



Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard reaches the finish line over a minute ahead of her nearest rival in retaining her girls' all-groups cross country championship yesterday at Holmdel Park

Photo by Vic Vepello

CBA, HUNTERDON C WIN

Smith by nose; Gladue perfect

By GRANT EDWARDS

In a diving finish, Jim Smith of Haddonfield edged Kevin Lundy of Long Branch to win the eighth annual NJSIAA all-group cross-country championship yesterday on a clear, windy afternoon at Holmdel County Park in Holmdel.

The girls' race had no such heroics as Ann Gladue of Bayley-Ellard completed her second perfect season against state competition when she won the race by 300 yards from Theresa Gschwind of Summit in 18:17.6.

Christian Brothers Academy of Lincolnton and Hunterdon Central, which had led the state rankings since the first week of the season, confirmed their positions by taking the two team titles. CBA was an easy winner in the boys' race, 57-116, over a young Bernards team but Hunterdon Central survived a strong challenge by Old Tappan to win the girls' title, 52-63.

Not since the first all-group meet at Ocean County Park in 1972, when Harry Kronick of Franklin Township edged Greg Miller of Northern Highlands, had there been a really close finish in this meet. But Smith and Lundy made up for it yesterday as they hit the finish line in an identical 16:09.5.

Smith, as expected, set the pace most of the way and had 35 yards on Lundy as they headed down the slope for the final half mile of the race. Lundy closed the gap and actually took the lead at one point. But Smith fought back to win by inches.

Ian Leavesley of Mahway, who runs a limited schedule because of a low blood sugar condition, took third place in 16:21, four seconds ahead of Bob Robinson of Piscataway. Then came Marc Librizzi, leading the CBA team in fifth place.

CBA, which lost only one meet all season, had its five scoring runners among the first 40 finishers. John McCabe was 19th, Kevin Brandon 26th, Greg Karpick 31st and Steve Apostolacus 40th. No other team had its third man across when Apostolacus finished.

Bernards, which runs with three sophomores and two freshmen in its first seven, edged Manalapan by two points for second place. It was a bad day for Group 4 teams. Toms River South was the first finisher from that division in fifth place.

Gladue proved again that she is simply in a class by herself among New Jersey runners. In the last two years, Ann has never been seriously tested in any of her races within the state. Her only loss in that time was to New York champion Laura Whitney in the Manhattan Invitation, a defeat she avenged the next week in the St. John's meet.

Gschwind, who had missed last week's Group 3 meet, had a 50-yard margin on Cathy Stone of Vernon, whose third-place finish was the major individual surprise of the day. One of the state's best runners last year, Cathy had missed the first half of the current season with injuries and was only fifth in last week's Group 2 race.

Completing the top five in the race were Beverly Rockhill of Hamilton West, who came out of nowhere last week to take the Group 4 title, and Judy Ruff of Highland Park. Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascaek Valley, the Group 3 champion, was back in ninth place and Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, the Group 2 champion, had an off day and finished 44th.

Hunterdon Central, which will bring its entire team back next year, won on the strength of its first four runners. Lori Butterfield led the way in 10th place, Cricket Batz was 16th, Liese Schaff 17th

and Stephanie Guidotti 26th.

The race ended the scholastic season for all entries except Smith and Gladue, who will be going to San Diego, Calif., for the first national scholastic meet in three weeks. Also making that trip will be Jerry Andrews of Highland, who had to drop out of both yesterday's race and the Group 4 meet the week before because of injuries.

BOYS

TEAM SCORES: 1 Christian Brothers 57, 2 Bernards 116, 3 Manalapan 118, 4 Long Branch 142, 5 Toms River South 171, 6 Delco 176, 7 Westfield 197, 8 Setaon Hall 207, 9 Memorial (W.N.Y.) 213, 10 Queen of Peace 214, 11 Mountain Lakes 277, 12 Sparta 277, 13 Haddonfield 282, 14 Bayley-Ellard 298, 15 Madison Borough 320, 16 Lenox 341.

INDIVIDUAL: 1 James Smith, Haddonfield, 16:09.5; 2 Kevin Lundy, Long Branch, 16:09.5; 3 Ian Leavesley, Mahwah, 16:21; 4 Bob Robinson, Piscataway, 16:25; 5 Marc Librizzi, Christian Brothers, 16:26; 6 Joe Buda, Toms River North, 16:28; 7 Tom Fisher, Manalapan, 16:29; 8 Cliff Sheehan, Westfield, 16:35; 9 Greg Noll, Morris Catholic, 16:37; 10 Tom Milligan, Delco, 16:39; 11 Greg Ohry, Long Branch, 16:40; 12 Brian Hartman, Montgomery, 16:40; 13 Don Deckert, Oakcrest, 16:40; 14 Sean Gormley, Bergen Catholic, 16:41; 15 Steve Grube, Vernon, 16:42; 16 George Davaliga, Emerson (U.C.), 16:43; 17 Bill Beaver, Rumsen, 16:44; 18 Dave Salerno, Morristown, 16:47; 19 John McCabe, Christian Brothers, 16:49; 20 Mike Benson, Toms River South, 16:53; 21 Tom Myers, Leidy, 16:54; 22 Paul Fogarty, Queen of Peace, 16:55; 23 John Leary, Bayley-Ellard, 16:57; 24 Jorge Caycedo, Memorial (W.N.Y.), 16:58; 25 John Nelson, Old Tappan, 17:01.

GIRLS

TEAM SCORES: 1 Hunterdon Central 52, 2 Old Tappan 63, 3 North Hunterdon 111, 4 Bernards 114, 5 Mater Dei 132, 6 Toms River North 134, 7 Pequannock 146, 8 Ridgewood 149, 9 John Viarengo 164, 10 Lenox 271.

INDIVIDUAL: 1 Ann Gladue, Bayley-Ellard, 18:17.6; 2 Theresa Gschwind, Summit, 18:19.2; 3 Cathy Stone, Vernon, 19:29; 4 Beverly Rockhill, Hamilton West, 19:35; 5 Judy Ruff, Highland Park, 19:37; 6 Violette Josevka, Garfield, 19:38; 7 Rhine Daffert, Clayton, 19:40; 8 Joan Luchnowski, East Brunswick, 19:43; 9 Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascaek Valley, 19:44; 10 Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:48; 11 Debbie Moberg, Old Tappan, 19:54; 12 Lisa Symank, Toms River East, 19:54; 13 Janet Flood, Toms River North, 19:56; 14 Sue Mingoie, Mater Dei, 20:00; 15 Alyson Hendricka, Mahwah, 20:01; 16 Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 20:08; 17 Liese Schaff, Hunterdon Central, 20:09; 18 Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood, 20:10; 19 Marge DeWarrals, North Hunterdon, 20:11; 20 Sharon Green, North Hunterdon, 20:12; 21 Megan Murlough, Old Tappan, 20:13; 22 Sue McSweeney, Old Tappan, 20:14; 23 Ann Marie Martinik, St. John Viarengo, 20:15; 24 Karen Flanagan, Jefferson Township, 20:15; 25 Doreen Startare, Paul VI (Haddonfield), 20:21.

Shore Regional (20-0) squeezes Butler, 2-1

By ANDREA BLASKO

Perfection is rare in sports but Shore Regional was equal to the task yesterday when it capped an undefeated season with a 2-1 victory over Butler to capture the state Group 2 field hockey championship in Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

Shore Regional, ranked second in The Star-Ledger Top 20 Poll, was on offense for almost 50 of the 60 minutes to upset the defending champion for its first title.

Sixth-ranked Butler (15-3-2) caught Shore Regional (20-0) by surprise when the Morris County school won the opening bully and scored at 1:45 of the first half.

Left wing Jackie Kelly pushed in the ball during a scramble in front of the cage.

From then, it was all Shore Regional.

Three minutes later, left wing Roseanne Primavera collected a pass from Bev Roberts and drove the ball past Butler goaltender Carolyn Davies.

Primavera scored the winning goal, her 15th, on a pass from Alison Seger. She drilled it from the top of the circle. The goal came with 10 minutes to go in the game.

"It must be magic. I can't believe it," said Shore Regional coach Nancy Williams. "Our plan was to keep constant offensive pressure. Eventually, a mistake would be made and a goal would be scored. That's how we scored both of ours."

"At halftime, I told the kids to switch the ball from the right to the left again and keep the pressure on the left side of the field. Both scores were with Roseanne," explained Williams, a graduate of Shore Regional. "Butler's goalie made some nice saves and its defense contained us well."

Butler's offense never really got on top. Shore held a 12-4, shots-on-goal advantage. Shore also had an 8-2 edge in penalty corners.

"We didn't have team consistency. Shore played a more controlled and better game," Butler coach Liz Benne said. "Our defense wasn't really hitting to anybody. Shore covered all the angles."

Davies was forced to make nine saves, and Shore goalie Bonnie Foster had two saves, both in the first half.

Williams summed up Shore Regional's season: "Unbeaten, untied and unbelievable."

Cherry Hill East hands Westfield first loss

By ANDREA BLASKO

Two undefeated teams met for the Group 4 field hockey championship yesterday. Westfield came home with its first loss.

Westfield, top-ranked in The Star-Ledger Top 20 Poll, fell to third-rated Cherry Hill East, 4-0, at Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

But Cherry Hill East (18-0-1) retaliated one minute later when Patti Owens pushed in a goal during a scramble in front of the cage.

Cherry Hill East scored with 10 minutes left in the half on a pass from Owens to Zellers, who flicked the ball to Barb Stewart for the goal and a 2-0 lead.

Leslie Canterman gave East a 3-0 halftime lead when she scored at 29