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Gschwind breaks mark; Waldron, Smith triumph

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Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, Theresa Gschwind of Summit and Michelle Rowen of Washington Township set course records to win sectional titles on the opening day of the NJSIAA cross-country championships yesterday.

Pakutka ran during a snow shower on windy Garret Mountain in West Paterson and took 23 seconds off the course record when she won the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 race in 18:10.6. Gschwind lowered her own course mark

Girls' cross-country

to 18:26 at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 race and Rowen clipped the Pennsauken High course mark by almost a minute with her 18:27.9 in South Jersey, Group 4.

The only reason Meg Waldron of Bernards did not join the record-breakers was that she won her Central Jersey, Group 1 race on the new course at Mercer County College in West Windsor. Her time was 17:35 in the first girls' competition on the course and will stand as the record.

The individual athletes took the spotlight yesterday. Others who turned in fine performances were the Mileski twins, Patty and Mary Ellen, of Ridgewood, Melinda Holm of Mendham and Janet Smith of North Edison, last year's all-group champion.

North Hunterdon, the state's top-ranked team, won its Central Jersey, Group 3 title handily with a 19-point count at Mercer County College but Bernards did even better than that with its perfect 15-point tally in Cetral Jersey, Group 1.

North Jersey, Section 1

Group 1

Tricia Madden led Cresskill to a 56-83 victory over North Arlington at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, by finishing first 200 yards ahead of Michelle Baerri of Leonia in 20:27.

Madden was the only Cresskill runner in the first 10 finishers but Tricia Casey, Cecilia Connolly and Kathy Casey came across in a row between 13th and 15th positions.

TEAM SCORES: 1-Cresskill 56, 2-North Arlington 83, 3-Park Ridge 85, 4-Midland Park 93, 5-Leonia 109, 6-Paul VI (Clifton) 122, 7-Ridgefield 153.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Tricia Madden, Cresskill 20:27, 2-Michelle Baerri, Leonia 21:03, 3-Janet Harstead, Park Ridge 21:06, 4-Debbie Hillery, Leonia 21:17, 5-Dina Morrison, North Arlington 21:18, 6-Sue Kastenmeier, North Arlington 21:19, 7-Marianne Valsley, Park Ridge 21:25, 8-Valerie King, Ridgefield 21:31, 9-Vivien Iquino, Palisades Park 21:38, 10-Karen Trimble, Midland Park 21:52.

Group 2

Sisters Colleen and Renee Murphy led DePaul to its first sectional title at Garret Mountain by placing fifth and sixth in the 42-56 defeat of defending champion Hopatcong.

The individual race was won by Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, who finished 500 yards ahead of Kathy Salmon of St. Dominic Academy of Jersey City, in a course-record 18:10.6.

TEAM SCORES: 1-DePaul 45, 2-Hopatcong 56, 3-Vernon 117, 4-K.Fairlawn 126, 5-Garfield 138, 6-St. Dominic 142, 7-K.Rutherford 154, 8-Tenafly 166, 9-High Point 196, 10-Saddle Brook 201.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong 18:10.6, 2-Kathy Salmon, St. Dominic 18:47, 3-Phyllis Manciano, K.Fairlawn 19:08, 4-Jennifer King, Hawthorne 19:12, 5-Colleen Murphy, DePaul 20:05, 6-Renee Murphy, DePaul 20:06, 7-Nicolaye Weis, High Point 20:07, 8-Celeste Friend, DePaul 20:32, 9-Kathleen Kosakyk, Vernon 20:33, 10-Jennifer Kingshott, Hopatcong 20:43.

Group 3

Cheryl Wagner and Sue Parker placed second and fourth to lead Pascack Valley to a 56-73 victory over Sparta at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

Laura Riebold of Lakeland won the race by 100 yards in 18:58.8. Wagner was clocked in 19:19. The individual defender, Patti McCluskey of Dumont, ill in recent weeks, was seventh in 19:52.

TEAM SCORES: 1-Pascack Valley 56, 2-Sparta 73, 3-Northern Highlands 88, 4-Dumont 108, 5-Old Tappan 138, 6-River Dell 141, 7-Bergenfield 162, 8-Union Hill 209, 9-Lakeland 226, 10-Ridgefield Park 240.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Laura Riebold, Lakeland 18:58.8, 2-Cheryl Wagner, Pascack Valley 19:19, 3-Toni Ann Angione, Bergenfield 19:30, 4-Sue Parker, Pascack Valley 19:38, 5-Julie Craig, Northern Highlands 19:42, 6-Tricia O'Connor, Dumont 19:48, 7-Patti McCluskey, Dumont 19:52, 8-Marion Holley, Sparta 20:02, 9-Stephanie Witt, Pascack Valley 20:13, 10-Kathe Curran, Northern Highlands 20:27.

Group 4

The Mileski twins, Patti and Mary Ellen, finished in a virtual tie in 18:21.5 to lead Ridgewood to its third straight sectional crown at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, 42-76, over Paterson Kennedy.

It was the fourth time in the last two weeks that the junior stars had finished a race together at the West Paterson course. The officials gave Patti the nod for first place this time. Laura Wronski of Kearny was a distant third in 19:14.

TEAM SCORES: 1-Ridgewood 42, 2-Paterson Kennedy 76, 3-Kearny 78, 4-Hackensack 99, 5-West Milford 163, 6-Bayonne 209, 7-Passaic Tech 210, 8-Passaic Valley 215, 9-Memorial (N.N.Y.) 222, 10-Snyder 248, 11-Immaculate Heart (Wash.) 259, 12-Fair Lawn 305.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Patty Mileski, Ridgewood 18:21.5, 2-Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood 18:21.5, 3-Laura Wronski, Kearny 19:14, 4-Shirley Daniel, Paterson Kennedy 19:44, 5-Marilia Alvarez, Hackensack 19:48, 6-Lisa Herman, Wayne Valley 19:51, 7-Denise Dumschat, Kearny 19:52, 8-Colleen Bergen, Ridgewood 19:58, 9-Sonia McKnight, Paterson Eastside 20:06, 10-Maria Alonso, Memorial (N.N.Y.) 20:07.

North Jersey, Section 2

Group 1

Kinnnelon completed a boy-girl double at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, with a 42-58 victory over Verona. Gina Boderck led the victory in second place in 19:57.

Roxanne Polo of Whippany Park was an easy winner in the individual title in 19:19, 200 yards ahead of Boderck. Kinnelon has won three Group 1 girls' titles in a row.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Kinnelon 42, 2-Verona 58, 3-New Providence 77, 4-Oak Knoll 83, 5-Morris Catholic 87.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Roxanne Polo, Whippany Park 19:19, 2-Gina Boderck, Kinnelon, 19:57, 3-Kathy O'Hara, Verona, 20:09, 4-Cathy Perpichetti, Oak Knoll, 20:13, 5-Jeannette McMahon, New Providence, 20:16, 6-Sharon Liddy, Whippany Park, 20:30, 7-Carolyn Hoglund, New Providence, 20:35, 8-Bonnie Kannon, Kinnelon, 21:15, 9-Terry O'Hara, Verona, 21:20, 10-Elizabeth Perpichetti, Oak Knoll, 21:30.

Photo by Richard Raska

Chris Lilore of Parsippany finishes in second place in the North Jersey Section II, Group III cross country championship at Warinanco Park

Group 2

Mount Olive again caught Mendham with its fifth runner to take its fourth sectional title in a row at Warinanco Park, winning by a narrow 49-50 margin. The same thing had happened in the Morris County championships.

Melinda Holm of Mendham was the race by 200 yards from Bobbie McGee of West Side in 18:56. Three of Holm's teammates were also among the first eight finishers. But Mount Olive placed sisters Camille and Sabina Certa fourth and seventh and picked up 18 points on Mendham with its fifth finisher, Linda Floyd, who came home 18th.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Mount Olive 49, 2-Mendham 50, 3-Vainburg 85, 4-Springfield 121, 5-Butler 131, 6-Jefferson Twp. 138, 7-Pequannock 147, 8-Madison Borough 161, 9-Dover 217.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Melinda Holm, Mendham, 18:56, 2-Bobbie McGee, West Side, 19:42, 3-Terry Bierman, Mendham 19:46, 4-Camille Certa, Mount Olive, 19:58, 5-Yvonne Wilkins, Jefferson Twp., 20:10, 6-Linda Floyd, Mendham, 20:11, 7-Sabina Certa, Mount Olive, 20:20, 8-Sue Hollister, Jefferson Twp., 20:31, 9-Carolyn Sunnotte, Mendham, 20:33, 10-Marvis Brown, Clifford Scott, 20:37.

Group 3

Theresa Gschwind won her third straight sectional title at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, in a record 18:26 that gave her a 300-yard margin on Chris Lilore of Parsippany.

Randolph successfully defended its team title, 50-53, at the expense of Caldwell, with Jennifer Levinskas leading the way in fifth place in 19:45.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Randolph 50, 2-Caldwell 53, 3-West Morris 86, 4-Cranford 103, 5-Summit 140, 6-Morris Hills 161, 7-Millburn 163, 8-Newark Central 204.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Theresa Gschwind, Summit, 18:26, 2-Chris Lilore, Parsippany, 19:25, 3-Noel LeFrancis, West Morris, 19:39, 4-Kim Sanello, Caldwell, 19:40, 5-Jennifer Levinskas, Randolph, 19:45, 6-Eileen Herlman, Cranford, 20:04, 7-Maura Hennessey, Morris Hills, 20:07, 8-Cindy Iannotti, Cranford, 20:22, 9-Maureen Wilkins, Randolph, 20:40, 10-Tonya Smolin, Randolph, 20:56.

Group 4

Plainfield outclassed the field at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, taking five of the first 11 places for a 28-63 victory over Morristown.

Lisa St. Clair led Plainfield by taking individual honors in 20:09, holding off a determined hid down the homestretch by Cindy Best of Westfield. Sisters Patti and Sylvie Mulvaney placed fourth and eigth for Plainfield.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Plainfield 28, 2-Morristown 63, 3-Columbia 78, 4-Westfield 112, 5-Roxbury 120, 6-Morris Knolls 139, 7-Nutley 153.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Lisa St. Clair, Plainfield, 20:09, 2-Cindy Best, Westfield, 20:11, 3-Lisa Morgan, Columbia, 20:22, 4-Patti Mulvaney, Plainfield, 20:27, 5-Helen Turner, Scotch Plains, 20:32, 6-Andrea Hartman, Morristown, 20:46, 7-Lisa Heaney, Plainfield, 20:52, 8-Sylvie Mulvaney, Plainfield, 21:10, 9-Pam Riley, Columbia, 21:10, 10-Kristine Nieder, Morristown, 21:24.

Central Jersey

Group 1

Bernards took the first six places for its perfect 15-point score at Mercer County College. Defending Mater Dei finishing a distant second with 79.

Meg Waldron had a 130-yard margin over teammate Amy Meyer with a 17:35 clocking that will stand as a record on a course being used in major competition for the first time this year. Meyer was clocked in 18:01.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Bernards 15, 2-Mater Dei 79, 3-Metuchen 106, 4-St. Mary's (S.A.) 126, 5-Point Pleasant Beach 134, 6-Immaculata 165, 7-Bound Brook 199, 8-South Amboy 208.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Meg Waldron, Bernards, 17:35, 2-Amy Meyer, Bernards, 18:01, 3-Jane Armstrong, Bernards, 19:15, 4-Tasha Knox, Bernards, 19:43, 5-Jenny Kahn, Bernards, 19:57, 6-Sue Lambertson, Bernards, 19:57, 7-Sue Ashmore, Mater Dei, 20:02, 8-Jodi McCain, Bernards, 20:03, 9-Maria Mele, Mater Dei, 20:05, 10-Virginia Zalitsch, St. Mary's (S.A.) 20:07.

Group 2

St. John Vianney defeated its crosstown rival, Holmdel, 39-41, at Mercer County College for a successful defense of the title it won for the first time last year. Holmdel had been the 1979 champion.

Leslie Gale led St. John Vianney, winning the race by five yards from Sheila O'Brien of South Brunswick in 19:03. Ann Lamura was fourth and Cammy Kelly fifth for St. John Vianney.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-St. John Vianney 39, 2-Holmdel 41, 3-Rumson 87, 4-Delaware Valley 120, 5-Voorhees 127, 6-Hopewell Valley 153, 7-Freehold Borough 163, 8-South Brunswick 181, 9-Princeton 202.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Leslie Gale, St. John Vianney, 19:03, 2-Sheila O'Brien, South Brunswick, 19:08, 3-Christie Valles, Monmouth, 19:35, 4-Ann LaMura, St. John Vianney, 19:44, 5-Monica Lacey, Monmouth, 20:04, 6-Cissy King, Holmdel, 20:05, 7-Cammy Kelly, St. John Vianney, 20:07, 8-Barbara Spang, Holmdel, 20:09, 9-Cathy O'Connor, Rumson, 20:11, 10-Gail Ferguson, Rumson, 20:11.

Group 3

North Hunterdon won its third consecutive team championship at Mercer County College.

Two Manalapan runners were the only ones to break up the North Hunterdon monopoly in its 19-70 victory over the Shore team. Sophomore Tracy Bigley won for North Hunterdon in 18:49, with classmate Stacy Bilotta second in 18:54 and Kemper Knight of Manalapan third in 19:03.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-North Hunterdon 19, 2-Manalapan 70, 3-Madison Central 122, 4-Notre Dame 139, 5-Freehold Township 187, 6-Red Bank Catholic 187, 7-Somerville 189, 8-Hightstown 209, 9-Bridgewater East 214, 10-Carteret 266, 11-North Brunswick 271, 12-Bridgewater West 323, 13-Manasquan 330, 14-South Plainfield 385.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Tracy Bigley, North Hunterdon, 18:49, 2-Stacy Bilotta, North Hunterdon, 18:54, 3-Kemper Knight, Manalapan, 19:03, 4-Diane Greene, North Hunterdon, 19:13, 5-Mary Delfiore, Manalapan, 19:20, 6-Jill Gordon, Manalapan, 19:24, 7-Lori Ludwigson, North Hunterdon, 19:26, 8-Cheryl Tuosto, North Brunswick, 19:28, 9-Laura Frieder, Madison Central, 19:32, 10-Erna DeHaart, Bridgewater West, 19:38.

Group 4

Janet Smith of North Edison, the 1980 all-group champion, had no trouble defending her sectional title with a 320-yard victory over Joanna Koneski of Hamilton East in 18:55 at Mercer County College.

Hamilton East upset third-ranked Raritan, 32-41, in the team competition. Kim Hagemann was fourth for Hamilton East, Karen Galatro finished seventh and Stacy Olynk ninth.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Hamilton East 32, 2-Raritan 41, 3-Hunterdon Central 61, 4-East Brunswick 122, 5-Piscataway 140, 6-Matawan 170, 7-Cedar Ridge 198, 8-Edison Township 229, 9-Middletown South 242, 10-Sayreville 270, 11-Colonia 292.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Janet Smith, North Edison, 17:56, 2-Joanna Koneski, Hamilton East 18:55, 3-Cricket Betz, Hunterdon Central, 18:59, 4-Kim Hagemann, Hamilton East, 19:22, 5-Michelle Sandifoglio, Raritan, 19:36, 6-Denise Barrett, Raritan, 19:48, 7-Karen Galatro, Hamilton East, 19:49, 8-Robin Galvin, Raritan, 20:05, 9-Stacy Olnyk, Hamilton East, 20:10, 10-Theresa Nonney, Perth Amboy, 20:15.

South Jersey

Group 1

Audubon won the team title on a tie-breaker with its sixth girl to defeat Manchester Township after the two finished at 56-56 at Pennsauken.

Joanne Mihlebach of Kingsway, whose brother, Mark, took the boys' race last year, won by 220 yards from Terry Endt of Audubon in 20:35.6. Trish Laffey led Manchester in eighth place in 22:13.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Audubon 56, 2-Manchester Township 56 (lost on a tie-breaker), 3-Williamstown 63, 4-Primland 64, 5-Woodbury 89.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Joanne Mihlebach, Kingsway, 20:35, 2-Terry Endt, Audubon, 21:39, 3-Lisa Hanuchik, Bordentown, 21:02, 4-Joyce Carter, Woodbury, 21:37, 5-Kim Zurkowski, Willowood, 21:53, 6-Debbie Urban, Pitman, 22:01, 7-Sherie Tomis, Audubon, 22:03, 8-Trish Laffey, Manchester Township, 22:13, 9-Sandy Crawatt, Manchester Township, 22:19, 10-Sandy Drinkwater, Pitman, 22:29.

Group 2

St. Joseph of Toms River made it two team titles in a row with a 36-54 victory over Haddonfield at Pennsauken. The Heffernan sisters, Eileen and Deirdre, placed third and fourth to lead St. Joseph.

Gina McMenamin of Burlington won the race by 150 yards from Kathy Ezell of Sterling in 19:34.8. Eileen Heffernan was clocked in 20:18 and Deirdre in 20:23.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-St. Joseph (T.R.) 36, 2-Haddonfield 54, 3-Delran 71, 4-Sterling 81, 5-Moorestown 137, 6-Central Regional 142.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Gina McMenamin, Burlington, 19:34.8, 2-Kathy Ezell, Sterling, 20:10, 3-Eileen Heffernan, St. Joseph, 20:18, 4-Deirdre Heffernan, St. Joseph, 20:23, 5-Kelly Long, Central Reg., 20:32, 6-Karen Pupo, Delran, 20:41, 7-Jeanne Hamilton, Haddonfield, 21:07, 8-Sharon Healy, St. Joseph, 21:10, 9-Yvonne Zielinski, Burlington, 20:53, 10-Joanne Fanton, Haddonfield, 21:02.

Group 3

Mainland took its first sectional title by beating Point Pleasant Boro, 72-81, at Pennsauken.

Stacy Pierce of Lakewood won the race in 20:06, finishing 80 yards ahead of Cathy Wherry of Brick Memorial. Atlantic County champion Becky Leon was third for Mainland in 20:48.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Mainland 72, 2-Point Pleasant Boro 81, 3-Brick Memorial 95, 4-Holy Cross 103, 5-Lakewood 113, 6-Ocean City 122, 7-Toms River South 131.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Stacy Pierce, Lakewood, 20:06, 2-Cathy Wherry, Brick Memorial, 20:23, 3-Becky Leon, Mainland, 20:48, 4-Laura McGoff, Point Pleasant Boro, 20:57, 5-Melody Lyle, Ocean City, 21:10, 6-Eve Stockschlader, Toms River South, 21:14, 7-Jeannette Palmer, Oakcrest, 21:21, 8-Trish Levin, Mainland, 21:24, 9-Mary VanHorn, Brick Memorial, 21:29, 10-Geralyn VanHorn, Brick Memorial, 21:38.

Group 4

Michelle Rowen of Washington Township won by 150 yards from Wendy Westphal of Highland in a course record of 18:27.9 at Pennsauken.

Toms River East successfully defended its team title, 50-57, at the expense of Vineland. Jeannine Sies and Maria Brownlee led the effort in fifth and sixth places. Sally Carei was seventh for Vineland.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1-Toms River East 50, 2-Vineland 57, 3-Paul VI (Haddonfield) 79, 4-Highland 86, 5-Brick Township 136, 6-Cherry Hill East 138, 7-Toms River North 172, 8-Jackson 220.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Michelle Rowen, Washington Township, 18:27, 2-Wendy Westphal, Highland, 18:48, 3-Kathy Ryan, Paul VI, 19:23, 4-Tricia Lynch, Highland, 19:40, 5-Jeannine Sies, Toms River East, 19:58, 6-Maria Brownlee, Toms River East, 20:07, 7-Sally Carei, Vineland, 20:16, 8-Sue Pontell, Cherry Hill West, 20:19, 9-Kim Walsh, Cherry Hill East, 20:14, 10-Karen Cribbs, Brick Township, 20:19

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