

Group 1 champion: Carpenter; Coscia captures Group 3 crown

By JIM LAMBERT

In an eagerly awaited showdown, Autumn Fogg seized control during the first mile and methodically pulled away from Liz Moore of Shawnee to finish first in 18:59 and lead Hunterdon Central, No. 1 in The Star-Ledger Top 10, to the girls' Group 4 title yesterday in the NJSIAA cross-country group championships at Holmdel Park.

Hunterdon Central won with 41 points. No. 5 Ridgewood was second with 63 and second-ranked Shawnee, the defending champion, finished third with 73.

The first three teams in each of the six races and the top 10 individuals who were not members of the qualifying teams move on to Saturday's Meet of Champions at Holmdel Park. The boys' race will start at 11 a.m. and the girls' at 11:30 a.m.

In the closest team finish of the day, No. 4 Bishop Eustace edged No. 3 Red Bank Catholic, 27-29, for its first Parochial B title, its fifth group state title in the past seven years. Red Bank Catholic freshman Meghan Cunniff won the race in 19:15. Last year, Red Bank Catholic defeated Bishop Eustace for the Parochial A trophy.

In Group 1, Bogota, with an impressive performance by freshman Erica Cesario, who was third in 20:49, won its first title. Kelly Carpenter of Mountain Lakes claimed the individual championship in 20:17.

No. 9 Paul VI, which last won a state group title in 1986, completed a team sweep in Parochial A by winning with 44 points. The top-ranked Paul VI boys also won yesterday for the first team sweep of titles since 1985 when Paul VI and North Hunterdon both accomplished the feat. Individually in Pa-



Mountain Lakes' Kelly Carpenter wins Group 1 cross country title yesterday at Holmdel Park

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rochial A, Karl Vigerstol of Holy Cross was a repeat winner in 19:17.

The most impressive individual performance was turned in by Woodstown senior Jaime Weisgerber, who won the Group 2 race in 18:50, the fastest girls' time at Holmdel this season. The Group 2 team title went to Hadonfield for the second straight year. Chatham was second and Somerville beat Kittatiny on a sixth-place runner tie-breaker for the third place.

In Group 3, No. 6 Brick, led by runner-up Michele Reo, who finished in 19:30, placed its five in the top 27 to win with 60 points. No. 8 Ocean City was second with 111 and 10th-ranked Ocean Township, the defending champion, edged No. 7 Wayne Valley, 131-135, for third.

In Fogg's victory, her first over Moore in three meetings this season, recalled their last meeting. She ba-

sically did to Moore what Moore had to done to her in the Shore coaches meet, when Moore was first in 19:12 and Fogg was second in 19:31.

"I didn't really have a plan," said Fogg, a junior who got plenty of motivation on the bus ride down by reading a newspaper article on Moore. "But I got the lead in about the same place where she got the lead on me in the Shore race. Going up the hill in the bowl is when I felt I could win the race. I didn't think I would be able to break her like I did. This is definitely my best race."

"I got out good and felt good, but before the bowl she started to get away," said Moore, second in 19:23. I don't know what happened. She just beat me."

"She had it in her mind that she was going to win today," said Hunterdon Central coach Ludwik Lubaska.

"I've told her all year that she can be the best in New Jersey. Today, she just went for it and ran a perfect race."

Hunterdon Central, which received a great race from Kelly Paulson, third in 19:32, averaged a season-best 19:47 and had a gap of 1:25, is in position to become the first girls' team to win back-to-back titles since North Hunterdon won four straight in 1986.

"We thought about repeating all season," said Hunterdon Central's Beth Crawford, seventh in 19:53. "We already proved that we are the best and now we just have to go out and do it one more time."

In Parochial B, Bishop Eustace, which beat Red Bank Catholic, 50-63, in the Shore D race on Oct. 1, had its fourth runner, Roxanne Hughes, sixth in 19:58 before Red Bank Catholic's third, Jerilyn Fratalone, seventh in 20:09. That enabled Bishop Eustace, which had a 1:12 gap, to pull out the victory although its fifth came in two places behind Red Bank Catholic's fifth. Both teams averaged 19:52.

Bishop Eustace was led by Kathy Link, second in 19:28; Anne Klocke, third in 19:32; and Adranne deSol, fifth in 19:42.

"Ann running her best race and deSol being able to stay up there were real keys for us," said Bishop Eustace coach Bob Kiessling. "And Kathy ran another great race for us. It was like a dual meet against Red Bank Catholic. I figured that we'd have to get 27 points to win and that 29 points wouldn't do it. I know Red Bank Catholic will be ready to go after us again next week."

Weisgerber, cutting 2:03 off her Holmdel best, went from being an average runner, who was 11th in 20:53 in this race last year, to being the favorite to win this year's M of C with her smoking 18:50.

"I like the challenge of running at Holmdel," said Weisgerber. "I'm looking forward to next week."

Weisgerber and Fogg were two of three girls to break 19 minutes. Noone had done that at Holmdel this season.

The other was Mt. Olive senior Jackie Coscia, who ran 18:58 in Group 3 as she won her first state title.

"I wanted to go even faster," said Coscia, whose previous Holmdel best was 19:10. "I didn't get out as fast as I would have liked and that's something I'll work on next week. My confidence is growing for next week and I hope I can keep dropping my times."

Palisades Park 17:22; 17-Parlier Shafter, Waldwick 17:24; 8-Dave Berger, Hudson Heights 17:27; 9-John Berolami, Point Pleasant Beach 17:32; 10-John Ryan, Meadowdale 17:33; 11-John Egan, Haddon Heights 17:34; 12-Dave Ledgerwood, Park Ridge 17:35; 13-Carmelo Reyes, Academic 17:36; 14-Jay McConery, Henry Hudson 17:38; 15-Noel Zen, Metuchen 17:46; 16-Jeff Finucane, Bernards 17:51; 17-Steve Meehan, Henry Hudson 17:52; 18-Scott Mentl, Cresskill 17:53; 19-Glen Galloway, North Warren 17:55; 20-Chris Kulix, Bernards 17:58.

BOYS' PAROCHIAL A
TEAMS: 1-Paul VI 44; 2-Mountain Lakes 45; 3-Seton Hall Prep 59; 4-Delbarton 197; 5-Fulton 201; 6-Bergen Catholic 227; 7-Notre Dame 233; 8-St. Joseph's (Met.) 251; 9-St. Peter's Prep 259; 10-Holy Cross 349; 11-Camden Catholic 359; 14-Bishop Ar. 365; 15-Holy Spirit 381; 16-Hudson Catholic 407.

BOYS' PAROCHIAL B
TEAMS: 1-Hunterdon Central 41; 2-Ridgewood 63; 3-Shawnee 72; 4-Midville 193; 5-Toms River East 211; 6-Middletown South 245; 7-Westfield 255; 8-Kearny 257; 9-Old Bridge 268; 10-Highland 282; 11-Hackensack 308; 12-Camden 327; 13-Middletown North 324; 14-East Side 325; 15-West Windsor 332; 16-Clifton 351; 17-Randolph 353; 18-Fair Lawn 407.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Autumn Fogg, Hunterdon Central 18:59; 2-Liz Moore, Shawnee 19:28; 3-Kelly Paulson, Hunterdon Central 19:32; 4-Hazel Clark, Columbia 19:37; 5-Stephanie Boyce, Ridgewood 19:39; 6-Mistina Whitaker, Shawnee 19:47; 7-Beth Crawford, Hunterdon Central 19:53; 8-Karen O'Neil, Shawnee 20:03; 9-Evie Klyvach, Randolph 20:05; 10-Jackie Benedictis, Ridgewood 20:16; 11-Amy Smith, Central 20:11; 12-Betsy Packard, Hunterdon Central 20:11; 13-Kim Folk, Ridgewood 20:15; 14-Maria Cicci, Ocean Township 20:16; 15-Cecilia Sedo, Ridgewood 20:17; 16-Darshana Patel, Piscataway 20:17; 17-Maria Rivera, Millville 20:22; 18-Noel Whitali, Toms River East 20:24; 19-Meghan Butte, Hunterdon Central 20:24; 20-Zena Lopez, Ridgewood 20:25; 21-Daniel Barajas, Woodbridge 20:34; 22-Michelle Vidovich, Shawnee 20:35; 23-Erica Gotti, Hunterdon Central 20:44; 24-Suzanna Dixit, Old Bridge 20:45; 25-Lisa Flood, Mountain Lakes 20:45.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Brick 60; 2-Ocean City 111; 3-Ocean Township 121; 4-Wayne Valley 135; 5-Ramsey 166; 6-North Hunterdon 177; 7-Manchester Township 194; 8-Mt. Olive 225; 9-Fort Lee 257; 10-Central Regional 272; 11-Karlin 276; 12-Wall 276; 13-Paramus 333; 14-Colonia 365; 15-Bergenfield 376; 16-Toms River South 383; 17-Phillipsburg 423; 18-Scotch Plains 426; 19-Morris Knolls 478; 20-Virginia 523.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Jackie Coscia, Mt. Olive 18:58; 2-Michele Reo, Brick 19:30; 3-Amy Mizzone, Wayne Valley 19:37; 4-Laura Meadows, Ocean Township 19:46; 5-Lorena Adams, Manchester Township 19:56; 6-Bethany Vengone, Wayne Valley 19:57; 7-Shelly Byrd, Crenshaw, City 20:05; 8-Shari Hevel, Deptford 20:10; 9-K.C. Meenan, Brick 20:11; 10-Melanie Bauman, Central Regional 20:13; 11-Jan Cannistra, Sparta 20:17; 12-Heather Perrine, Wall 20:25; 13-Jaimie Silva, Brick 20:30; 14-Johanna Greenberg, Colonia 20:33; 15-Caitlin Schrein, Passaic Valley 20:39; 16-Dana Salir, Ramsey 20:41; 17-Kellie McInerney, Ocean Township 20:46; 18-Giulle Marciano, Union Hill 20:52; 19-Nicole Oppenheimer, Manchester 20:54; 20-Sarah Chase, Brick 20:56.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Haddonfield 138; 2-Chatham 146; 3-Somerville 150; 4-Matamoras 158; 5-Voorhes 151; 6-Northern Highlands and Ridge 183; 8-Carteret 184; 9-Woodstown 201; 10-Fleehold 232; 11-Pinebluffs 232; 12-Westwood 252; 13-Jefferson 324; 14-Northern Burlington 326; 15-Kingsway 348; 16-Milburn 367; 17-Hopalong 410; 18-Summit 448; 19-Rutherford 469.

INDIVIDUALS: Jaime Weisgerber, Woodstown 18:50; 2-Colleen Sanderford, Northern Burlington 19:20; 3-Laura Wisolik, Chatham 19:42; 4-Meghan Garcia, Ridge 19:48; 5-Amy MacDonald, Holmdel 20:18; 6-Becca Raun, Ridge 20:22; 7-Amy Berach, Pinebluffs 20:30; 8-Anna Whitlow, Haddonfield 20:32; 9-Vivetta Graham, Asbury Park 20:32; 10-Nikki Callaghan, Westwood 20:35; 11-Amber Hart, Point Pleasant Boro 20:35; 12-Tracy Calvin, Mendham 20:44; 13-Cheryl Woodberry, Chatham 20:48; 14-Libby Morris, Somerville 20:50; 15-Dorian Kost, Somerville 20:50; 16-Jessica Thomas, Point Pleasant Boro 20:58; 17-Stacy Hosier, Kittatiny 21:02; 18-April Rizzuto, Kingsway 21:03; 19-Kerri Black, Northern Highlands 21:03; 20-Sue VanDer, Chatham 21:09.

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INDIVIDUALS: 1-Kari Vigerstol, Holy Cross 19:17; 2-Kourney Gallo, Immaculate Heart 19:48; 3-Kacy Corbett, Camden Catholic 20:53; 4-Michelle Rollick, Paul VI 20:42; 5-Kelly McCabe, Notre Dame 20:47; 6-Michyie Kawasaki, Immaculate Heart 20:48; 7-Kim Reynolds, Paul VI 20:55; 8-Kathleen O'Malley, Paul VI 20:56; 9-Leah Sullivan, Holy Cross 20:56; 10-Eileen Lennon, Holy Angels 20:56; 11-Maureen McLaughlin, Notre Dame 21:24; 12-Erin Walker, Paul VI 21:43; 13-Maureen Dougherty, Paul VI 21:46; 14-Jennifer Knuth, Holy Angels 21:47; 15-Mara Campbell, St. Dominic 21:49; 16-Susan Femas, Paul VI 21:50; 17-Riley McCarroll, St. Dominic 21:56; 18-Kyeelisa Eisey, Camden Catholic 22:04; 19-Donvale Loveland, Camden Catholic 22:07; 20-Suzanne Healy, St. Dominic 22:18; 21-Liz August, Holy Spirit 22:26; 22-Erin Devine, Holy Spirit 22:31.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Meghan Cunniff, Red Bank Catholic 19:13; 2-Kathleen Link, Bishop Eustace 19:26; 3-Ann Klocke, Bishop Eustace 19:32; 4-Kerry Andrews, Red Bank Catholic 19:37; 5-Adrianne DeSol, Bishop Eustace 19:42; 6-Roxanne Hughes, Bishop Eustace 19:58; 7-Jerilyn Fratalone, Red Bank Catholic 20:09; 8-Jackie Lovino, Red Bank Catholic 20:10; 9-Maureen Maloney, Red Bank Catholic 20:11; 10-Alison Kelly, Mater Dei 20:28; 11-Kristin Ryan, Bishop Eustace 20:42; 12-Sara Tindall, Pinckney 20:45; 13-Yesenia Burgess, St. John Vianney 21:06; 15-Megan Bruno, St. John Vianney 21:22; 16-AnnMarie Hoyt, Immaculate 21:26; 17-Lauren Hunt, Holy Spirit 21:27; 18-Lauren Botolico, Bishop Eustace 21:28; 19-Melanie Collins, Red Bank Catholic 21:31; 20-Teresa Prendes, St. John Vianney 21:32; 21-Melanie Nakagawa, Holy Spirit 21:34; 22-Mandy Eittringham, Bishop Eustace 21:39; 23-Jen Lee, Holy Spirit 21:43; 24-Kelly Ashe, Mater Dei 21:44; 25-Karen Decina, St. John Vianney 21:45; 26-Meredith Ruffi, Morris Catholic 21:46; 27-Cheryl Merking, Mt. St. Dominic 21:50.

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