

Swatland tops Group 4 run in near-record

By GRANT EDWARDS
Dave Swatland of Columbia, Dave Thomson of Dover and Jim Smith of Haddonfield scored brilliant individual victories in the state boys sectional cross-country meets yesterday morning through the state.

Swatland and Thomson both ran within a few seconds of the course record at Warranaco Park, Elizabeth. Swatland took the Group 4 race in 14:12. Thomson took the Group 2 event in 14:14. Morris County swept all four teams titles at this North Jersey Section 2 meet, with Morristown taking a close one from Westfield in Group 1 by 1:55.

Smith was in action at the South Jersey meet at Pennsauken where he broke over Mike Mastini of Gateway, who recently won the Ekaters interscholastic 'B' championship.

In the Central Jersey meet at Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick, Bernards won another Group 1 title behind a 13:03 victory by Charles Logan. Long Branch scored its first sectional cross-country triumph in Group 3, with Bill Wells of Howell taking the individual title. John McCarthy of Holmdel gave the shore another winner in Group 2, a second faster than Wells at 13:20.

The Morristown-Columbia clash was matched in South Jersey, Group 4 where Break topped Tom River South, 53-73. Meanwhile, in the North Jersey, Section 1 meet at Garret Mountain, West Paterson for Memorial of West New York tamed up for its battle with these four teams next week by winning a fourth straight sectional crown behind Al Solano's 14:23 victory.

At each site, the top five teams and top 10 individuals qualified for the group meet next Saturday at Holmdel County Park.

North Jersey 1, Group 4

Memorial of West New York won its fourth consecutive sectional crown without trouble as Al Solano took individual honors to spark a 47-90 victory over Ridgewood.

Solano was the fifth straight Memorial winner in the race as he defeated Joe Weber of Kearny by 30 yards in 14:25 with John Eberle third for Bergenfield. Larry Hernandez placed fourth for Memorial and Paul Scire was seventh.

Individuals: Memorial 14:23, Al Solano; Kearny 14:55, Joe Weber; Bergenfield 15:15, John Eberle; Ridgewood 15:45, Paul Scire; West Paterson 16:15, Larry Hernandez; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 1, Group 3

Ramsay made it three victories in four years with a 40-81 defeat of Passaic Valley, but Ed O'Neill lost his individual crown to Vince Lajoie of Bridgewater Park, who checked 13:12.

John Schell placed fifth for Ramsay and the rest of the team finished in close order. Bob Hanson in 10th, Lance Stankowski in 11th and Mike Alberer in 12th.

Individuals: Ramsay 13:12, Vince Lajoie; Passaic Valley 13:45, Ed O'Neill; Bridgewater Park 14:15, John Schell; Morris County 14:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 15:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 15:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 16:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 1, Group 2

Sparta scored its first sectional triumph and only the second for a Sussex County school as it defeated Teterboro, 50-56.

Tom Fitzgerald won the race by 40 yards over Pete Orbe of Manchester in 13:17, with Bob Back leading Sparta in fourth place. Steve Carle taking ninth and Greg Fictel and Tom McLaughlin finishing 11th and 12th.

Individuals: Sparta 13:17, Tom Fitzgerald; Manchester 13:45, Pete Orbe; Bridgewater Park 14:15, John Schell; Morris County 14:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 15:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 15:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 16:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 1, Group 1

Ian Lousley of Mahwah led home Mike Hennessey of Bogota by 75 yards in 13:19, but Bogota had no trouble taking its third sectional team title, 45-64, from Mahwah.

Brothers Ed and Paul Burns, sons of veteran marathon Joe Burns, scored fourth and fifth for Bogota and Joe Gallagher was ninth.

Individuals: Mahwah 13:19, Ian Lousley; Bogota 13:54, Mike Hennessey; Morris County 14:23, Al Solano; Bergenfield 14:55, Joe Weber; Bergenfield 15:15, John Eberle; Ridgewood 15:45, Paul Scire; West Paterson 16:15, Larry Hernandez; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 2, Group 4
Morristown and Westfield waged a stiff duel for the team title with the Morris County school winning 31-53. The difference was the placement of the lead man, Ned Connel, finishing second for Westfield.

Dave Swatland of Columbia was off with individual honors, defeating Connel by 70 yards in 14:14. It was Dave's third major victory in the past week, adding to his Iron Hills Conference and Essex County titles.

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North Jersey 2, Group 3
Ken Smalley of Parsippany Hills scored a mild upset when he defeated Stu Bacha of Hanover Park by 18 yards in 14:23.

Morris Hills repeated as team champion, 95-108, over Clark with Tim Fleming leading the way in sixth place and Tom Exta placing seventh.

Individuals: Parsippany Hills 14:23, Ken Smalley; Hanover Park 14:41, Stu Bacha; Morris Hills 14:55, Tim Fleming; Bergenfield 15:15, John Eberle; Ridgewood 15:45, Paul Scire; West Paterson 16:15, Larry Hernandez; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 2, Group 2
David Thomson of Dover repeated as individual champion, leading teammate Chris Smith by 150 yards in 14:14. Dover also defended its team title with a 58-81 margin over Springfield.

John Duckles of Whippany Park placed third in 14:56, followed by another Dover runner, Jeff Matulena. This 1:24 finish was the key for Dover, since all five Springfield runners placed in the first 20.

Individuals: Dover 14:14, David Thomson; Whippany Park 14:56, John Duckles; Springfield 15:15, Jeff Matulena; Bergenfield 15:15, John Eberle; Ridgewood 15:45, Paul Scire; West Paterson 16:15, Larry Hernandez; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

North Jersey 2, Group 1
Bob Gibson of Mountain Lakes ended a two-year winning streak of Kinross's Bill Agge as he crossed the line 78 yards ahead of Mendham's Bob Strobel in 14:32.

Agge was back in third place, just ahead of teammate Russ Barry as Kinross won its seventh sectional title, 48-62, over Mountain Lakes.

Individuals: Mountain Lakes 14:32, Bob Gibson; Mendham 14:50, Bill Agge; Kinross 15:15, Russ Barry; Bergenfield 15:15, John Eberle; Ridgewood 15:45, Paul Scire; West Paterson 16:15, Larry Hernandez; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

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Hamilton East won its first sectional title in a close team race with Neptune, 92-86, with Jeff Hines of Bridgewater. Bartian East crossing the line 40 yards ahead of Andre Johnson of Neptune in 15:30.

John Johnson led the Hamilton East effort as he placed seventh in 15:14. Haddonfield Central, which had won this race the last two years, had sophomore Chet Sarnecki placed third and Jeff Miller ninth, but still failed to qualify for the group meet as it finished sixth.

Individuals: Hamilton East 15:30, John Johnson; Neptune 15:45, Jeff Hines; Bridgewater 16:15, Bartian East; Haddonfield Central 16:30, Chet Sarnecki; Morris County 16:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 17:15, Paul Scire; Morris County 17:45, Tom River South; Bergenfield 18:15, Paul Scire.

Central Jersey, Group 3
Bill Wells of Howell upset co-favorites Kevin Landy of Long Branch and Tim Anderson of Manalapan to take the gold medal in 13:21.

But Landy had the satisfaction of leading Long Branch to its first sectional crown, 71-89, over North Hanterton. Teammates Tony Carban and Frasee Howe placed ninth and 10th.

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However, Holmdel, which won the Group 1 title last year, didn't come close in the team race, placing third behind Ridge and Voorhees. Tom Lauer led the Ridge victory in fifth place with Tom Dolan eighth and Dave Schellia 10th.

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Mark Adams of Florence ran off with individual honors by 100 yards in 15:45 and Mark Milbach of Kingsway was third in 16:05. Auburn had two other finishers in the top 15, Lee Widman and Jeff Gross.

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