

BILOTTA LEADS NO. HUNTERDON'S 1-2-3 FINISH; CBA BOYS CAPTURE CROWN

East Side's Martins wins state X-c title



Photo by Steve Andrask
North Hunterdon's Jodi Bilotta crosses finish line in 18:56 to win all-groups cross-country title at Holmdel Park yesterday

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A 1-2-3 finish by Jodi Bilotta, Anne Letko and Jeanne LaPlaca gave North Hunterdon its fourth consecutive state all-groups cross-country girls' championship yesterday morning at Holmdel County Park.

In the boys' race, Carlos Martins of Newark East Side completed an undefeated season in New Jersey competition by defeating Cesar Gaudin of Union Hill by 15 yards in 16:10. The team title went to Christian Brothers with 63 points. CBA, which was unbeaten in New Jersey meets this fall, also won the all-groups meet in 1979 and 1980.

Bilotta won the girls' race for the second year in a row in 18:56. Letko was second in 19:13 and LaPlaca placed third in 19:35. Sandy LaPlaca and Katie McCormick completed the North Hunterdon total of 24 team points, lowest in the 15-year history of the meet. Brick was second with 84 and Wayne Valley edged Bernards for third, 111-112.

For Letko and Jeanne LaPlaca, this was the fourth time they had run on a state championship team. LaPlaca was the lead runner for the 1983 and 1984 North Hunterdon championship teams. Letko was a back-up runner on those two teams and then ran second to

Bilotta in last year's race.

"I was so glad for Jeanne," said North Hunterdon coach Bob McGivney. "She has had a lot of physical problems to conquer the last two years but has kept plugging along. She improved her time in each of the last three weeks here."

Bilotta was obviously looking forward to next Saturday's Kinney regional trials at VanCortlandt Park in The Bronx, N.Y.

"This has been my goal all season," she said. "I want to qualify for and then win the national meet. I know it will be tough, but I think I can do it." Bilotta and Letko both qualified in the Kinney meet last year.

Brick had its usual combinations of the Hoernlein twins, freshmen Mary and Patty, and the Batiato twins, seniors Maureen and Michelle, plus sophomore Dana Zonkle, lead it to the second place finish.

The Brick girls finished within 24 seconds of each other, spread from 19 to 36th place. McGivney took note of the fact that all five will be back next year and said, "Brick will be the team to beat if we are to make it five in a row."

Christian Brothers coach Tom Heath breathed a sigh of relief after completing a perfect season of 10 victories in 10 major meets.

"You can't do better than that," he said. "We've been fortunate to have so much depth this season that when somebody is ailing, there is always someone else to take his place."

Yesterday, it was senior stars Brian Fitzgerald and Dave Stonebraker, who were under the weather, finishing in 31st and 41st places.

But sophomore John Coyle gave us another super race in seventh place," said Heath. "And senior Matt Mitchell and senior Tom Perry picked it up by placing 14th and 17th."

Fitzgerald and junior Mike McDonnell, in 37th place, also scored points for Christian Brothers.

Martins pushed the pace from the start, trying to get under the 16-minute mark at Holmdel for the first time. But the chilly, windy day took its toll and the East Side senior hyperventilated coming up the final hill and needed first aid treatment from his teammates after going through the finish chute.

The battle for places behind him was fierce. Gaudin and Ray Pugsley of Mendham seemed ready to repeat their close finish in last week's Group 3 race when Jason DJoseph of Paul VI charged up to split the two by taking third place. Gaudin was timed in 16:13, DJoseph in 16:15 and Pugsley in 16:16.

Tim Koerner led Toms River North to its second-place team finish by placing fifth in 16:22 and teammate A. J. Monaco was 18th in 16:49.

BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Christian Brothers 63, 2-Toms River North 130, 3-Paul VI (Haddonfield) 149, 4-Ridgewood 195, 5-Kearny 199, 6-Bernards 202, 7-Princeton 227, 8-Haddonfield 240, 9-Haddon Township 241, 10-Caldwell 246, 11-Delbarton 258, 12-Cinnaminson 263, 13-Waynes Cross (Delran) 283, 14-Jefferson 306, 15-Ramsey 314, 16-Morris Catholic 340, 17-St. Benedict's 360, 18-Kingsway 388.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Carlos Martins, Newark East Side 16:10, 2-Cesar Gaudin, Union Hill 16:13, 3-Jason DJoseph, Paul VI 16:15, 4-Ray Pugsley, Mendham 16:16, 5-Tim Koerner, Toms River North 16:22, 6-John Chichester, Caldwell 16:27, 7-John Coyle, Christian Brothers 16:31, 8-Jurie Ridgeway, Bridgeton 16:34, 9-Dave Lee, East Brunswick 16:41, 10-Thomas Adelman, West Essex 16:42, 11-Ant Almeida, Kearny 16:43, 12-Kevin Brennan, Red Bank Catholic 16:43, 13-Matt Mitchell, Christian Brothers 16:45, 14-Todd Wells, Delbarton 16:45, 15-Jeff Friedman, Bernards 16:47, 17-Tom Perry, Christian Brothers 16:47, 18-A. J. Monaco,



Photo by Steve Andrask
Newark East Side's Carlos Martins gets help from teammates after winning boys' all-groups cross-country meet yesterday

Toms River North 16:49, 19-Pat Gallagher, Haddon Township 16:49, 20-Matt Swann, Ramsey 16:50, 21-John Lauria, Paramus Catholic 16:50, 22-Dan Gough, Haddonfield 16:50, 23-Evan Driscoll, Haddonfield 16:53, 24-Kevin McLabbe, Ridgewood 16:53, 25-Pat Fogarty, Collingswood 16:55.

GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-North Hunterdon 34, 2-Brick 72, 3-Wayne Valley 111, 4-Bernards 112, 5-Paul VI (Haddonfield) 133, 6-Mater D 134, 7-Ridgewood 185, 8-Ridge 187, 9-Ocean City 227, 10-Mahwah 239, 11-Somerville 277, 12-Itanilm 278.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Jodi Bilotta, North Hunterdon 18:56, 2-Anne Letko, North Hunterdon 19:13,

3-Jeanne LaPlaca, North Hunterdon 19:35, 4-Ellaine Colbert, Morristown 19:40, 5-Cathy Pugh, Clifton 19:43, 6-Jen Mizzone, Wayne Valley 19:47, 7-Amy Kempf, Paramus 19:48, 8-Cathy Feeney, Wayne Valley 19:55, 9-Gina Willoughby, Randolph 19:54, 10-Tracy Hinman, Bernards 19:56, 11-Laura Hoscomb, Holmdel 19:57, 12-Alyson Perry, Haddon Valley 20:05, 13-Sandy LaPlaca, North Hunterdon 20:10, 14-Liz Duarte, Kearny 20:11, 15-Jasmin Jones, Hackensack 20:17, 16-Jodi McCaffrey, Mater Dei 20:18, 17-Daryl Klesche, Roxbury 20:18, 18-Yolanda Santana, Dover 20:19, 19-Mary Horgan, Brick 20:28, 20-Maureen Batiato, Brick 20:29, 21-Katie McCormick, North Hunterdon 20:30, 22-Michelle Owen, Clearview 20:30, 23-Chris Baltes, Manalapan 20:31, 24-Sandy Wright, Paul VI (Haddonfield) 20:31, 25-Beise Caffrey, Mater Dei 20:32.

Jahns' 2 lead Millburn

Dan Jahns, a senior forward, scored twice in the third quarter to send Millburn to a 2-1 victory over

Lodi in a Group 2 state soccer semifinal yesterday at Bergen College in Paramus.

Jahns was assisted by Pete Snyder on his first goal 3:09 into the third quarter. Jahns chipped a 15-yard shot over the Lodi goalie for his second score later in the period. Tony Domingues scored in the final quarter for Lodi (15-4-1). Millburn (24-1) has won 24 straight.

Westfield romps to title

Tom Ward scored two goals to cement Westfield's dominance by the executive committee of the New Jersey State Football Association.