

Mt. Olive tops P'burg; Kittatinny wins title



Photo by Tom Kitz

Girls' Group 2 cross-country finalist Michelle Owen (left) of Mullica Hill's Clearview High hugs second-place finisher, Lori Townsend of Kingsway High in Swedesboro following yesterday's race at Holmdel Park

Keenan leads Caldwell past Millburn, 21-0

Scott Keenan caught three passes for 80 yards, returned a punt for a touchdown and was in on nine tackles yesterday as Caldwell rolled to a 21-0 victory over Millburn in Caldwell.

Rob Wood scored on a three-yard run for a 6-0 lead in the second period. Caldwell (5-3) increased the lead to 8-0 before the half when Millburn (0-7-1)

quarter. Junior quarterback Scott Dancy completed two passes for 59 yards to Keenan in the march before taking it over from the two for a 14-0 lead.

Keenan's 60-yard punt return with 7:30 left in the fourth quarter sealed the victory.

By ED GRANT

Mt. Olive (Group 3) and defending Kittatinny (Group 2) won titles yesterday at the 14th annual state girls' group cross-country championships at Holmdel County Park.

Mt. Olive won for the first time in the Group 3 race, which provided the only controversy of the day. At about the halfway mark, in the "bowl" area, the tightly packed leading group of half a dozen runners came to a tight turn with muddy underfooting. Some jostling resulted and Christine Engel of Mt. Olive and Nicki Willett of Morris Hills, two of the individual favorites, were forced to the wrong side of the marker. Both ran some distance uphill before they heeded shouts to return and make the turn properly. Willett recovered to finish third in 20:05 and Engel was fourth in 20:16.

Engel still led Mt. Olive to its victory over Phillipsburg, with teammate Kelly Donnellon placing seventh in 20:41. Mt. Olive finished with 71 points. Defending Kristen Hall of West Morris was fifth in 20:35, but Cathy Peeney of Wayne Valley failed to qualify, finishing 19th in 21:12, exactly two minutes slower than her time over the same course last Sunday in a Junior Olympics race.

Monal Chokshi of Bridgewater raced to a 150-yard victory over Tara Ricciuto of Manalapan in the Group 4 race. The undefeated freshman star took the lead at the mile mark and gradually moved away from the field, finishing with an uphill sprint that made it apparent that she had plenty of running left after the 3.1-mile run over the hilly course. Her time of 19:27 was easily the best of the four championship races.

Joining Chokshi as champions were Charlene Agar of Red Bank Catholic in Group 3 at 19:49, Michele Owen of Clearview in Group 2 at 20:08 and Cheryl Keating of Sacred Heart of Vineland in Group 1 at 20:27.

Brick avenged its only loss of the season in the Group 4 race, finishing with 42 points to 108 for Toms River

East and 111 for third-place Paul VI of Haddon Township. Paul VI had defeated Brick in the South Jersey sectionals two weeks ago.

The other team winner was defending Bishop Eustace in Group 1.

In the Group 4 race, Sandy Wright got Paul VI off to a good start in third place in 20:02, but the Brick runners began to pour over the line shortly thereafter. Colleen Spillane was sixth for Brick in 20:30, Patty Miller fifth in 20:37 and Patty Hoerlein 18th in 20:59.

Owen won the Group 2 race by 35 yards from South Jersey rival Lori Townsend of Kingsway in 20:08. Kittatinny won the team title with 66 points. The Kittatinny finishers were Mindy Zwart in sixth place in 21:04, Patty Miller 12th in 21:42 and Dawn Gunther 17th in 22:00.

Keating's victory in Group 1 was at the expense of favorite Jen Schenberger of Kinnelon, who was second in 20:56. Bishop Eustace defeated Palisades Park, 56-82, led by Dawn Pfeiffer in fifth place in 21:18. Jessica Smith in seventh in 21:25 and Lisa Skultety in ninth in 21:34.

GIRLS' GROUP 4

TEAMS: 1-Brick 80, 2-Toms River East 108, 3-Paul VI (Haddon Township) 111, 4-Kearny 125, 5-Hunterdon Central 139, 6-North Hunterdon 153, 7-Morris Knolls 170, 8-Ridgewood 174, 9-Bridgewater 237, 10-Swains 302, 11-Newark East side 334, 12-Roxbury 358, 13-Morrisown 373, 14-Madison Central 375, 15-Toms River North 379, 16-Cifton 386, 17-Vernon 386, 18-Hackensack 397, 19-Middle-town South 484.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Monal Chokshi, Bridgewater 19:27, 2-Tara Ricciuto, Manalapan 19:39, 3-Sandy Wright, Paul VI (Haddon Township) 20:02, 4-Stella Cincos, Marlboro 20:17, 5-Rachel McLaughlin, Lakeland 20:29, 6-Colleen Spillane, Brick 20:30, 7-Eileen Fitzgerald, Ridgewood 20:32, 8-Liz Figlar, Ridgewood 20:35, 9-Lillian Foli, Brick 20:37, 10-Erinn Carmody, Paul VI (Haddon Township) 20:41, 11-Jan Blake, Morris Knolls 20:45, 12-Véronique Godleski, Toms River East 20:46, 13-Kathy Moran, Morris Knolls 20:47, 14-Ana Matrus, Kearny 20:48, 15-Shari Dornow, Morris Knolls 20:50, 16-Cara Jones, Roxbury 20:51, 17-Marybeth Schaefer, Hunterdon Central 20:52, 18-Patty Hoerlein, Brick 20:59, 19-Hadine Nunez, Passaic 20:59, 20-Jen Harris, North Hunterdon 21:02.

GIRLS' GROUP 3

TEAMS: 1-Mt. Olive 71, 2-Phillipsburg 106, 3-Red Bank Catholic 114, 4-Wayne Valley 154, 5-Hamilton East 169, 6-West Morris 173, 7-Ocean City 193, 8-St. John Vianney 109, 9-Voorhees 228, 10-St. Dominic Academy 262, 11-Newton 296, 12-Highland 313, 13-Manalapan 318, 14-Walchong Hill 324, 15-Bridgeton 344, 16-Ramsey 366, 17-Holy Spirit 373, 18-Bergenfield 384, 19-Cranford 512.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Charlene Agar, Red Bank Catholic 19:49, 2-Stephanie Andrask, Newton 20:01, 3-Nicki Willett, Morris Knolls 20:05, 4-Christine Engel, Mt. Olive 20:16, 5-Kristen Hall, West Morris 20:35, 6-Sherry Jenkins, Camden Catholic 20:39, 7-Kelly Donnellon, Mt. Olive 20:41, 8-Kathy McAuliffe, Dumont 20:41, 9-Marianna Livingston, Red Bank 20:45, 10-Mary Pat Erickson, Red Bank Catholic 20:48, 11-Alicia Brotman, Hamilton East 20:52, 12-Bethann Smell, Bishop Ahr 20:54, 13-Sophora Castro, Union Hill 20:55, 14-Ellen Lenihan, St. John Vianney 20:56, 15-Amy Kilpatrick, Bridgeton 21:03, 16-Kathleen Crance, Phillipsburg 20:06, 17-Maria Parasago, Mendham 21:08, 18-Jessica Wilhelm, Phillipsburg 21:11, 19-Cathy Peeney, Wayne Valley 21:12, 20-Janine Henseler, Randolph 21:16.

GIRLS' GROUP 2

TEAMS: 1-Kittatinny 66, 2-Hopatcong 110, 3-Kingsway 136, 4-Caldwell 139, 5-Delaware Valley 155, 6-Somerville 200, 7-Immaculata 209, 8-Garfield 217, 9-Northern Highlands 237, 10-Holmdel 310, 11-Point Pleasant Boro 316, 12-Manchester Township 340, 13-Jefferson 348, 14-Rutherford 350, 15-Delisa 351, 16-Madison Borough 356, 17-Manhattan 368, 18-Millburn 369, 19-Summit 431.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Michelle Owen, Clearview 20:08, 2-Lori Townsend, Kingsway 20:15, 3-Jen Neibitt, Caldwell 20:33, 4-Corri Thompson, Clearview 21:02, 5-Tabitha Francis, Gloucester Catholic 21:03, 6-Mindy Zwart, Kittatinny 21:04, 7-Stacey Hempel, Carlet 21:12, 8-Caroline Preece, Northern Highlands 21:30, 9-Cathy Miller, Somerville 21:30, 10-Johanna Altman, Dover 21:31, 11-Dawn Crowley, Hopatcong 21:37, 12-Patty Miller, Kittatinny 21:42, 13-Jen Marzano, Madison Borough 21:45, 14-Linda Bizzoco, Shore Regional 21:46, 15-Jacie Covert, Manasquan 21:49, 16-Carol Moyal, Holmdel 21:55, 17-Dawn Gunther, Kittatinny 22:00, 18-Maria Santiago, Buena 22:06, 19-Christina Graves, Princeton 21:35, 20-Linda Seymour, Somerville 21:17.

GIRLS' GROUP 1

TEAMS: 1-Bishop Eustace 56, 2-Palisades Park 82, 3-Mater Dei 86, 4-Newark Arts 155, 5-Sacred Heart 202, 6-Pittman 211, 7-Haddonfield 230, 8-Metchen 242, 9-Kearnsburg 249, 10-Schallick 288, 11-Kayport 270, 12-Eastern Christian 275, 13-Vernon 299, 14-Saddle Brook 312, 15-Henry Hudson 319, 16-North Arlington 367.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Cheryl Keating, Sacred Heart 20:27, 2-Jen Schenberger, Kinnelon 20:56, 3-Kelly Dobson, Mater Dei 21:58, 4-Becky Nazario, Pingry 21:14, 5-Dawn Pfeiffer, Bishop Eustace 21:18, 6-Tara Deshayes, Haddonfield 21:19, 7-Jessica Smith, Bishop Eustace 21:25, 8-Cathy Acevedo, Saddle Brook 21:33, 9-Lisa Skultety, Bishop Eustace 21:34, 10-Nicole Brown, Palisades Park 22:12, 11-Ann Soudak, Palisades Park 22:17, 12-Mary Potyczki, Pingry 22:21, 13-Janet Rue, Pittman 22:22, 14-Jen Carlin, Crasskill 22:22, 15-Sarah Schiano, Pingry 22:27, 16-Melanie Picciano, Palisades Park 22:24, 17-Angela Allegretta, Palisades Park 22:25, 18-Danise Irlin, Metchen 22:43, 19-Joan Ambrosio, Henry Hudson 22:44, 20-Takesha Pettus, Newark Arts 22:55.

West Orange subdues Orange behind Auletta



Frank Auletta carried 25 times for 130 yards and one touchdown to lead West Orange to an 18-6 victory over Orange yesterday in West Orange.

West Orange's defense did not allow Orange inside the 25. It set up the team's first score when senior linebacker Rick Carlucci came up with a fumble recovery at the Orange 17. Kevin Feeley kicked a 27-yard field