



Photo By Samir Id-Deen
Dave Arico of Roxbury shows his kick at end of Group 4, Section 2 meet at Warinaco Park in Roselle yesterday. Arico finished third

Science wins X-c crown

By PAUL FABBRI

North Hunterdon's Brendan Heffernan and Ridgewood's Bob Keino continued on course toward a Nov. 21 boys' Meet of Champions showdown with resounding victories and the Metuchen boys lost a heartbreaking race to Henry Hudson yesterday in the NJSIAA sectional cross-country championships.

In the North Jersey, Section 1 meet at Garret Mountain in West Paterson, Group 4 Ridgewood, Group 3 Pascaec Valley, Group 2 Englewood and Group 1 Bogota won the team titles.

In the North Jersey, Section 2 meet at Warinaco Park in Elizabeth, Group 4 Westfield, Group 3 West Morris, Group 2 Whippany Park and Group 1 Newark Science were the winners.

In the Central Jersey meet at Holmdel County Park, Group 4 Manalapan, Group 3 North Hunterdon, Group 2 Holmdel and Group 1 Henry Hudson took the trophies.

Victorious at the South Jersey meet at Westhampton Tech were Group 4 Shawnee, Group 3 Mainland, Group 2 Cinnaminson and Group 1

Haddon Heights. All the teams at Westhampton were repeat winners.

Heffernan, the defending state champion, predictably dominated, winning the Central Jersey, Group 3 race in 15:44. He and Keino were the only two runners to go under 16:00 yesterday.

But if Heffernan's performance was expected, teammate John Tillman's was not. Relegated to freshman races for most of this season, Tillman surprised with a 29th-place finish in 18:25 to key North Hunterdon, fourth at the Hunterdon/Warren County team competition a week ago, to the Group 3 title. It outran South Brunswick, 62-104.

Metuchen lost the Group 1 title to Henry Hudson, 42-43, when Tony Francis, who had been out most of the season with stress fractures, broke a bone in his leg a half mile from the finish. Metuchen's Steve Jacob won the race in 17:40; teammate Adam Blejwes was second in 17:53.

Omar Saleh won the Group 2 race in 17:11 to help Holmdel, the No. 6 team in The Star-Ledger Boys' Cross-Country Top 10, past Princeton.

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Boys' sectional cross-country

CENTRAL JERSEY

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2

GROUP 4

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TEAMS: 1-Manalapan 67, 2-Mission Central 89, 3-Hunterdon Central 92, 4-Middletown North 94, 5-Middletown South 182, 6-East Brunswick 198, 7-Bridgewater 227, 8-Pasataway 235, 9-Howell 252, 10-J. P. Stevens 266, 11-Edison 284, 12-Marboro 298, 13-Freehold Township 314, 14-West Windsor 319, 15-Trenton 378, 16-Sayreville 420, 17-Woodbridge 491, 18-North Brunswick 522, 19-Perth Amboy 554.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Chris Weiss, Manalapan 16:51, 2-Jeff Dickhart, Manalapan 17:23, 3-James Richardson, Madison Central 17:31, 4-Rharr Wilkowi, Hunterdon Central 17:32, 5-Chris Szupko, Middletown North 17:32, 6-John Kaiser, Middletown North 17:33, 7-Mike Johnson, Freehold Township 17:42, 8-Rich Simmons, Howell 17:44, 9-Kevin Ludwick, Middletown South 17:51, 10-Pete Quirk, Middletown North 17:51, 11-Ryiv Garg, West Windsor 17:55, 12-Gregg Hendler, East Brunswick 17:56, 13-Billy Dodds, Madison Central 17:57, 14-Jeff Armas, Bridgewater 17:57, 15-Luke Schiavi, Bridgewater 18:00, 16-Timur Bron, Madison Central 18:02, 17-John Norik, Manalapan 18:08, 18-Bradd Lyons, Hunterdon Central 18:10, 19-Jim Calandriello, Sayreville 18:11, 20-Eric Neam, Hunterdon Central 18:12.

TEAMS: 1-Westfield 45, 2-East Side 78, 3-Roxbury 91, 4-Duon 128, 5-West Orange 132, 6-Columbia 147, 7-Randolph 170, 8-Montclair P.S. 9-Elizabeth 223, 10-Livingston 264, 11-Irvington 295.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Pee Chilstrom, Columbia 18:37, 2-Antonio Oliveira, East Side 16:45, 3-Dave Arico, Roxbury 16:54, 4-John Barone, East Side 17:30, 5-Chris Demial, Westfield 17:32, 6-Matt Feld 17:40, 7-Jason Doehet, West Orange 17:46, 8-Chris Geck, Union 17:46, 9-Gerron Clark, West Orange 17:48, 11-Brian Ayres, West Orange 17:51, 12-Reynaldo Martinez, East Side 17:52, 13-Ted Kikoumova, Westfield 17:57, 14-Jim Nicoll, Westfield 17:59, 15-Glen Mullins, Bloomfield 18:03, 16-Don Cambria, Westfield 18:03, 17-Derrick Mostey, Linden 18:09, 18-John Vieira, Union 18:09, 19-Adam Barcan, Westfield 18:11, 20-Ray Shamberger, Montclair 18:13.

GROUP 3

TEAMS: 1-West Morris 34, 2-Mt. Olive 58, 3-Phillipsburg 65, 4-West Essex 115, 5-Morris Knolls 131, 6-Scotch Plains 187, 7-Morrisboro 198.