

Constantin girls' champ; DiJoseph wins 2d in row

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Jason DiJoseph of Paul VI in Haddonfield and Christi Constantin of Kittatinny confirmed their status as the state's scholastic cross-country leaders by scoring convincing victories in the 17th annual all-groups championships yesterday at the Holmdel County Park.

DiJoseph won the boys' race for an unprecedented second straight year by 40 yards from pace-setting Mike Mykytok of Bound Brook in 15:33, 17 seconds off the course record the Paul VI senior had set in last week's Parochial A title race. Constantin ran away from the field in the girls' race and won by 350 yards from Paula Vagueiro of Newark East Side in 17:55.

Paul VI won its second all-groups

team title in five years with 62 points. Christian Brothers Academy placed second with 65. The race was decided when Paul VI's fifth runner, Jim Wolfram, finished 44th, 18 places ahead of his Christian Brothers counterpart, Rob Gross.

Brick avenged an earlier defeat to Toms River East to win its first girls' all-groups title since 1977, 45-69. Toms River East had defeated Brick in the Group 4 meet last week but Brick finished with a 4-1 margin over its Ocean County rival in championship meets this fall.

DiJoseph made no attempt to break the record he had set last week.

"I wasn't after a personal record this week," he said, "just a victory. When Mykytok took off at the start of

the race, I was content to follow him. After a mile, I decided to go after him and, when I did, nobody came with me."

Mykytok said his pace-setting move was a last-minute decision. It paid off for him in a 15:41 second-place finish, making him the fourth fastest runner in the course history, behind DiJoseph and two former North Hunterdon stars, Andy Martin and Brad Hudson.

Urie Ridgeway of Bridgeton came home third in 15:47 and John Coyle of Christian Brothers was fourth in 15:58.

Constantin, who came close to her Group 2 winning time of 17:54.2, followed freshman Kristen Hall of West Morris into the hills.

"I had never run against her be-

fore," Constantin said, "but I felt she would come back to me."

This happened just short of the mile mark and, after that, Constantin pulled away to an easy victory. Vagueiro came on to take second in 19:11 and Hall finished third in 19:17.

Paul VI coach Mike Glavin said the close team finish in the boys' race was no surprise.

"I told my boys last week that it wouldn't be as easy the next time," he said.

DiJoseph's victory gave Paul VI a two-point edge on the lead runners but Christian Brothers picked up 10 points with its next three finishers, Dan Heffernan, Chris Edwards and Nick McDonough. Wolfram's finish was worth 11 points in the corrected team score, which eliminates individual runners.

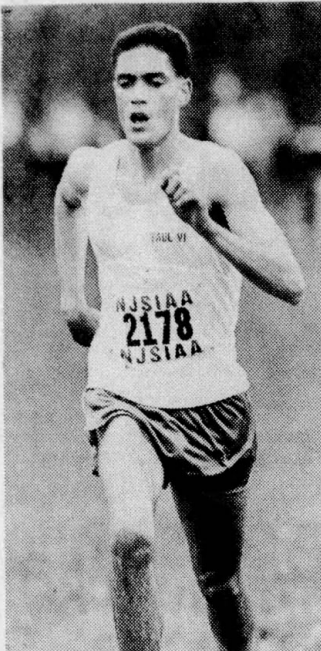


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Paul VI's Jason DiJoseph (left) heads for finish line en route to victory in boys' all groups state cross country race at Holmdel Park yesterday. DiJoseph's time of 15:33 beat Bound Brook's Michael Mykytak by eight seconds



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Kittatinny's Christi Constantin leads West Morris' Kristen Hall and Newark East Side's Paula Vagueiro to finish line for victory in yesterday's girls' all groups cross country race at Holmdel Park

BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Paul VI (Hadd.) 62, 2-Christian Brothers 65, 3-Highland 134, 4-Bernards 143, 5-Bridgeton 151, 6-Haddon Township 166, 7-Newark East Side 214, 8-Shawnee 217, 9-Delbarton 218, 10-Cedar Ridge 239, 11-Cherokee 243, 12-Buena 289, 13-Haddonfield 318, 14-Cinnaminson 361, 15-Sacred Heart 364, 16-Fingry 390, 17-St. Rose 399.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Jason DiJoseph, Paul VI 15:33, 2-Mike Mykytok, Bound Brook 15:41, 3-Urie Ridgeway, Bridgeton 15:47, 4-John Coyle, Christian Brothers 15:58, 5-Steve Liona, Raritan 16:10, 6-Lance Hess, Bridgeton 16:11, 7-Brian Partlow, North Hunterdon 16:13, 8-Jason Fiscus, Haddon Township 16:17, 9-Ken Flynn, Ramsey 16:19, 10-Dan Heffernan, Christian Brothers 16:20, 11-Terrance Armstrong, Camden 16:23, 12-Mike Tobey, Audubon 16:24, 13-David Donahue, Haddon Township 16:24, 14-Matt Cieslik, Paul VI 16:24, 15-Craig Masker, Mahwah 16:26, 16-Chris Edwards, Christian Brothers 16:29, 17-Sean Henry, Clifton 16:29, 18-Monty Meeks, North Hunterdon 16:30, 19-Andy Bigelow, Bernards 16:30, 20-Vin Cieslik, Paul VI 16:32, 21-Jerod Neas, Princeton 16:33, 22-Ken McNamara, Brick 16:35, 23-Tom Naimoli, Mater Dei 16:39, 24-Chris Shields, Mendham 16:39, 25-Jason Pozner, Marlboro 16:40.

GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-Brick 45, 2-Toms River East 69, 3-Phillipsburg 103, 4-Ocean City 115, 5-Red Bank Catholic 134, 6-Hunterdon Central 147, 7-Kittatinny 168, 8-Delaware Valley 206, 9-Hopatcong 212, 10-Bishop Eustace 232, 11-Bernards 264.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Christi Constantin, Kittatinny 17:55, 2-Paula Vagueiro, Newark East Side 19:11, 3-Kristen Hall, West Morris 19:17, 4-Karin Swartz, Princeton 19:24, 5-Cathy Feeney, Wayne Valley 19:30, 6-Lisa Miers, Phillipsburg 19:31, 7-Nicki Willett, Morris Hills 19:32, 8-Sandy Wright, Paul VI 19:36, 9-Colleen Kenney, Raritan 19:39, 10-Erinn Carmody, Paul VI 19:44, 11-Tabitha Francks, Gloucester Catholic 19:45, 12-Elizabeth Duarte, Kearny 19:48, 13-Jen Nesbitt, Caldwell 19:50, 14-Carrie Thompson, Clearview 19:51, 15-Colleen Spillano, Brick 19:53, 16-Jennifer Mackey, Sparta 19:55, 17-Lori Townsend, Kingsway 20:02, 18-Michelle Dey, Notre Dame 20:04, 19-Melissa Niechwiadowicz, Madison Central 20:11, 20-Jen Maczka, Madison Central 20:11, 21-Michelle Bull, Toms River East 20:22, 22-Patty Hoernlein, Brick 20:27, 23-Kristen Odyke, West Morris 20:26, 24-Mary Hoernlein, Brick 20:32, 25-Dawn Pfeifer, Bishop Eustace 20:33.