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Bernards roars; Westfield falls to Morristown

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Bernards tuned up for the defense of its state boys' all-groups cross-country championship with an easy victory in the Central Jersey, Group 1 sectional meet yesterday at Mercer County College in West Windsor.

Bernards was, however, the only one of the 1981 state group champions to win its sectional race yesterday. Westfield lost the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 race to Morristown at Warinaco Park, Elizabeth, and both North Hunterdon and Voorhees were upset in the Central Jersey meet.

Eastern high school champion John Carlotti led the Bernards victory by winning the Central Jersey race in 15:38.

Other leading contenders for state individual honors also won their sectional races yesterday:

- Tony Williams of Paterson Kennedy in North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.
- Rich Rizzuto of Lakewood in South Jersey, Group 3 at Camden County College, Blackwood.
- Brad Hudson of Voorhees and Andy Martin of North Hunterdon of Annandale in the Central Jersey, Group 3 and 4 races, respectively, at Mercer County College, West Windsor.

The first five teams and top 10 individuals in each of the 16 sectional meets yesterday qualified for the group championships next Saturday at Holmdel Park.

North Jersey 1, Group 1

Mahwah made it three victories in a row at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, yesterday, when Frank Lamberti led a 36-68 victory over Bogota in the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 1 Cross-Country Championships.

Lamberti won the race by 120 yards from Tom Vaccarella of Saddle Brook in 16:28. Mahwah also had Rob Sumpter in fourth place at 17:09 and Peter Smith in seventh at 17:37.

TEAMS: 1-Mahwah 36; 2-Bogota 68; 3-Saddle Brook 94; 4-Midland Park 99; 5-Leonia 127; 6-Ridgefield Park 139; 7-Wallkill Valley 179; 8-North Arlington 201; 9-Palisades Park 226; 10-Emerson Borough 267.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Frank Lamberti, Mahwah 16:28; 2-Tom Vaccarella, Saddle Brook 16:40; 3-Dan Sindlica, Wood-Ridge 17:04; 4-Rob Sumpter, Mahwah 17:09; 5-Ed Ramos, Bogota 17:14; 6-Ken Ramos, Bogota 17:16; 7-Peter Smith, Mahwah 17:37; 8-Todd Hansen, Midland Park 17:8; 9-Andy Hegel, Bogota 17:42; 10-Rich Anastasi, Leonia 17:43.

North Jersey 1, Group 2

Kittatinny continued the Sussex County domination of North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 Cross-Country Championships at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, yesterday by defeating Sparta, 54-76, with defending Hopatcong third at 108.

Manchester Regional of Haledon's sophomore, Pierre Letennier, succeeded his brother Yves as individual champion in 16:26 by finishing 80 yards ahead of Eric Gessling of Hopatcong. Chris Hyman led Kittatinny in fourth place at 16:48.

TEAMS: 1-Kittatinny 54; 2-Sparta 76; 3-Hopatcong 108; 4-Hornerstown 115; 5-Manchester Regional 187; 7-Indian Tech 205; 8-Pope Lee 222; 9-Tenafly 249; 10-Ridgefield Park 284; 11-Lenape 313; 12-Garfield 321; 13-Bergen Tech 328; 14-Kenmare 339; 15-High Point 366; 16-Roselle 397.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Pierre Letenner, Manchester Regional 16:26; 2-Eric Gessling, Hopatcong 16:46; 3-Jack Weir, Lenape Valley 16:46; 4-Chris Hyman, Kittatinny 16:48; 5-Anthony Smith, Sussex Tech 16:59; 6-Greg Jaracewicz, High Point 17:2; 7-Steve Williams, Sparta 17:04; 8-Roberto Yuasa, Tenafly 17:05; 9-Chris Drake, Kittatinny 17:08; 10-Scott McBurnie, Sparta 17:11.

North Jersey 1, Group 3

Steve Schadler of Bergenfield won a close duel with Bergen County champion Joe D'Costa of Englewood in 15:59 for the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 3 Cross-Country Championship yesterday at Garret Mountain, West Paterson.

The individual battle had no effect on the team race, won by Old Tappan, 63-135, over Vernon. It was Old Tappan's first sectional victory since 1977. Bill Broderick led the victory in seventh place at 16:26.

TEAMS: 1-Old Tappan 63; 2-Vernon 135; 3-Pascack Hills 156; 4-Lakeland 161; 5-Ramsey 189; 6-Demarest 192; 7-Northern Highlands 193; 8-Emerson 212; 9-Mahwah 232; 10-Dumont 322; 11-Passaic Valley 326; 12-Englewood 383; 13-River Dell 382; 14-Bergen Tech 414.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Steve Schadler, Bergenfield 15:59; 2-Joe D'Costa, Englewood 16:1; 3-Ed Ramos, Bogota 16:14; 4-Ken Ramos, Bogota 16:14; 5-Chris Vaccarella, Lakeland 16:20; 6-Mike Dorsey, Demarest 16:21; 7-Andy Lamberti, Lakeland 16:15; 8-Bill Broderick, Old Tappan 16:26; 9-Roberto Cardillo, Emerson 16:27; 10-Tom Kelly, Northern Highlands 16:42; 11-Greg Kelly, Old Tappan 16:44.

North Jersey 1, Group 4

In the closest team race of the day, Hackensack and Ridgewood went to a comparison of sixth-place finishers to break a 62-62 deadlock in the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 Cross-Country Championships at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, yesterday.

Tom Pescatore got the championship by placing 38th ahead of Ridgewood's Tom DeVries, who was 40th. Rich Hubbard led Hackensack's repeat victory by placing second to Tony Williams of Paterson Kennedy in 15:54. Williams won the race by just five yards with the best time of the day at Garret Mountain, 15:53.

TEAMS: 1-Hackensack 42; 2-Ridgewood 62; 3-Paterson Kennedy 82; 4-Memorial 98; 5-Tenafly 106; 6-North Bergen 124; 7-Lyndhurst 127; 8-Paterson Eastside 128; 9-Lakeland 131; 10-Paterson Lakeview 141; 11-Paterson Eastside 145; 12-Fair Lawn 165; 14-Clifton 184.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Tony Williams, Paterson Kennedy 15:53; 2-Rich Hubbard, Hackensack 15:54; 3-Mike Dorsey, North Bergen 16:17; 4-Kevin Trice, Hackensack 16:20; 5-George Varuma, Bayonne 16:24; 6-George Lane, Ridgewood 16:28; 7-Rocky Cole, Paterson Kennedy 16:40; 8-John Parisi, Ridgewood 16:41; 9-Dennis Turner, Paramus 16:46; 10-Manny Mendez, Memorial 16:51; 11-16:57.

North Jersey 2, Group 1

Freshman Jim Gibson continued a family tradition by leading Mountain Lakes to a 30-49 victory over Chatham Borough for the North Jersey, Section 1 Group 2 Cross-Country Championship yesterday in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

Terry Barone of Cedar Grove won the race by 150 yards in 17:11 but Gibson was second in 17:34. Jim's older brothers, Bob and Joe, won the race in 1978 and 1980, respectively.

TEAMS: 1-Dover 49; 2-Springfield 87; 3-Butler 116; 4-Clifford Scott 127; 5-Roselle 133; 6-Orange 138; 7-Montclair Boroughs 146; 8-Montclair 156; 9-Newark West Side 210; 10-Berkeley Heights 216; 11-Kearny-Johnston.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Matt Krumholz, West Orange 16:48; 2-Tom Orlando, Dover 17:02; 3-Andy Bell, Pompeiansk 17:05; 4-Glen Middleton, Dover 17:06; 5-Lee Pricolo, Butler 17:08; 6-John Williams, Clifford Scott 17:17; 7-Matthew Turnbull, Mountain 17:20; 8-Paul Carriero, Butler 17:22; 9-Mike Sweeney, Dover 17:24; 10-Dan Connors, Springfield 17:26.

North Jersey 2, Group 2

Matt Krumholz of West Orange won by 80 yards from Tom Orlandi of Dover at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, yesterday but Dover had no trouble winning its first North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 Cross-Country Championship since 1978.

Orlandi was joined in the first 10 finishers by teammate Mike Sweeney, who placed ninth in 17:26. Dover had Dave Greenblatt and Dave Inglis place 11th and 12th.

TEAMS: 1-Dover 49; 2-Springfield 87; 3-Butler 116; 4-Clifford Scott 127; 5-Roselle 133; 6-Orange 138; 7-Montclair Boroughs 146; 8-Montclair 156; 9-Newark West Side 210; 10-Berkeley Heights 216; 11-Kearny-Johnston.

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North Jersey 2, Group 3

Tim Mulligan, Will Wallace and Rich Molisso jogged across the line together to give Parsippany a boost to its third straight North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Boys' Cross-Country Championship with a 42-65 victory over Newark Vailsburg yesterday in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

Mulligan got the official call for first place in 16:30, with Wallace and Molisso given the next two places ahead of Randolph sophomore John Hayes.

TEAMS: 1-Parsippany 42; 2-Newark Vailsburg 65; 3-Randolph 86; 4-Cranford 113; 5-Millburn 182; 6-Mount Olive 216; 7-West Morris 192; 8-Morris Hills 195; 9-Parsippany Hills 239; 10-Hanover Park 265; 11-Newark East Side 270; 12-Madison 282.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Tim Mulligan, Parsippany 16:30; 2-Will Wallace, Parsippany 16:39; 3-Rich Molisso, Parsippany 16:49; 4-John Hayes, Randolph 16:49; 5-Ken Flannigan, Cranford 16:50; 6-Lamont Nuffer, Newark Vailsburg 16:52; 7-James White, Newark Vailsburg 16:54; 8-Marcus Johnson, Newark Shadeland 16:55; 9-Hap Smith, Hanover Park 16:56; 10-Anthony Thomas, Newark Vailsburg 16:57.

North Jersey 2, Group 4

John Logsdon of Nutley added the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Boys' Cross-Country Championship to his recent Essex County victory with a 10-yard margin over Andy Jacob of Westfield yesterday in Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

Logsdon was clocked in 16:20, fastest of the four boys' races. Chris Mason of Morristown placed third to lead his team to a 50-61 victory over defending Westfield in the team competition.

TEAMS: 1-Morristown 50; 2-Westfield 61; 3-Nutley 92; 4-Morris Knolls 126; 5-Newark East Side 177; 6-Elizabeth 199; 7-Union 200; 8-Montclair 211; 9-Plainfield 232; 10-Columbia 244; 11-Livingston 251; 12-East Orange 261.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-John Logsdon, Nutley 16:20; 2-Andy Jacob, Westfield 16:32; 3-Chris Mason, Morristown 16:37; 4-Ray Coughlin, Morristown 16:39; 5-Tim Kilbright, Nutley 16:40; 6-John Boyer, Nutley 16:41; 7-Ed Ramos, Morristown 16:42; 8-Ken Ramos, Bogota 16:44; 9-Wayne Shepherd, Nutley 16:46; 10-Kevin Brown, Newark East Side 16:48; 10-Paul Hoffman, Nutley 16:48.

Central Jersey, Group 1

Bernards won its 17th sectional title in 18 tries, 23-86, from Montgomery in the Boys' Central Jersey, Group 1 Cross-Country Meet yesterday at Mercer County College in West Windsor.

John Carlotti of Bernards won the race by finishing 80 yards ahead of Bill Loughran of Henry Hudson of Atlantic Highlands in 15:38, fastest time of the four boys' races in West Windsor. Chris Blanchet was third for Bernards in 16:01 and Mike Flood fourth in 16:13.

TEAMS: 1-Bernards 23; 2-Montgomery 86; 3-Henry Hudson 139; 4-Middlesex 156; 5-Metuchen 160; 6-South Amboy 180; 7-Highland Park 196; 8-Brook Brook 198; 9-Piscataway 201; 10-Hunterdon Central 204; 11-Bound Brook 198; 12-Point Pleasant 208; 13-Rancocas Valley 209; 14-Rancocas 209; 15-Englewood 283; 16-Robert Gill 283; 16-South Hunterdon 283.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-John Carlotti, Bernards 15:38; 2-Bill Loughran, Henry Hudson 15:52; 3-Chris Blanchet, Bernards 16:01; 4-Mike Flood, Bernards 16:13; 5-Scott Costello, Highland Park 16:13; 6-Steve Bailey, Bernards 16:14; 7-Hans Schoenfeld, Montgomery 16:14; 8-Jeff Hoffman, Montgomery 16:15; 9-Tom Hallman, Bernards 16:27; 10-Mike Hickman, Bernards 16:31.

Central Jersey, Group 2

Jim Lauck of Delaware Valley of Frenchtown defeated Somerville sophomore John Barry by 80 yards at Mercer County College in West Windsor, yesterday in the Boys' Central Jersey, Group 2 Cross-Country Championships for his fourth major victory of the season.

Lawrence won its first team title 54-84, from Hopewell Valley of Pennington. Doug Soncrant led the team in fourth place in 16:34 and Craig Tiptor placed sixth in 16:36.

TEAMS: 1-Lawrence 54; 2-Hopewell Valley 84; 3-Somerville 92; 4-Delaware Valley 132; 5-Monmouth 135; 6-Ridge 175; North Brunswick 179; 8-Princeton 183; 9-Rumson 184; 10-Asbury Park 206; 11-North Plainfield 210; 12-South Brunswick 220; 13-West Windsor 301; 14-North Plainfield 315.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Jason Lauck, Delaware Valley 15:13; 2-John Barry, Somerville 15:35; 3-George Wagner, Hopewell Valley 16:31; 4-Doug Soncrant, Lawrence 16:34; 5-Eric Eisenhofer, Hopewell Valley 16:35; 6-Craig Tiptor, Lawrence 16:36; 7-Ken Ramos, Bogota 16:38; 8-Jim Kerr, Ridge 16:40; 9-Aaron Brunter, Delaware Valley 16:40; 10-Kevin Burke, Asbury Park 16:41.

Central Jersey, Group 3

Sophomore Brad Hudson of Voorhees defeated Brian Lundberg of Madison Central of Old Bridge by 50 yards in 15:51 but Madison Central went on to win its first Central Jersey, Group 3 Boys' Cross-Country Championship, 51-66, from Long Branch at Mercer County College in West Windsor.

Depth made the difference for Madison Central. Dave Pearson placed sixth in 16:18 and Rich French 10th in 16:29. Voorhees, the Group 2 sectional and state champion a year ago, placed third with 80 points.

TEAMS: 1-Madison Central 51; 2-Long Branch 66; 3-Voorhees 80; 4-Highlands 86; 5-Pennsville 104; 6-Wantage Hills 105; 7-Gloucester County Technical 109; 8-Raritan 141; 9-Bridgewater East 151; 10-Manasquan 202; 11-Bound Brook 242; 12-Carteret 284; 13-Hillsborough 421.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Brad Hudson, Voorhees 15:51; 2-Brian Lundberg, Madison Central; 3-Steve Cirio, Long Branch 16:12; 4-Don Romanos, Franklin Township 16:14; 5-Mike Sullivan, Long Branch 16:15; 6-Dave Pearson, Madison Central 16:18; 7-Jim Thompson, Manasquan 16:21; 8-Ed Hendricks, Manasquan 16:25; 9-Jon Stoltzer, Voorhees 16:26; 10-Rich French, Madison Central 16:29.

Central Jersey, Group 4

East Brunswick upset two Hunterdon County teams to win its first Central Jersey, Group 4 Boys' Cross-Country Championship yesterday in a close team battle at Mercer County College in West Windsor.

Sophomore Andy Martin of North Hunterdon of Annandale won the race by 90 yards from Vin McDonald of Manalapan in 15:40. Bill Sabino was the East Brunswick runner in the first 10, placing ninth in 16:30. But his team finished with 76 points to 88 for Hunterdon Central of Flemington and 92 for favored North Hunterdon.

TEAMS: 1-East Brunswick 76; 2-Hunterdon Central 88; 3-North Hunterdon 92; 4-Manalapan 101; 5-Hamilton East 108; 6-Princeton 118; 7-Somerville 134; 8-Middlesex South 175; 9-North Amboy 200; 10-North Edison 203; 11-Edison 204; 12-Neptune 206; 13-Middlesex North 207; 14-Cedar Ridge 207; 15-Camco 424; 16-Wanderlodge 437; 17-Marlboro 525.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Andy Martin, North Hunterdon 15:40; 2-Vin McDonald, Manalapan 15:52; 3-Jim Hardman, Hunterdon Central 16:12; 4-Gavin Young, North Hunterdon 16:16; 5-Kevin Geagan, Middlesex South 16:22; 6-Rick Hardman, Hunterdon Central 16:27; 7-Tim Newsome, Sayreville 16:27; 8-Mike Glenn, Trenton 16:29; 9-Bill Sabino, East Brunswick 16:30; 10-Andy Wirland, Ridgeway 16:32.

South Jersey, Group 1

Blair Murphy led Haddonfield to a 38-79 victory over Audubon in the South Jersey, Group 1 Cross-Country Championships at Camden County College in Blackwood. He won the race by 250 yards from Seymour Hayes of Woodbury in 15:25.

Haddonfield, which won four Group 2 titles between 1977 and 1980, also had Tom Quigley place fourth in 16:14 and Mike Yanasov eighth in 16:19.

TEAMS: 1-Haddonfield 38; 2-Audubon 79; 3-Woodbury 98; 4-Wildwood 140; 5-Glassboro 154; 6-Paulsboro 169; 7-Pennsauken 177; 8-Kingsway 245; 9-Gloucester City 270; 10-Forest Hill 280; 11-Cherry Hill 281; 12-Pitman 286; 13-Pennsville 292; 14-Gloucester City 298; 15-Gloucester 318; 16-Bellingsport 324.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Blair Murphy, Haddonfield 15:25; 2-Seymour Hayes, Woodbury 16:08; 3-Steve Pauli, Audubon 16:10; 4-Tom Quigley, Haddonfield 16:14; 5-Paul Taylor, Maple Shade 16:16; 6-Brian Hayes, Maple Shade 16:17; 7-Milton Palmer, Glassboro 16:18; 8-Mike Yanasov, Haddonfield 16:19; 9-Doug Nadler, Pitman 16:20; 10-Mike Donnelly, Wildwood 16:24.

South Jersey, Group 2

Delsea won its first sectional cross-country championship yesterday in a close battle with Haddon Heights, 74-76, for the South Jersey, Group 2 crown at Camden County College in Blackwood.

Bill Dunn won the race for Haddon Heights by 25 yards from Mike Fernandez of Hammonton in 16:07. Chris Lemmer led the Delsea team victory by placing eighth in 16:26.

TEAMS: 1-Delsea 74; 2-Haddon Heights 76; 3-Pennsauken Tech 96; 4-Clearview 102; Kingsway Township 108; 6-Clifton 122; 7-Hammonton 206; 8-Central Regional 209; 9-West Deptford 216; 10-Penns Grove 234; 11-Lacey 282; 12-Northern Burlington 305; 13-Buena 292.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Bill Dunn, Haddon Heights 16:07; 2-Mike Fernandez, Hammonton 16:15; 3-Mike Scott, Clearview 16:16; 4-Ed Rivera, Pennsauken Tech 16:21; 5-Kevin Dougherty, Pennsauken Tech 16:22; 6-Bill Walters, Haddon Heights 16:23; 7-Tom Gallagher, Haddon Township 16:24; 8-Chris Lemmer, Delsea 16:26; 9-Jeff Cross, Clifton 16:27; 10-Scott Lindquist, Clearview 16:29.

South Jersey, Group 3

Rich Rizzuto of Lakewood outsprinted Jeff Boyer of Cinnaminson to

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Cedar Grove's Terry Barone wins the North Jersey, Section Two, Group 1 meet at Elizabeth's Warinanco Park

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John Carlotti (left) and Bernards' teammate Chris Blanchet run together at halfway point of Central Jersey, Group 1 race won by Carlotti at Mercer County College

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