAKE X-COUNTRY TITLES

Siehl, Sheldrick triumph

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Bob Siehl of Morris Hills and Lucy Sheldrick of Union Hill took opposite paths to win NJSIAA all-group cross-country championships yesterday morning at Holmdel County Park.

Siehl ran away from the field from the start and won by 120 yards from Kevin Molteni of Morris Catholic as both Kevin Byrne of Paramus Catholic and Roger Jones of Ramsey dropped out of the race.

Lucy was content to stay behind a strong pace set by Nancy Fitzgerald of Cedar Ridge and came on in the last 880 yards to win

by 40 yards in 12:22. Miss Fitzgerald held off Mary Banks of Raritan for second place.

Team honors went to Westfield in the boys race, 59-78, over Morris Catholic, and to Red Bank Catholic in the girls event, 56-70, over Toms River North. It was the first all-group title for Westfield, but the fourth time Red Bank Catholic had taken the girls title in as many tries.

Siehl had company for the first three-quarters of a mile as he set a sizzling pace, passing the 880-yard mark in 2:05 and the three-quarters at 3:15. Byrne was with him until the lat-

ter mark, when he suddenly dropped out of the race, explaining later that he had pulled a thigh muscle in his right leg as the gun went off.

As the field went into the hills, Siehl pulled away to a huge lead with Jones and Henry Lens of Memorial next in line. But Jones dropped out past the two-mile mark and it was Molteni who came on to take second with Jim Casey of Manalapan third and Ron Cole of Christian Brothers fourth.

Morris Catholic appeared to lead the team race for the first two miles, but then the Westfield crew went to work. Mike O'Brien moved up to the seventh place with teammate Dave Miller right behind him. The other members of Walt Clarkson's club were all in the top 25 finishers, Mike Bailey at 20th, Chris Paul at 21st and Tim O'Brien, Mike's brother, at 23rd.

Miss Fitzgerald attempted to steal the girls' race with a pace that brought her past the mile mark under six minutes. But after the field left the hills, Miss Banks caught up, with Miss Sheldrick running about 15 yards back.

In the later stages of the race, the two leaders made a slight error going around a pair of flags, allowing Miss Sheldrick to

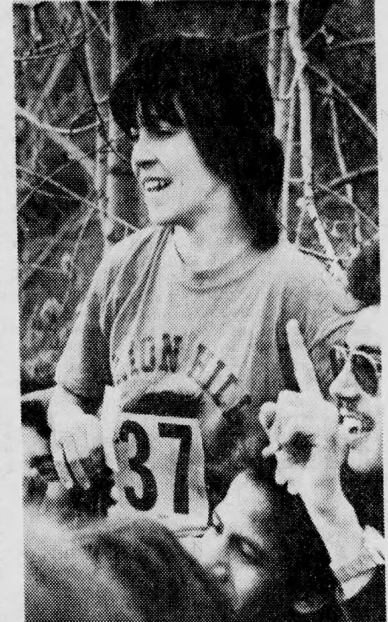


Photo by Demetrio J. Jaremko
Lucy Sheldrick of Union Hill High (Union City) is all smiles after winning individual championships of Girls State All Groups Cross-Country Championship yesterday at Holmdel

get closer, and the Union Hill star eventually ran away from her tiring foes. A protest that an official had misdirected Nancy and Mary was disallowed by the jury of appeals and the result stood.

Freshman Tracey Van Dyke led the Red Bank Catholic victory in fourth place, with sister Anita 21st and Sherri O'Connor 25th. Toms River North was led by freshman Janet Flood in seventh place.



Photo by Demetrio J. Jaremko
Bobby Siehl of Morris Hills heads for finish line and individual title in State All Groups Cross-Country Championship yesterday at Holmdel



BOYS RACE

Team score — Westfield 59, Morris Catholic 78, Morris Hills 109, Morris-Town 121, Bergen Catholic 123, Christian Township 182, Kinnelon 214, Tenafly 251, Mater Dei 265.

Individual standings — 1, Bob Siehl, Morris Hills, 14:43.5; 2, Kevin Molteni, Morris Catholic, 15:01; 3, Jim Casey, Manalapan, 15:03; 4, Ron Gale, Christian Brothers, 15:07; 5, Henry Lens, Memorial (West New York), 15:12; 6, Mike Spano, Morris Catholic, 15:13; 7, Mike O'Brien, Westfield, 15:17; 8, Dave Miller, Westfield, 15:21; 9, Jerry Young, Franklin Township, 15:22; 10, Bill Agee, Kinnelon, 15:22; 11, Esteban Gonzalez, Memorial (West New York), 15:25; 12, Vin Deuschel, Bergen Catholic, 15:26; 13, Hugh Monahan, Paramus Catholic, 15:30; 14, Frank Stanton, Bergen Catholic, 15:31; 15, Joe Logan, Bernards, 15:31; 16, Mike Salamone, New Milford, 15:32; 17, Charles Logan, Bernards, 15:34; 18, John Gaudioso, Morris-Town, 15:35; 19, Bill Wheatley, Morris Hills, 15:36; 20, Mike Bailey, Westfield, 15:38; 21, Chris Paul, Westfield, 15:38; 22, Rick Bolline, Saddle Brook, 15:39; 23, Tim O'Brien, Westfield, 15:41; 24, Jeff Lane, Haddon Township, 15:42; 25, John Gernert, Morris Catholic, 15:42.

GIRLS RACE

Team score — Red Bank Catholic 56, Toms River North 70, Mater Dei 73, Brick 105, Point Pleasant Borough 108, Saddle Brook 124, Bernards 144, Delaware Valley 186.

Individual standings — 1, Lucy Sheldrick, Union Hill, 12:22; 2, Nancy Fitzgerald, Cedar Ridge, 12:30; 3, Mary Banks, Raritan, 12:31; 4, Tracey Van Dyke, Red Bank Catholic, 12:40; 5, Johanna Zarrillo, Mainland, 12:42; 6, Michelle Guido, Paramus Catholic, 12:44; 7, Janet Flood, Toms River North, 12:48; 8, Nina Zollo, Wayne Hills, 12:51; 9, Joetta Clark, Columbia, 12:53; 10, Jean Chodnicki, Saddle Brook, 12:54; 11, Lucille Pasciolla, Saddle Brook, 13:00; 12, Liz Panfil, Pequannock, 13:01; 13, Anne Kunze, Metuchen, 13:04; 14, Jeanne Fox, Brick, 13:06; 15, Sandy Guidotti, Hunterdon Central, 13:06; 16, Doreen Conklin, Hopatcong, 13:08; 17, Karen Abradi, Point Pleasant Borough, 13:09; 18, Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard, 13:12; 19, Kathleen Keenan, Toms River North, 13:15; 20, Debbie Grover, Mater Dei, 13:17; 21, Anita Van Dyke, Red Bank Catholic, 13:20; 22, Alice Glover, Mater Dei, 13:23; 23, Kelly Neilan, Fort Lee, 13:25; 24, Sue Shaw, Mater Dei, 13:26; 25, Sherri O'Connor, Red Bank Catholic, 13:29.

Chatham, Ramsey hockey champs

too good," Chatham coach Gail Chestnut observed.

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Haddonfield's favored team dominated play and took the championship on a 2-0 victory over Pequannock that lifted its record to 15-4-2.

"They just outran us," said Pequannock's star center forward, Debbie Walker. "They had more

outshot Ramsey (14-1-2) by a 13-4 margin and dominated the first half. But Ramsey came out for the second half fired up and had a slight edge in that period.

Moorestown broke in front 11 minutes into the first half when left wing Marty Allen scored from 12 yards out for her 20th goal of the season.

Ramsey tied it nine and a half minutes into the sec-