

**NO. HUNTERDON, PAUL VI WIN CROSS-COUNTRY TITLES**

# Martin, Angione triumph in Meet of Champions

By GRANT EDWARDS

Andy Martin of North Hunterdon and Clinton and Toni Ann Angione of Bergenfield raced to comfortable victories at the 13th state high school cross-country all-groups Meet of Champions yesterday at Holmdel County Park.

Martin won the boys' race in 15:52.8 by 30 yards from teammate Bill Babcock, well off the course record of 15:35.1 he had set last week in the Group 3 race. Angione avenged her Group 3 girls' loss to Jen VanHorn of Wayne Valley when she won by 50 yards in 18:29.9.

North Hunterdon broke even in its bid to repeat its 1983 sweep of the team titles. The North Hunterdon girls outraced Bernards, 75-89, but the North Hunterdon boys lost to Paul VI

of Haddonfield, 53-66.

Martin and Babcock had no trouble repeating their one-two finish of the Group 3 race a week earlier. The real battle in the boys' race was for third place, with Bill Barrett of Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft outrunning John Hayes of Randolph and Jack Hay of Lenape Valley of Stanhope in 16:02.2.

The one-two finish gave North Hunterdon a good start in the team race, with Martin and Babcock picking up three points apiece on their Paul VI rivals, Ron Faith and Chris Hageman. Faith finished sixth in 16:07.9 and Hageman was 11th in 16:18, but with individual entries excluded from the scoring, they were counted as fourth and fifth in the team race.

Paul VI began its comeback when

George Steinhoff picked up one point on Gavin Sloane of North Hunterdon and Tom Metzger picked up another three points on Ed Letko. The crusher came when Tom Donnelly of Paul VI finished 47th, 15 places ahead of Tim Bigley of North Hunterdon.

Angione ran more conservatively than usual in the girls' race and didn't take the lead until the halfway point on the 5,000-meter course. Once ahead, she stayed there to the finish, holding off several challenges by VanHorn,

BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Paul VI (Hadd.) 53, 2-North Hunterdon 46, 3-Christian Brothers 82, 4-Bernards 143, 5-Ridgewood 172, 6-Sayreville 211, 7-Newark East Side 218, 8-Eastern 228, 9-Mater Dei 247, 10-Somerville 248, 11-Lawrence 251, 12-Haddonfield 302, 13-Cinnaminson 308, 14-Holy Cross 312, 15-Henry Hudson 381, 16-Cid Tappan 398, 17-Debarton 412, 18-Bishop Eustace 467.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Andy Martin, North Hunterdon 15:52.8, 2-Bill Babcock, North Hunterdon 15:57.8, 3-Bill Barrett, Christian Brothers 16:02.2, 4-John Hayes, Randolph 16:03.1, 5-Jack Hay, Lenape Valley 16:03.5, 6-Ron Faith, Paul VI 16:07.9, 7-David Greenblatt, Teaneck 16:08.7, 8-Kenith Williams, Trenton 16:09.8, 9-Jeff Davis, Cumberland 16:09.9, 10-Kevin Pumphrey, Highland 16:12.7, 11-Chris Hageman, Paul VI 16:18.0, 12-George Steinhoff, Paul VI 16:21, 13-Gavin Sloane, North Hunterdon 16:28, 14-Harry Card, Bergen Catholic 16:27, 15-Mike Beslanowitz, Raritan 16:28, 16-Herb Williams, Lakewood 16:28, 17-Craig Triton, Lawrence 16:28, 18-Lyle Smith, Bernards 16:29, 19-Eric Sturtevant, Morristown 16:32, 20-Tom Metzger, Paul VI 16:33, 21-Bill Koib, Christian Brothers 16:34, 22-Joe Barros, Newark East Side 16:34, 23-Ed Letko, North Hunterdon 16:35, 24-Tim Blake, Trenton 16:37, 25-Bill Shea, Eastern 16:38.

who had won the Group 3 race last week in 18:26.

"She must have had eyes in the back of her head," said VanHorn after the race. "Every time I made a move, she spurred and she never even looked back." Angione said she wasn't sure where VanHorn was — only that "she has a very fast finish and I didn't want her to be close in the home stretch."

The Bernards-North Hunterdon team duel began when Karen Ahearn crossed the line in fifth place in 18:44.3, one place ahead of Jeanne LaPlaca of

GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-North Hunterdon 75, 2-Bernards 89, 3-Paul VI (Hadd.) 107, 4-Columbia 135, 5-Wayne Valley 141, 6-Newark East Side 187, 7-St. John Vanney 206, 8-Red Bank Catholic 236, 9-Voorhees 250, 10-Manalapan 267, 11-Mater Dei 285, 12-Holmdel 286, 13-Point Pleasant Beach 295, 14-Dumont 335, 15-Kinnelon 336, 16-Kittatinny 359, 17-DePaul 379.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Toni Ann Angione, Bergenfield 18:29.9, 2-Jen VanHorn, Wayne Valley 18:39.1, 3-Mindy Rowan, Sterling 18:40.4, 4-Margaret Scuro, Ridgewood 18:40.4, 5-Karen Ahearn, Bernards 18:44.3, 6-Jeanne LaPlaca, North Hunterdon 18:58.4, 7-Missy Duchini, Wayne Valley 19:03.0, 8-Madeline Nassy, Caldwell 19:04.8, 9-Rene Murphy, DePaul 19:07.05, 10-Jodie Bilotta, North Hunterdon 19:18.7, 11-Ruth Lockbaum, Glassboro 19:17.3, 12-Tracy Hissman, Bernards 19:19.2, 13-Laurie Day, Bernards 19:19.9, 14-Cathy Paz, Clifton 19:25.4, 15-Barb Starr, Lawrence 19:27.9, 16-Megan Lee, West Morris 19:30.2, 17-Alanna Gurwitz, North Hunterdon 19:31.8, 18-Terry Reimann, Mendham 19:33.1, 19-Vicki Scocozava, Bonton 19:39.1, 20-Anne Letko, North Hunterdon 19:42.1, 21-Christine Grant, Columbia 19:50.2, 22-Lauren Jelm, Holmdel 19:51.3, 23-Jackie Paz, Clifton 19:54.5.

North Hunterdon. Bernards stayed ahead through the first three finishers for each team, but lost the race when it dropped a net of 25 points on their fourth-place finishers. Anne Letko of North Hunterdon placing 10th among the team runners and Sharon Ahearn of Bernards 35th among the team runners.

VanHorn finished the race at 18:39.1, with Mindy Rowan of Sterling third in 18:40.4 and Margaret Scuro of Ridgewood fourth in 18:40.4. LaPlaca clocked 18:58.6 in sixth place, with teammates Jodie Bilotta 10th in 19:16 and Alanna Gurwitz 17th in 19:31.8.



Photo by Richard Rosenberg  
Bergenfield's Toni Ann Angione (right) and Wayne Valley's Jen Van Horn congratulate each other after 1-2 finish in cross country state finals

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