

Huskie boys, girls fir

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There were just two items Franklin Academy Cross Country Coach Bob Fraser couldn't control Saturday for the 32nd Annual Howard B. Wescott Intersectional State Cross Country Meet held at the Malone Golf Club...the weather and the East Aurora team of Section 6.

The weather, unlike four years ago when the meet was held in Malone under near perfect conditions, began to deteriorate late Friday night when snow flakes started falling and by morning had turned the course into a blanket of snow with flurries continuing throughout the entire meet.

As for the Buffalo area team from East Aurora, the team that had nosed Coach Fraser's Huskies out by only nine points in the Malone Invitational on Oct. 17, it was a repeat performance, only this time its margin of victory was even closer, with just four points separating the two schools.

The final tally showed East Aurora the team winner with 85 points in the Boys B event, the Huskies of Section 10 in second with 89. And just one point behind to take third place honors with 90 points was Pearl River of Section 2.

You just couldn't cut it any thinner.

While the Huskie boys were nosed out in their bid to claim the State B crown, the girls of Coach Anne Ray, who

was co-coordinator of the meet with Fraser, wound up with third place laurels in the 11 school field.

It was Pearl River of Section 6 taking first place with 58 points, JFK Somers of Section 5 second with 98 and FA's Section 10 entry in third with 121 points.

The Class B boys and girls Sectional titles both went to Section 9. Section 10's boys took second while its girls were 10th.

Boys B Race

Looking at the boys race from man individual standpoint it was FA's Marc Gosselin leading the Section 10 runners by taking fifth in 18:10.0, just 58.8 seconds behind the first place finisher Mike Collins of Rye (Section 1) who took the individual crown in 17:54.2 for the best time of the day. Second went to Joe Straub of Harwick (Section 9) in 17:51.6, third to Brian Fuller of Notre Dame Utica (Section 3) in 18:01.3, and fourth to Duane Galbi of Maine-Endwell (Section 4) on 18:04.2.

Joining Gosselin in giving FA its second place total of 89 points were Paul Hurteau in 11th at 18:26.6, Mike Hogan 22nd at 18:48.5. David Abruzzi 63rd in 19:27.3 and Craig Norris 79th with 19:45.1.

The Huskies also had Jeff Hellijas 83rd at 19:48.1 and Doug Hesseltine 101st at 20:26.7.

Leading the Section 10 alternates in the race was

Massena's Marty Dumoulin who finished eighth in 18:18.7. Tim Carosi of Gouverneur and Don Winchell of Massena were 55th and 56th respectively in times of 19:22.6 and 19:23.3 while Ogdensburg's Tony Bjork took 66th in 19:33.1.

The final school standings in order of finish with points follow:

East Aurora 85; Franklin Academy 89; Pearl River 90; JFK Somers 102; Shoreham-H.R. 121; Queensbury 158; Great Neck South 165; Nottingham 170; Windsor High 187; Brockport 211; and Peru Central 332.

Girls B Race

Leading the field of 117 girls in the battle for the B crown was Kathy Grait of Williamsville (Section 6) in 21:18.8. Second went to Lisa Hernandez of Newardk (Section 5) in 21:25.2 and third to Michelle Sierzant of Owego (Section 4) in 21:27.2. Sue Fink of Washingtonville (Section 9) was fourth in 21:33.4 and fifth went to Sue Russell of Newfare (Section 6) in 21:37.4.

For Coach Ray's Huskies the girls who compiled the points for their third place finish were Val King, 35th in 23:05.2, Lisa Hazel 39th in 23:12.3, Trish Bednarczk 44th in 23:16.4, Barb Manley 55th in 23:29.7 and JoAnn Gumbus 79th in 24:31.9.

FA also had Laura Russell 84th in 24:34.8 and Pam Hesseltine 107th in 26:15.5.

The first Section 10 runners

across the line was alternate Amber Klock of Gouverneur who finished eighth in 21:44.6. Paula McGowan of Massena was 89th in 24:55.4 and Cathy Sheehan, also of Massena, was 98th in 25:30.5.

The final team standings with points follow:

Pearl River 58; JFK Somers 98; Franklin Academy 121; Owego 137; Jamesville-DeWitt 152; Williamsville N. 155; Miller Place 173; Waterloo 178; New Hyde Park 196; Queensbury 198; and Peru Central 198.

Girls C Race

Memories of the 1977 meet in Malone were revived in the Girls C Race when Laur Whitney of Stony Brook, led the 93-girl field with a first place finish in 21:11.5. For Laura it was her third Class C state championship in four years, her first having come on the Malone course in 19

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when as an eighth grader she took first place honors.

Team honors in the Girls C Division went to Delaware (Section 4) 36; Tri Valley (Section 9) 95; Bronxville (Section 1) 103; Tupper Lake (Section 10) 106; St. John's (Section 7) 142; Granville (Section 2) 150; Stony Brook (Section 11) 155; Silver Creek (Section 6) 163; and Onondaga (Section 3) 196.

The Sectional winner was Section 4 with Section 10 placing fourth.

Finishing fourth in the race was Tupper Lake's Trisha Woods in 22:02.6. Tupper also had Kathy McCarthy in 11th, Kathy LaBarge 50th, Bonizia Brashaw 51st, Maureen Connor 75th, Loni Eldridge 92nd and Sally Aniola 93rd.

The other Section 10 entries and their orders of finish were Barb Stradling of

Canton 35th, Tracy Defurta of Saranac Lake 47th, Patty Finnegan of Saranac Lake 5th and Joyce Ferber of Saranac Lake 60th.

Boys C Race

In the Boys C race, Onondaga Central wrapped up its third straight state crown and its fifth in six years by scoring 35 points to give Section 3 both the team and Sectional title. Schuylerville of Section 2 was second with 80 points and in third with 86 was Saranac Lake of Section 10.

Rounding out the team standings it was Delaware Academy (Section 4) 110; Pembroke (Section 5) 144; Ripley (Section 6) 156; Irvington (Section 1) 171; Wheatley (Section 8) 202; Hampton Bay (Section 11) 217; John A. Coleman (Section 9) 218; and St. John's (Section 7) 227.

Taking first in the race was Scott Prichard of Sauquoit Valley in 18:09.6.

The first Section 10 finisher was Dan Dominie of Madrid-Waddington in ninth in 18:41.8. Section 10 also had Duncan Douglas of Potsdam, 23rd; Joe Garso, Saranac Lake, 27th; Mike Howard, Saranac Lake, 33rd; Richard Donaldson, Saranac Lake, 36th; Bob Straub, Tupper Lake, 39th; Robert Naegle, Saranac Lake 42nd; Glenn Latulippe, Salmon River, 49th; and Richard Goyette, Saranac Lake, 72nd; Tim Gladd and Mark Brooks, both of Saranac Lake in 111th and 112th.

Boys A Race

Winning the Boys A race in 18:00.3 was Joe Hopkins of Walt Whitman High, Section 11, who was declared the winner when Steve Loretz of

Corcoran (Section 3) was disqualified for straying from the snow-clad course at two points. Just .2 seconds behind, Hopkins in second was Robert Reid of Uniondale (Section 8). Jim Foley of Spencerport (Section 5) was third in 18:03.9, Adam McKenzie of Great Neck North (Section 8) fourth in 18:04.9 and in fifth it was Bob Buckley of Baldwinsville (Section 3) in 18:06.6.

McQuaid of Section 5 was the team winner with 96 points while the Sectional title went to Section 11.

Girls A Race

The individual winner in the Girls A Race was Chris Curtin of Mepham (Section 8) in 20:25.2. The team title went to Mepham with 67 points while Section 1 wrapped up the Sectional crown.

