

# West Side's McGee wins Group 2, Section 2 race

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Michelle Rowen of Washington Township, Janet Smith of North Edison, Meg Waldron of Bernards and Bobbie McGee of Newark West Side were impressive winners yesterday in girls' state sectional cross-country races.

Rowen won the South Jersey Group 4 race at Camden County College, Blackwood, in 16:35, a time that would have given her a high place in any of the four boys' races were it not a minute of the course record.

Smith and Waldron were both in action in the Central Jersey meet at Mercer County College, West Windsor. Smith won the Group 4 race in 17:48 and Waldron the Group 1 race in 18:04. McGee won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 race at Warnanco Park, Elizabeth, in 18:54.

Bernards and North Haverdod, the top two teams in the Central Jersey rankings, were easy winners in the Central Jersey meet. Bernards won the Group 1 race, 19:40, from Point Pleasant Beach and North Haverdod the Group 4 race, 43:44, from Hamilton East.

Raritan of Hazlet also made a strong showing in the Central Jersey meet, taking the Group 3 race from Madison Central of Old Bridge, 41:73. In the North Jersey, Section 2 meet at Warnanco Park, Elizabeth, Morristown defeated Plainfield in Group 2, 52:44.

**North Jersey 1, Group 1**  
Michelle Berrardo of Palisades Park defeated Vicki Costra of Saddle Brook by 20 yards yesterday at Garret Mountain, West Paterson, in the Girls' North Jersey Section 1 Group 1 Cross-Country Championships.

Giaciora, however, led Saddle Brook to its first sectional team title since 1978, 30:39, over Cresskill. Charlotte LoSchiano and Anna Iannaris were also among the first 10 finishers for Saddle Brook.

**North Jersey 1, Group 2**  
Laura McKenna led Tenafly to its first sectional championship in the North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 Cross-Country race yesterday at Garret Mountain in West Paterson by defeating Jenny Kinghott of Hopacong by 30 yards in 18:50.

Tenafly finished with a 57:71 margin over Sparta, led by Sue Bacon in third place at 18:58. Sparta also had Lynn Sandack finish fifth in 20:23.

**North Jersey 1, Group 3**  
Sue Ellen Mcweeney and Sooban Spillane led Old Tappan to a 41:47 victory over Jefferson Township yesterday in the Girls' North Jersey, Section 1, Group 3 Cross-Country Championships at Garret Mountain in West Paterson.

Mcweeney finished fifth in 19:41 and Spillane seventh in 20:08. Teri Ann Angione of Bergenfield won the race handily from Sue Hollister of Jefferson Township with a 258-yard margin in 18:49.

**North Jersey 1, Group 4**  
The Mileski twins led Ridgewood to a fourth consecutive sectional title yesterday at Garret Mountain in West Paterson in the Girls' North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 Cross-Country Championships.

Patti defeated her sister, Mary Ellen, by 200 yards in 18:15. It was the fourth straight year one of the twins took the individual crown. Mary Ellen won in 1979 and 1980 and the two shared the title last year.

**North Jersey 2, Group 1**  
The Leddy sisters, Sharon and Maureen, led Whippany Park to its first North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 Girls' Cross-Country title, 24:44, over Kinross yesterday in Warnanco Park, Elizabeth.

Sharon Leddy won the race in 20:15, with her sister 50 yards back in 20:25. Freshman Alana Gorwitz made it a sweep of the first three places for Whippany Park in 20:27. Kinross, which had won the title the previous three years, was led by Bronnie Keenan in seventh place.

**North Jersey 2, Group 2**  
Springfield presented a sweep of the North Jersey, Section 2 Cross-Country Championships by Morris County teams at Warnanco Park, Elizabeth, when it defeated Madison Regional, 49:54, in the girls' Group 2 meet yesterday.

Bobbie McGee of Newark West Side ran the fastest time of the day at the park when she won the race by 125 yards from Madeline Nagy of Caldwell in 18:54. Laura Richier led Springfield in fifth place at 20:07 and teammate Mary Pat Faruccio was eighth in 20:21.

**North Jersey 2, Group 3**  
Randolph made it three sectional victories in a row with a 28:43 victory over West Morris at Chester yesterday in Warnanco Park, Elizabeth, in what amounted to a dual meet for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Girls' Cross-Country Championship between the two Morris County schools.

Noel LeFrancis of West Morris won the race by five yards in 18:21 from Randolph freshman Pam Hovliaras. Chris Farrelly of West Morris was third in 19:54. But Randolph won the race by getting all five of its runners among the first 13 finishers.

**North Jersey 2, Group 4**  
Morristown completed a sweep of conference, county and sectional cross-country championships with a 52:47 victory over defending Plainfield yesterday at Warnanco Park, Elizabeth.

Lisa St. Clair of Plainfield outkicked Dorothy alright of Nutley to win the race by 30 yards in 18:42. But Sara Gray and Laurie Swick took the two next places to lead the Morristown victory.

**Central Jersey, Group 1**  
Meg Waldron won her fourth straight sectional title yesterday to lead Bernards to a 19:40 victory over Point Pleasant Beach in the Central Jersey, Group 1 Girls' Cross-Country meet yesterday at Mercer County College, West Windsor.

Waldron toured the flat, 5,000-meter course in 18:06 to defeat Mary Hughes of Point Pleasant Beach by 200 yards. Bernards then took the next four places, led by Amy Meyer in third at 19:48.

**Central Jersey, Group 2**  
Holmdel regained the Central Jersey, Group 2 Girls' Cross-Country title



Elizabeth's Stacey Lipscomb (left) leads Belleville's Patty Bliss with her left in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 race at Warnanco Park, Elizabeth.

yesterday at Mercer County College, West Windsor, by defeating Somerville, 49:73. The individual title went to Sheila O'Brien of South Brunswick in 18:55.

It was the fourth straight year a Holmdel school won the team race. Holmdel itself won in 1979 and St. John Vianney took the last two titles before being transferred to the Parochial A division. Lauren Jelm led the Holmdel victory yesterday by placing second to O'Brien in 19:27.

**Central Jersey, Group 3**  
Chris Bessinger and Jill Duhie led Raritan to a 41:73 victory over Madison Central when they crossed the line together in 18:57 in the Central Jersey, Group 3 Girls' Cross-Country Championship yesterday at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

Bessinger got the nod for the gold medal after she and her mate finished 40 yards ahead of Erin DeWart of Bridgewater. West, Laura Frieder led Madison Central in fifth place at 19:14.

**Central Jersey, Group 4**  
North Haverdod of Annandale won its fourth consecutive Girls' Central Jersey Cross-Country Championship, 43:64, over Hamilton East yesterday and Janet Smith of North Edison took her third straight individual crown in 17:49 yesterday at Mercer County College, West Windsor.

North Haverdod, the Group 3 champion the past two years, was led by Janyce Tracy Bigley and Stacy Blotta, who placed second and fourth behind Smith. Bigley clocked 18:31.

**South Jersey, Group 1**  
Janet Gough led Haddonfield to a 19:49 victory over defending Audubon yesterday in the Girls' South Jersey, Group 1 Cross-Country competition at Camden County College in Blackwood.

Gough won the race by 70 yards from Teri Esdt of Audubon in 18:35. Haddonfield then took the next three positions, led by Tracy D'Angelo in third place at 19:03.

**South Jersey, Group 2**  
Freshman Luana Merik of Haddon Township finished more than a minute ahead of Jane Moore of West Deptford yesterday in the Girls' South Jersey, Group 2 Cross-Country Championships at Camden County College in Blackwood. She covered the 3.1-mile course in 17:57.

Delran won its first sectional team title, 29:44, from Manchester Township. Karen Pepo and Karen DeMies led the way in third and fourth places.

**South Jersey, Group 3**  
Melody Sive of Ocean City became the first Cape May County girl to win a sectional title by finishing 580 yards ahead of Stacy Ferce of Lakewood in 18:13 in the South Jersey, Group 3 Cross-Country Championships yesterday at Camden County College in Blackwood.

Point Pleasant Boro took the team title from Ocean City, 33:55, with Chris

**South Jersey, Group 4**  
Bernard's Meg Waldron wins the Central Jersey, Group 1 race at Mercer County College

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