

Smith sets course record; Waldron, Gschwind win

By GRANT EDWARDS

Janet Smith of North Edison set a course record of 18:15.8 to repeat as the state girls' cross-country Group 4 champion yesterday at Monmouth County Park in Holmdel.

Smith, a sophomore, who has never lost a major high school cross-country race, finished 200 yards ahead of Michelle Rowen of Washington Township, the outdoor all-group champion at 1,500 meters. The previous course record of 18:17.6 had been set in the 1979 all-group meet by Ann Gladue of Bayley-Eillard.

The victory by Smith was one of four scored by defending champions.

Theresa Gschwind of Summit won her second Group 3 title in 18:30.1.

Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong took her third Group 2 title in 18:51.2.

Junior Meg Waldron of Bernards won her second Group 1 crown in 18:26.

Only Pakutka had a close race. The tiny Hopatcong senior had to sprint the last 50 yards to defeat Melinda Holm of Mendham, who ran an even 19:00.

The team titles went to Raritan in Group 4, defending North Hunterdon in Group 3, St. John Vianney in Group 2 and Bernards in Group 1. North Hunterdon and Bernards also won boys' group titles.

Raritan avenged a sectional loss to Hamilton East with its 101-118 victory. Denise Barrett led the Raritan team in 10th place at 20:07 with Michelle SanFilippo and freshman Chris Bessinger also among the first 25 finishers.

Gschwind won the Group 3 race by 300 yards from Patti McCluskey of Dumont, coming back from a recent illness. The North Hunterdon parade began in third place with Sharon Greene, who was followed immediately by sophomore teammate Tracy Bigley. The other three North Hunterdon runners, Marge DeMarrais, Stacy Bilotta and Kim Borin, were also among the top 10 to complete a 31-126 victory over Pasack Valley.

Group 2 provided the closest team race of the meet. St. John Vianney edged Mount Olive, 79-86. Carol Uptegrove was first over the line for St. John Vianney in fifth place at 20:00, with teammates Leslie Gale and Ann LaMura finishing fifth and 14th. The Certa sisters, Camille and Sabina, finished fourth and 10th for Mount Olive.

Bernards took four of the first five places in Group 1 to defeat Mater Dei, 28-71. Waldron won by 400 yards from teammate Jane Armstrong, with another Bernards runner, Amy Meyer, placing third. Roxanne Polo of Whippany Park broke in in fourth place but was followed over the line by Jenny Rahn of Bernards.



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Meg Waldron of Bernards H.S. crosses the finish line first in the girls' Group 1 Division at the State cross-country group championships yesterday at Holmdel Park

GROUP 2

TEAM SCORES: 1-St. John Vianney 79, 2-Mount Olive 86, 3-Holmdel 114, 4-Mandham 118, 5-St. Joseph (T.R.) 143, 6-Hopatcong 192, 7-Walburg 228, 8-Haddonfield 212, 9-DePaul 221, 10-Rumson 242, 11-Voorhees 320, 12-Springfield 328, 13-Delaware Valley 330, 14-Garfield 338, 15-Butler 341, 16-Vernon 340, 17-Kittatinny 389, 18-DeIran 432, 19-Sterling 473, 20-Moorestown 542.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong 18:51.2, 2-Melinda Holm, Mendham 19:00, 3-Waakaee White, Walburg 19:34, 4-Camille Certa, Mount Olive 19:45, 5-Carol Uptegrove, St. John Vianney 20:00, 6-Gina McMena-

min, Burlington City 20:00, 7-Terry Reinman, Mendham 20:03, 8-Kathy Ezell, Sterling 20:05, 9-Leslie Gale, St. John Vianney 20:10, 10-Sabina Certa, Mount Olive 20:13, 11-Phyllis Manzano, Kittatinny 20:16, 12-Kathy Salmon, St. Dominic 20:26, 13-Eileen Heffernan, St. Joseph (T.R.) 20:30, 14-Ann LaMura, St. John Vianney 20:31, 15-Carolyn Surette, Mendham 20:33, 16-Kathy McEwan, Holmdel 20:37, 17-Debbie Kula, Mount Olive 20:38, 18-Cindy Guenzel, Mendham 20:38, 19-Shelia O'Brien, South Brunswick 20:47, 20-Deirdre Heffernan, St. Joseph (T.R.) 20:48.

GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES: 1-North Hunterdon 31, 2-Pasack Valley 126, 3-Manalapan 137, 4-Randolph 193, 5-Sparta 193, 6-Dumont 214, 7-Northern Highlands 221, 8-Caldwell 237, 9-Notre Dame 281, 10-Old Tappan 283, 11-Madison Central 292, 12-West Morris 303, 13-Cranford 338, 14-Mainland 343, 15-Point Pleasant Boro 355, 16-Freshford Township 385, 17-Brick Memorial 389, 18-Summit 402, 19-Lakewood 432.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Theresa Gschwind, Summit 18:30.1, 2-Patti McCluskey, Dumont 19:24, 3-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon 19:37, 4-Tracy Bigley, North Hunterdon 19:41, 5-Cheryl Wagner, Pasack Valley 19:46, 6-Chris Liore, Parsippany 19:52, 7-Noel LeFrancis, West Morris 19:54, 8-Marge DeMarrais, North Hunterdon 19:58, 9-Stacy Bilotta, North Hunterdon 20:02, 10-Kim Borin, North Hunterdon 20:04, 11-Laura Reibold, Lakeland 20:07, 12-Tricia O'Connor, Dumont 20:13, 13-Sue Parker, Pasack Valley 20:14, 14-Rose Simone, Manalapan 20:16, 15-Eileen Hartman, Cranford 20:19, 16-Sue Wallace, North Hunterdon 20:22, 17-Kim Sannito, Caldwell 20:25, 18-Stacy Pierce, Lakewood 20:27, 19-Toni Angiano, Bergenfield 20:34, 20-Laura McGoff, Point Pleasant Boro 20:35.

GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES: 1-Raritan 101, 2-Hamilton East 118, 3-Toms River East 145, 4-Ridgewood 148, 5-Paterson Kennedy 162, 6-Plainfield 175, 7-Paul VI (Hadd.) 211, 8-Hunterdon Central 218, 9-Kearny 226, 10-Highland 263, 11-Vineland 271, 12-Morrisstown 289, 13-Hackensack 317, 14-West Milford 353, 15-East Brunswick 364, 16-Brick 384, 17-Westfield 428, 18-Piscataway 438, 19-Columbia 453, 20-Roxbury 486.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Janet Smith, North Edison 18:15.8, 2-Michelle Rowen, Washington Township 18:57, 3-Dawn Cody, Paul VI (Hadd.) 19:11, 4-Patty Mileski, Ridgewood 19:24, 5-Wendy Westphal, Highland 19:39, 6-Johanna Koneski, Hamilton East 19:46, 7-Cricket Batt, Hunterdon Central 19:50, 8-Shirley Daniel, Paterson Kennedy 20:00, 9-Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood 20:04, 10-Denise Barrett, Raritan 20:07, 11-Cindy Best, Westfield 20:11, 12-Kim Haggeman, Hamilton East 20:17, 13-Laura Wronski, Kearny 20:19, 14-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East 20:19, 15-Patty Mulvaney, Plainfield 20:23, 16-Lisa St. Clair, Plainfield 20:24, 17-Marta Alvarez, Hackensack 20:24, 18-Marcia Brownlee, Toms River East 20:25, 19-Lois Lucente, Paul VI (Hadd.) 20:26, 20-Jennie Sies, Toms River East 20:31.

GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES: 1-Bernards 28, 2-Mater Dei 71, 3-Kinnelon 125, 4-St. Mary's (S.A.) 131, 5-Meluchen 166, 6-Verona 211, 7-Pitman 260, 8-Audubon 261, 9-Oak Knoll 272, 10-North Arlington 278, 11-Manchester Township 289, 12-Morris Catholic 293, 13-Park Ridge 302, 14-Wildwood 322, 15-Cresskill 344, 16-Midland Park 350.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Meg Waldron, Bernards 18:26, 2-Jane Armstrong, Bernards 19:50, 3-Amy Meyer, Bernards 20:01, 4-Roxanne Polo, Whippany Park 20:09, 5-Jenny Rahn, Bernards 20:16, 6-Kelly O'Hara, Verona 20:29, 7-Sue Ashmore, Mater Dei 20:38, 8-Maria Nivolo, Mater Dei 20:40, 9-Cathy Persichetty, Oak Knoll 20:41, 10-Gina Boderck, Kinnelon 20:48, 11-Alison Carey, St. Mary's (S.A.) 20:53, 12-Virginia Zaleski, St. Mary's (S.A.) 20:53, 13-Joanne Radumanski, St. Mary's (S.A.) 20:54, 14-Joanne Mihelbach, Kingsway 20:57, 15-Alicia Carmine, Meluchen 21:12, 16-Bronnie Keenan, Kinnelon 21:14, 17-Sharon Luddy, Whippany Park 21:15, 18-Teri Endt, Audubon 21:16, 19-Kathy McAuliffe, Mater Dei 21:18, 20-Michelle Gladden, Point Pleasant Beach 21:20.



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Janet Smith of North Edison smiles after setting Holmdel Park course record in winning Group 4 title at yesterday's State cross-country championships