

Mendon claims 2nd straight title

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CANTON — They should call this one a tweept. Sort of like a shortened two-peat.

Tight and compact. That was the hammer the Pittsford Mendon boys laid on the Class B field at the state high school country championships Saturday.

There's a nail to this story, too, but more on that in a minute.

"I can't tell you who's MVP this time," coach Chris Compson said as his team was yukking it up on the interview podium for MileSplit.com, reveling in their second straight state title after never having won one before.

"They all play such a key part."

No team in the history of Section V cross country has ever won a state title with no top 10 finishers, yet all five of Mendon's were just 42 ticks of the clock apart.

For the record, Mendon shuffled its order of finish once again. This week it was Isaac Goodman (14th overall), Griffin Hess (17th), Henry Burton (18th), Na-

than Lawler (34th) and David Azzara (44th). That's three juniors, a freshman and a senior.

Now that Mendon has banner No. 2 for the gym, alongside the one forever remembered for being the late Jason DeJoy's crowning achievement as a coach, traditions continue and others spring anew.

That leads to the nail part of the story.

"Coach DeJoy used to give each of us a dog bone with our name and our finish on it after races," Goodman said. "We're retiring that as his tradition. Coach Compson has a new one now.

"We get a nail, painted gold, pounded into a block of wood."

It's becoming the Mendon way now. Tough as nails.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

BOYS

Class A

Teams (9): 1. Fayetteville-Manlius-III 24; 8. McQuaid-V 174.

Individuals (108 finishers): 1. Bryce Millar (F-M) 15:30.3. Section V finishers: 12. Nick Ciolkowski (McQuaid) 16:03.3, 15. Donovan Glavin (McQuaid) 16:11.6, 36. Bailey Plummer (Spencerport) 16:44.7, 41. Sean Welch (Webster Thomas) 16:47.6, 43. Britt Kaukeinen (Iron-dequoit) 16:48.5, 51. Brad Farnham (Penfield) 16:55.8, 62. Nick Neamtu (Webster Thomas) 17:06.0, 91. Aidan Blake (McQuaid) 17:43.6, 98. Joey Doerr (McQuaid) 17:51.0, 102. Nick Caterisano (McQuaid) 18:07.3, 103. Matt Brien (McQuaid) 18:09.6, 108. Luke Curran (McQuaid) 19:13.4.

Class B

Teams (11): 1. Pittsford Mendon-V* 55, 2. Bayport-Bluepoint-XI 96.

Individuals (122): 1. Noah Affolder (Carthage-III) 15:48.8. Sec. V: 11. Paul Dellinger (Brighton) 16:26.8, 14. Isaac Goodman (Pittsford Mendon) 16:32.3, 17. Griffin Hess (Pittsford Mendon) 16:35.0, 18. Henry Burton (Pittsford Mendon) 16:37.8, 19. Matt Geraci* (Honeoye Falls-Lima) 16:40.9, 33. Jackson Tate (Honeoye Falls-Lima) 17:02.1, 34. Nathan Lawler (Pittsford Mendon) 17:02.2, 43. Drew Schmitt (Brighton) 17:13.2, 44. David Azzara (Pittsford Mendon) 17:14.8, 45. Liam Oberst (Brighton) 17:15.3, 48. Kevin Dooley (Pittsford Mendon) 17:17.8, 53. Evan Feigel (Pittsford Mendon) 17:23.6.

Class C

Teams (11): 1. East Aurora-VI 45; 10. Waterloo-V 239.

Individuals (132 finishers): 1. Kenny Vasbinder (EA) 15:54.6. Sec. V: 22. Joseph Northup (Waterloo) 16:59.5, 40. Connor Hayward (Le Roy) 17:23.5, 53. Martin Beadle (Holley) 17:36.9, 54. Wade Cone (Hornell) 17:38.0, 58. Joshua Walsh (Hornell) 17:45.4, 83. Mark Saile (Williamson) 18:22.3, 99. Cameron D'Angio (Waterloo) 18:51.6, 105. Nicholas Stenberg (Waterloo) 19:00.7, 108. Ben Parrow (Waterloo) 19:08.3, 114. Daniel Frisbee (Waterloo) 19:27.7, 115. Brandon Northup (Waterloo) 19:30.4, 127. Michael Imhoff (Waterloo) 20:15.4.

Class D

Teams (10): 1. Beaver River-III 74; 4. East Rochester-V 106.

Individuals (119 finishers): 1. Patrick Murphy (Duanesburg-II) 16:07.2. Sec. V: 3. Everett Geiger* (Caledonia-Mumford) 16:20.3, 4. Dawson Bathgate (East Rochester) 16:40.8, 7. Alex Hogue* (Wheatland-Chili) 16:54.1, 31. Eric Wright (Warsaw) 17:46.5, 32. Ryan Daudelin (East Rochester) 17:48.9, 34. Israel Byler (Addison) 17:50.1, 41. Griffin Klein (Red Creek) 18:01.5, 57. Ethan Dorow (East Rochester) 18:27.3, 59. John Scallill (East Rochester) 18:35.2, 66. Jack Argento (East Rochester) 18:48.2, 74. Zachary DeMay (East Rochester) 19:08.8, 78. Gavin Bathgate (East Rochester) 19:24.6.

GIRLS

Class A

Teams (9): 1. Fayetteville-Manlius-III 20; 8. Webster Thomas-V

189.

Individuals (108 finishers): 1. Bella Burda (Arlington-I) 17:49.7. Sec. V: 7. Alex Cooper (Rush-Henrietta) 18:29.7, 18. Amanda Vestri (Webster Thomas) 18:49.3, 40. Sammy Watson (Rush-Henrietta) 19:23.4, 48. Ellie Songer (Webster Thomas) 19:36.2, 52. Siobhan Quinn (Rush-Henrietta) 19:38.8, 54. Claire Miller* (Penfield) 19:41.9, 67. Heather Nortz (Fairport) 20:06.7, 88. Claire Ashton (Webster Thomas) 20:39.0, 89. Taylor Zeigler (Webster Thomas) 20:40.5, 91. Brittany Mechler (Webster Thomas) 20:47.7, 103. Alena Wisniewski (Webster Thomas) 21:26.3, 106. Alex Carpenter (Webster Thomas) 21:43.8.

Class B

Teams: 1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake-II 57; 6. Pittsford Mendon-V 145. **Individuals (120 finishers):** 1. Katherine Lee (Shoreham-Wading River-XI) 18:45.0. Sec. V: 6. Anna Kostarellis (Churchville-Chili) 18:56.5, 10. Mary Barger* (Pittsford Mendon) 19:01.3, 12. Autumn Albrecht* (Brockport) 19:06.3, 29. Payton Reed (Honeoye Falls-Lima) 19:38.4, 40. Mary Visca (Pittsford Sutherland) 19:53.8, 56. Rebekah Preisser (Pittsford Sutherland) 20:14.0, 64. Megha Singh (Pittsford Mendon) 20:30.6, 69. Amanda Zecola (Pittsford Mendon) 20:47.9, 79. Jamie Amoroso (Pittsford Mendon) 20:58.2, 82. Madi Schriefer (Pittsford Mendon) 21:06.2, 89. Kari Tuite (Pittsford Mendon) 21:30.7, 90. Anna Schriefer (Pittsford Mendon) 21:31.2.

Class C

Teams (11): 1. East Aurora-VI 51; 8. Livonia-V 203.

Individuals (127 finishers): 1. Sophia Tasselmyer (EA) 19:07.8. Sec. V: 8. Meghan Curtin (Wayland-Cohocton) 19:22.9, 37. Clarissa Hensler (Livonia) 20:24.4, 49. Mariah Smith (Hornell) 20:56.0, 54. Audrey Button (Marcus Whitman) 21:08.6, 64. MacKenzie Ferlica (Livonia) 21:28.9, 68. Becca Schwan (Le Roy) 21:34.0, 86. Molly Stewart (Livonia) 21:59.0, 96. Erica Barbay (Mynderse) 22:20.6, 102. Skyler Ellis (Livonia) 22:40.6, 103. Audrey Weber (Livonia) 22:42.2, 105. Laurence Leinders (Livonia) 22:47.2, 121. Emily Barnard (Livonia) 23:59.6.

Class D

Teams (10): 1. Tully-III 49; 5. Addison-V.

Individuals (118 finishers): 1. Sage Hurta (Hamilton-III) 18:52.8. Sec. V: 7. Anna Warner (Notre Dame Batavia) 20:00.5, 12. Cameron Perry (Pembroke) 20:30.9, 16. Brenna Lyons (Addison) 20:38.7, 20. Veronica Dailey (Addison) 20:44.9, 30. Eileen Reinhardt (Harley-Allendale Columbia) 21:00.7, 31. Sylvia Thompson (Keshequa) 21:02.2, 36. Megan Long (Addison) 21:17.3, 64. Corrine Crocker (Addison) 22:41.4, 76. Lacie Long (Addison) 23:05.3, 77. Mackenzie Brewer (Addison) 23:05.4, 78. Morgan Munger (Oakfield-Alabama) 23:06.1, 85. Emily Pierce (Addison) 23:49.1.

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