



Photo by Don Lord
A determined Ray Osterbye of Mater Dei crosses finish line first in the Boys Parochial B race

1ST TITLE IN 18 YEARS

Group 4 crown to Morristown

By GRANT EDWARDS

Eric Sturtevant and Dennis Molnar led Morristown to its first boys' group cross-country championship in 18 years yesterday at Holmdel County Park.

Morristown won the Group 4 trophy with a 107-131 margin over North Edison.

Sturtevant, undefeated this season, finished in 16:33 50 yards ahead of Brian Rashap of North Edison. Molnar was fourth in 17:02 behind Tom Yakowenko, also of North Edison. Newark East Side, which had defeated Morristown in the North Jersey, Section 2 race last week, was eighth yesterday with 205 points.

Bernards won its 12th straight group title with a 16-149 margin over defending Somerville in Group 2. Bernards had won in Group 1 10 of the previous 11 years and in Group 2 in 1977. Jeff Simpson led a sweep of the first four places for Bernards in 16:40, followed by Lyle Smith, Tom Praisner and Jeff Friedman.

Three defending team champions won again. North Hunterdon made it three in a row in Group 3, 87-140, over Raritan. Paul VI of Haddonfield took a third straight Parochial A championship, 47-77, over Christian Brothers Academy. Mater Dei made it two in a row in Parochial B, 35-47, over Delbarton.

Haddonfield won its first Group 1 title, 61-83, from Maple Shade, led by Dan Gough, who won the race by 75 yards from Russ Montevechi of Mahwah in 16:57. Haddonfield had won the Group 2 title in 1978 and 1980.

Ed Letko led North Hunterdon to the Group 3 title when he finished third in 17:13. Herb Williams of Lakewood won the individual duel with Kevin Pumphrey of Highland, finishing in 16:57 on the rain-soaked course. Chris Murray and Tim Bigley placed 18th and 19th for North Hunterdon.

Ray Osterbye won the Parochial B race for Mater Dei in 16:56.5. But the hero of the day was Rollo Regan, the 1984 individual champion, who placed third in 17:08. Injuries had hampered Regan all season and this was his highest placing by far in any championship meet.

It was significant Regan ran that well, since Delbarton put its five runners across the line within 15 seconds of each other, led by Peter Stewart in sixth place.

Paul VI, which had injury problems early in the season, put three runners across the line before the first CBA man in the Parochial A race. Ron Faith won the race for Paul VI in 16:26, the fastest time of the day, and John McNally placed sixth and John Wolfram seventh. Dave Stonebraker was the first CBA finisher in eighth place in 17:18.

GROUP 1

TEAMS: 1-Morristown 107, 2-North Edison 131, 3-Haddonfield 169, 4-Cherry Hill East 179, 5-Memorial (W.N.Y.) 187, 6-Toms River North 187, 7-Ridgewood 191, 8-Newark East Side 205, 9-Toms River East 223, 10-Brick 248, 11-Hightstown 284, 12-Trenton 297, 13-Hackensack 312, 14-Sayreville 316, 15-Phillipsburg 323, 16-Paterson Kennedy 343, 17-Vineland 355, 18-Manalapan 380, 19-Elizabeth 415, 20-Paterson Eastside 487.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Eric Sturtevant, Morristown 16:33, 2-Brian Rashap, North Edison 16:42, 3-Tom Yakowenko, North Edison 16:53, 4-Dennis Molnar, Morristown 17:02, 5-Carlos Martins, Newark East Side 17:12, 6-Christer Malm, Cumberland 17:21, 7-Curt McNair, Passaic 17:23, 8-Pal Smith, Neptune 17:24, 9-Donnell Stafford, Cumberland 17:25, 10-Eric Bernstein, Ridgewood 17:26, 11-A. J. Monaco, Toms River North 17:27, 12-Bob Boswick, Vineland 17:28, 13-Jack Schoenmaker, Brick 17:29, 14-Tim Blake, Trenton 17:32, 15-Phil

BOYS' X-C

Schatz, Hightstown 17:33, 16-Jeff Koerner, Toms River North 17:34, 17-Art Picado, Union 17:36, 18-David Greenblatt, Teaneck 17:39, 19-Tim Vockel, Westfield 17:40, 20-Greg Christensen, Cedar Ridge 17:42.

GROUP 3

TEAMS: 1-North Hunterdon 87, 2-Raritan 160, 3-Princeton 189, 4-Ramsey 199, 5-Lakewood 182, 6-Willingboro 182, 7-Cinnaminson 227, 8-Vernon 235, 9-Highland 241, 10-Walton Hills 267, 11-Voorhees 269, 12-Mount Olive 270, 13-Morris Hills 318, 14-Northern Highlands 328, 15-Old Tappan 341, 16-Parissipany Hills 387, 17-Randolph 394, 18-Denmark 414, 19-Cranford 429, 20-Bridgeton 459.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Herb Williams, Lakewood 16:57, 2-Kevin Pumphrey, Highland 17:07, 3-Eric Letko, North Hunterdon 17:13, 4-Mike Besiano, Raritan 17:17, 5-Mike Clayton, Rancocas Valley 17:19, 6-Bob Lackner, Raritan 17:20, 7-Joe Livata, Morris Hills 17:21, 8-Ralph Nickl, Old Tappan 17:22, 9-Bob Shields, Parsippany Hills 17:23, 10-Sveo Gowicki, Cinnaminson 17:23, 11-Nick Berensky, Old Tappan 17:33, 12-Ray Pugsley, Mendham 17:34, 13-Rich Falcone, Vernon 17:35, 14-Jeff Brown, Northern Highlands 17:38, 15-Greg Cahoun, Raritan 17:40, 16-Scott Erwin, Central Regional 17:41, 17-Chuck Thieme, Brick Memorial 17:43, 18-Chris Murray, North Hunterdon 17:45, 19-Tim Bigley, North Hunterdon 17:47, 20-Nathaniel McVey-Finney, Princeton 17:48.

GROUP 2

TEAMS: 1-Bernards 16, 2-Somerville 149, 3-Haddon Township 161, 4-Jefferson 196, 5-Caldwell 203, 6-Delaware Valley 204, 7-Manchester Township 219, 8-Rumson 226, 9-Westwood 251, 10-Dover 310, 11-Ridge 318, 12-Haddon Heights 331, 13-Gateway 358, 14-Hopatcong 381, 15-Harrison 382, 16-Dumont 389, 17-Springfield 403, 18-Boonton 408, 19-River Dell 414, 20-Clearview 415.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Jeff Simpson, Bernards 16:40, 2-Lyle Smith, Bernards 16:49, 3-Tom Praisner, Bernards 16:59, 4-Jeff Friedman, Bernards 17:02, 5-Andy Ball, Pequannock 17:03, 6-John Richard, Somerville 17:12, 7-Robert Sinha, Bernards 17:21, 8-Art Almeida, Harrison 17:22, 9-Jason Kaplan, Westwood 17:23, 10-John Chichester, Caldwell 17:24, 11-Brad Bono, Bernards 17:25, 12-Rodney Smith, Hillside 17:32, 13-Terry Gallagher, Haddon Township 17:34, 14-Ed Wagner, Westwood 17:45, 15-Brian Doyle, Millburn 17:50, 16-Jim Thistle, Clearview 17:51, 17-Tim Hennessey, Jefferson 17:53, 18-Jim Hoops, Ridge 17:53, 19-Nick Warner, Monmouth Reg. 17:54, 20-Kaith Nogueira, Rumson 17:54.

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TEAMS: 1-Haddonfield 61, 2-Maple Shade 83, 3-Henry Hudson 124, 4-Chatham Township 138, 5-Riverside 209, 6-Mahwah 218, 7-Bound Brook 220, 8-Penns Grove 246, 9-Chatham Borough 252, 10-Palisades Park 257, 11-Paulsboro 282, 12-Saddle Brook 310, 13-Middlesex 320, 14-Meruchen 338, 15-Pompton Lakes 349, 16-Emerson Borough 388, 17-Keypoint 425, 18-Roselle Park 459.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Dan Gough, Haddonfield 16:57, 2-Russ Montevechi, Mahwah 17:17, 3-Kevin McCown, Mahwah 17:23, 4-Mike Myklyok, Bound Brook 17:29, 5-Bill Moskowitz, Henry Hudson 17:46, 6-Eric Hecht, Metuchen 17:47, 7-Bob Kosso, Riverside 17:48, 8-Bill Giester, Henry Hudson 17:49, 9-Matt Haas, Bordentown 17:59, 10-Mark Schoenfeld, Montgomery 18:06, 11-Mike Ryan, Palisades Park 18:08, 12-Kevin Arthur, Maple Shade 18:09, 13-Evan Driscoll, Haddonfield 18:12, 14-Joe Shanshan, Haddonfield 18:14, 15-Frank DiPatri, Maple Shade 18:09, 16-Jim Nolte, Maple Shade 18:20, 17-Tom Quigley, Haddonfield 18:22, 18-Larry Ryan, Paulsboro 18:23, 19-Chris Moore, Emerson Borough 18:24, 20-Mike Healy, Ridgely 18:25.

PAROCHIAL A

TEAMS: 1-Paul VI (Hadd.) 47, 2-Christian Brothers 77, 3-St. Joseph's (Met.) 85, 4-Berger Catholic 116, 5-Holy Cross 143, 6-Red Bank Catholic 170, 7-Mt. St. Joseph 243, 8-Camden Catholic 244, 9-Paramus Catholic 250, 10-St. Joseph (Mont.) 292, 11-Don Bosco Prep 321, 12-St. Rose 325, 13-Mt. St. Joseph 336, 14-Hudson Catholic 345, 15-St. John Vianney 385, 16-Union Catholic 397.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Ron Faith, Paul VI 16:26, 2-Doug Palmadessa, Bergen Catholic 17:05, 3-Matt Hogan, Hudson Catholic 17:08, 4-John McCarthy, St. Joseph's (Met.) 17:11, 5-Eric Lorenz, Holy Cross 17:13, 6-Sveo McNally, Paul VI 17:15, 7-John Wolfram, Paul VI 17:17, 8-Dave Stonebraker, Christian Brothers 17:18, 9-Doug Tilton, St. Joseph's (Met.) 17:19, 10-John Murphy, Berger Catholic 17:21, 11-Marty Malague, St. Joseph's (Met.) 17:22, 12-Tom Perry, Christian Brothers 17:23, 13-Kevin Brennan, Red Bank Catholic 17:24, 14-Chris Hartmann, Paramus Catholic 17:29, 15-Brian Fitzgerald, Christian Brothers 17:38, 16-Matt Wright, Paul VI 17:31, 17-Joe DiJoseph, Paul VI 17:38, 18-Chris Creighton, Holy Cross 17:40, 19-John Laurie, Paramus Catholic 17:42, 20-Mike McDonnell, Christian Brothers 17:56.

PAROCHIAL B

TEAMS: 1-Mater Dei 35, 2-Delbarton 46, 3-Bishop Eustace 107, 4-Morris Catholic 125, 5-St. Augustine 201, 6-Pope John 226, 7-Pope John 226, 7-Sacred Heart 231, 8-St. Benedict's Prep 233, 9-Neumann Prep 288, 10-DePaul 302, 11-Frigny 300, 12-Roselle Catholic 325, 13-Mt. St. Joseph 341, 14-Gloucester Catholic 382, 15-St. Peter's (N.B.) 404, 16-Immaculate 429, 17-St. Mary's (S.A.) 463.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Ray Osterbye, Mater Dei 16:56.5, 2-Mike James, Bishop Eustace 17:01, 3-Rollo Regan, Mater Dei 17:08, 4-Dave May, Bishop Eustace 17:22, 5-Rich Kenah, Montclair Immaculate 17:25, 6-Peter Stewart, Delbarton 17:38, 7-Joe Corcoran, Delbarton 17:40, 8-Tom McAuliffe, Mater Dei 17:43, 9-Martin Downs, Mater Dei 17:44, 10-Wally Carrell, Delbarton 17:45, 11-Todd Wells, Delbarton 17:46, 12-Andy Cline, Delbarton 17:53, 13-Frank Arico, Morris Catholic 17:57, 14-Mack Lonergan, Mater Dei 18:05, 15-John Whipple, Delbarton 18:06, 16-James Barnes, St. Benedict's 18:08, 17-Ian Bate, Mater Dei 18:10, 18-Steve Thobald, Montclair Immaculate 18:14, 19-Gene Pefteron, Morris Catholic 18:20, 20-Bob Kulik, Delbarton 18:31.

Many games postponed by weather

The snow and torrential rains that hit New Jersey yesterday forced the postponement of nearly half of the high school football games scheduled.

Many of the games will be played this afternoon, while others will be contested tomorrow. The postponements will delay the decision process for the football playoffs, which are slated to start on Saturday, Nov. 23.

"The football committee will be meeting on Monday morning in Robbinsville," explained NJSIAA executive director Robert Kanaby. "At that time, we will make a determination as to whether or not the games that are played on Monday will be counted toward the records for the playoffs."

Extremely poor field conditions, caused by yesterday's weather, will force some schools to play tomorrow.

Most of the postponed games will be played today and many of them involve teams still in the running for the playoffs.

Perhaps the premier game in terms of statewide interest to fall victim to the harsh weather was the contest between Seton Hall Prep and East Orange, which was to be played at Martens Stadium in East Orange.

Seton Hall, ranked 11th in The Star-Ledger Top 20, and 19th-ranked East Orange will try again at 1:30 this afternoon at Martens. The winner will claim the championship of the Iron Division in the Iron Hills Conference and will solidify its position in the playoff derby. East Orange is in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoff race and Seton Hall seeks an invitation in North Jersey, Parochial A.

Also in Essex County, the game between Montclair and Belleville will be played this afternoon at 1. Montclair (7-0), ranked third, needs a victory in