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Brian Walsh of Chatham has no competition as he heads toward finish line to win North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 cross-country championship yesterday at Warinanco Park

# Millburn repeats in Group 2; Oliviera runs away in Group 4

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Keith Christiansen passed a group of runners in the homestretch to finish 35th and that effort was the difference when Cedar Ridge, the No. 4 team in The Star-Ledger Boys' Cross-Country Top 10, beat No. 9 North Hunterdon for its fourth NJSIAA Central Jersey Group 3 title yesterday at Holmdel County Park.

He made the difference as Cedar Ridge's sixth runner to finish after the teams finished tied the team lead.

The other Central Jersey team winners were Asbury Park in Group 2, Henry Hudson in Group 1 and Middletown North in Group 4.

In North Jersey, Section 2, Westfield repeated in Group 4 and Mt. Olive won in Group 3, Millburn in Group 2 and Whippany Park in Group 1.

Kittatinny took the Group 2 championship in North Jersey, Section 1.

Asbury Park's Demond Joyner, given a gift in winning last year's race when teammate Bryan Spoonire stepped aside at the finish line, needed no such help yesterday when he won

the Central Jersey, Group 2 race in 16:48, one second slower than last year. Joyner, who failed to place in the top 10 at the Shore Conference meet last week, led Asbury Park to a second straight Group 2 title, despite the graduation of Spoonire, twice the state champion.

Kevin Brocklehurst of Bound Brook won the Group 1 race in 17:01. Henry Hudson edged Metuchen, 63-67, for its third consecutive Group 1 title.

Shawn Hynes of Edison won the Group 4 race in 16:49. Middletown North unseated crosstown rival Middletown South for the Group 4 crown.

No. 10 Whippany Park was perfect in the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 1 battle, taking the first five places on the way to a fourth consecutive crown at Warinanco Park in Elizabeth. Josh Keena won the race in 17:12 and Jamie Weinberg finished second in 17:13.

When asthma forced No. 2 runner Chris Griffith to forgo the race, Andy Ruggiero, a JV runner for the past two weeks, supplied the necessary lift by finishing seventh in 17:39 to lead Westfield to a second consecutive champion-

ship in Group 4.

Taking no chances, Antonio Oliveira of Newark East Side went out quickly and won the Group 4 race comfortably in 16:42.

Mt. Olive, a team which had its problems in last week's Morris County championships, got its act together in time to outrun West Morris, 56-65, and win its first Group 3 title. Mike Ingollia, 80th last week, finished third in 17:14 and Greg Griffiths, 55th last week, finished fourth in 17:28 to pace Mt. Olive.

Scott Wolkenhauer of West Morris overtook Pete Clavin of Scotch Plains in the final 200 meters and had enough to repel a late Clavin kick to win the Group 3 race in 16:47.

Brian Walsh of Chatham won the

## Section 2

### GROUP 1 BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Westfield 48, 2-Livingston 77, 3-West Orange 81, 4-Roxbury 94, 5-Union 98, 6-Randolph 115, 7-Morristown 158, 8-Newark East Side 205, 9-Columbia 215.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Antonio Oliveira, Newark East Side 16:42, 2-Peter Christrom, Columbia 17:38, 3-John Barbosa, Newark East Side 17:31, 4-Matt Gorby, Westfield 17:34, 5-Brian Gibb, Randolph 17:37, 6-Spencer Melli, Union 17:37, 7-Andy Ruggiero, Westfield 17:39, 8-Kyle Davis, Middletown

Group 2 race in 16:12, the best time of the section, for his third straight sectional title. Millburn successfully defended its Group 2 crown by turning back Morris Hills, 53-91.

The one-two punch of Keith O'Brien and Aaron Totten-Lancaster, who finished third and fourth, led No. 2 Shawnee over No. 6 Highland and Toms River North, the winner the two previous years and the state's No. 3 team, at

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## Central Jersey

### GROUP 1 BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Middletown North 61, 2-Manalapan 88, 3-Middletown South 73, 4-Bridgewater 138, 5-Hunterdon Central 156, 6-Edison 202, 7-Freehold Township 213, 8-Madison Central 230, 9-Placetasway 246, 10-East Brunswick 248, 11-West Windsor 255, 12-J. P. Stevens 266, 13-Howell 312, 14-Hightstown 316, 15-Peter Amboy 449.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Shawn Hynes, Edison 16:49, 2-Jim Graves, Middletown South 17:03, 3-Keith Fish, Middletown North 17:11, 4-Brian Lynch, Middletown North 17:51, 5-Mike Johnson, Freehold Township 17:54, 6-Bill Beiner, Hunterdon Central 17:58, 7-Sean O'Loughlin, Manalapan 17:59, 8-Chris Weiss, Manalapan 17:37, 9-Damon Godfrey, J. P. Stevens 17:39, 10-Dennis O'Brien, Middletown South 17:41, 11-Chris Stripo, Middletown North 17:43, 12-Adam Brodsky, Hightstown 17:47, 13-Chris Voltz, Manalapan 17:50, 14-Jeff Dick-