

## Hodag Invitational

# Neenah Harriers in Initial Meet

NEENAH -- The Hodag Invitational at Rhinelander Saturday signals the opening of the Neenah Senior High School cross country season.

Slated to compete in the Class A varsity meet for Coach Tom Jensen's Rockets are Dave Johnson, Dave Schaller, Mark Goodman, Nick Hassler, Dick Smith, Dick Ryan and Tom Smith.

Johnson, Schaller and Goodman are lettermen. Nate Carlson, who earned a letter as a junior last fall, transferred while lost by graduation was Jim Remmel, the most valuable runner, Rick Caldin, Paul Christian, Rick Schwab, Scott Gunn, Paul Wintheiser, Steve Thome,

Mike Farin, Pat Lord and Mike Olson.

Despite the heavy graduation total, Jensen is optimistic about this year's squad. "We have a lot of good seniors," he said.

He is, however, disappointed in the turnout. There are only 18 candidates, grades 9-12, including several promising freshmen.

He notes that there was a small sophomore turnout last year and it will affect the squad for three years.

The ninth and 10th graders work out at Shattuck under the direction of Glen Severson.

Saturday's meet will be run in three divisions, Classes A, B and C.

In addition, there will be a junior varsity event for juniors and seniors and a "B" meet for freshmen and sophomores. The Rockets will enter contestants at all three levels.

Other schools in Class A are Wausau East and West, Antigo, Schofield, Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, Rhinelander and Merrill.

Jensen said the Rockets were rated sixth in a preseason poll by the state cross country coaches. Appleton East, their biggest rival from last year, was ranked No. 1. It has six of last year's top seven runners returning.

They'll meet the Patriots for the first time Sept. 16 in the Shawano Invitational.

Other meets include Oshkosh West and Kimberly next Tuesday, Kaukauna Menasha Sept. 19, Oshkosh North-Kimberly Sept. 21, Appleton East Sept. 28, Gratton Invitational Sept. 30, Fox Valley Association meet Oct. 11 and then regionals, sectional and state.

## Rockets move up to third in state poll

NEENAH -- Neenah moved up a notch to No. 3 in the large school division of the latest Wisconsin High School Coaches Association cross country poll.

Racine Cass is ranked No. 1, followed by Appleton East, Neenah, Madison Memorial, Menomonie Falls East, Nicollet, Manitowoc, West Allis Hale, Rhinelander and Milwaukee Pulaski.

# Neenah harriers win 'Hodag'

NEENAH -- The Neenah Senior High School cross country team got its season off to an exciting start by placing first in the Hodag Invitational Saturday at Rhinelander.

The Rockets had 37 points, 32 fewer than runner-up Wausau West. Rhinelander was third with 76, followed

by Wisconsin Rapids 100, Wausau East 143, Stevens Point 146, Antigo 165, Green Bay Preble 188, Merrill, Schofield 311 and Marshfield, 313.

Jon Young, Wisconsin Rapids, state 2-mile track champion, won the meet in 11:56, only three seconds ahead of the Rockets' Dave Johnson.

Other Neenah finishers and their times were Dave Schaller, fifth, 12:23; Mark Goodman, eighth, 12:35; Nick Hassler, 10th, 12:37; Tom Smith, 12th, 12:39; Dick Smith, 21st, 12:53; and Dick Ryan, 24th, 12:58.

Coach Tom Jensen said he was extremely pleased with the Rockets' effort, noting that there were only 40 seconds difference between the first and fifth place finishers.

He explained that four of the seven

starters hadn't run in a varsity race before.

Neenah entered three boys in the jayvee meet and John Sorenson was fourth. The B team finished third and Bob Menning was the individual winner.

The Rockets meet Oshkosh West and Kimberly at Oshkosh Tuesday in their Fox Valley Association opener.

# NHS runners cop 1st place in Grafton cross country meet

GRAFTON — Sweeping the first two places, the Neenah High School cross country team won its second multi-team meet of the fall when it placed first in the ninth annual Blackhawk Invitational here Saturday.

The Rockets, who previously won at Rhinelander, scored 43 points, half as many as runner-up Waukesha.

West Allis Central was third with 102, followed by Whitefish Bay 119, Milwaukee Pulaski 127, Wauwatosa West 150, Kenosha Bradford 195, Oak Creek 206, Milwaukee Hamilton 276, Kenosha Tremper 282, Milwaukee Bay View 298, South Milwaukee 349 and Milwaukee Riverside 444.

The Rockets' Dave Johnson was first in 13:03 while Dave Schaller, who missed the last three meets because of an injury, came home second in 13:17.

Other finishers were Tom Smith seventh in 13:27, Mark Goodman 12th in 13:35, Dick Smith 21st in 13:51 and Bob Menning 42nd in 14:18. Coach Tom Jensen only entered six runners.

Nick Hassler and Dick Ryan missed the meet because of blisters.

"It was a great meet for us," Jensen said, adding that Schaller ran especially well after being out of action.

He said the Rockets were looking for West Allis Central but the latter finished third behind Waukesha and they really wanted to beat Kenosha Tremper, the team that got the state large school meet title last fall when several Neenah runners were disqualified.

Neenah's final home meet will be against Appleton West at Riverside Park Tuesday afternoon. The Jayvets will start at 4:30 p.m.

Neenah's junior varsity team placed third in the invitational and Cliff Johnson was the individual winner.

Menasha finished last in the medium school division with 326 points.

Menomonee Falls North was first with 51, followed by Menomonee Falls East 67, West Bend West 99, Sussex Hamilton 110, Port Washington 128, Harland Arrowhead and Watertown 203, Cedarburg and Homestead 205, Beaver Dam 206, Brown Deer 253 and Menasha.

Bill Hills was the Jays' first finisher, taking 48th place. Tom Reinhold was 59th, Jim Danielson 72nd, Rick Hills 73rd, Larry Bevers 74th and Nick Grode 77th. Mike Walbrun dropped out during the race.

The Bluejays will have three meets in as many days this week. They meet Oshkosh West and North at Oshkosh Tuesday, visit Oakwood Hills at Combined Locke Wednesday to face Kaukauna, Oshkosh West and West De Pere in a makeup of last week's rainout and test Clintonville and New London at New London on Thursday.

## Rockets after 4th straight title in invitational test

NEENAH — Coach Tom Jensen's Neenah High School cross country team bids for its fourth straight championship in the Shawano Invitational meet Saturday.

The Rockets' stiffest competition in the 11-team large school division, is expected to come from Manitowoc and Appleton East, a club it battled all of last fall and which has most of its 1971 runners back in the fold.

Menasha also will compete in the invitational but in a smaller school field. The Jays haven't participated since 1965.

Neenah goes into the meet with victories in the Rhinelander Invitational and Oshkosh West-Kimberly triangular to its credit.

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# Neenah sweeps cross country

NEENAH — Riverside Park was the site of Neenah High School's first home cross country meet Tuesday and the Rockets were inhospitable hosts by sweeping the first five places for a perfect score of 15 points.

Kaukauna ranked second with 40 points and Menasha trailed the triangular with 73. The victory was the third in four meets for the Rockets, who were defeated only in the Shawano Invitational.

Dave Johnson led the Neenah

finishers in 13:20, followed by Dick Smith, Tom Smith, Nick Hassler and Dick Ryan.

Neenah also won the junior varsity meet with 17 points. Kaukauna posted 43 while Menasha only entered three boys, not enough to be counted in the team scoring.

The Rockets, who hope to be running on their own course on the Armstrong Campus next year, will be at Riverside again Thursday, entertaining Oshkosh North and Kimberly.

# NHS harriers 3rd at Shawano

NEENAH - The Neenah High School cross country team failed in its bid for a fourth straight Shawano Invitational title when it finished behind Appleton East and Manitowoc in the large school division Saturday.

Menasha's Bluejays garnered 12th place in the medium school meet.

East walked away with the large school crown with 34 points. Manitowoc had 80, Neenah 84, Wisconsin Rapids 132, Rhineland 146, Wausau West 172, Green Bay West 207, Stevens Point 211, Wausau East 230, Appleton West 248 and Kaukauna 253.

Dave Johnson led the Rockets with a

fourth place in 12:19. Other finishes were Dave Schaller, 11th in 12:37, Mark Goodman, 16th in 12:49, Tom Smith 19th, in 12:51; Nick Hasler, 24th in 13 minutes; Dick Ryan, 42nd in 13:10, and Dick Smith, 59th in 13:34.

Luxemburg-Casco had 52 points to win the medium school event. Wittenberg-Casco had 70, Mosinee 89, Hortonville 100, Puiaski 102, Waupaca 178, Shawano 193, New London 210, Marinette 260, Clintonville 264, Two Rivers 294, Menasha 325, Seymour 345 and Kimberly 361.

Mike Walbrun was 51st for the Bluejays. Bill Hills placed 63rd. Tom

Reinbold 80th, Jim Danielson 82nd, Larry Bovers 83rd, Nick Grode 88th and Rick Hills 92nd.

Coach Russ Leitz announced that Reinbold had been named last year's "harrier of the week" for leading the Jays in their first two meets.

The Neenah Jayvce team finished seventh in the 12-team junior varsity meet at Shawano. Bob Menning was second. Jack Champaigne 29th, Steve Wilson 45th, Mike Mueller 57th, John Johnson 61st, Mark Salsieder 76th and Mike Edmonds 85th. Appleton East won the meet.

The Rockets will play host to the Bluejays and Kaukauna in a Fox Valley Association triangular Tuesday afternoon at Riverside Park.

## Capture third victory

# Neenah runners top two foes

NEENAH - Although two of its top three runners were out of action because of injuries and illness, Neenah High School racked up a perfect score of 18 points in winning a triangular here Tuesday afternoon.

Kaukauna captured second place with 40 points and Menasha finished third with 73.

Dave Johnson was the winner in 13:20, followed by Dick Smith 13:30, Tom Smith 13:39, Nick Hasler 14:01 and Dick Ryan 14:05. Dave Schaller and Mark Goodman were the boys unable to compete.

Other finishers, in order, were John VandenHeuvel, Kaukauna; Mark Vanevenhoven, Kaukauna; Rick Wenzel, Kaukauna; Dan Dreier, Kaukauna; Neil Lambie, Kaukauna; Mike Walbrun, Menasha; Bill Hills, Menasha; Tom Reinbold, Menasha; John Sorenson, Neenah; Sam Anderson, Neenah; Jim Yingling, Kaukauna; Brian Jensen, Kaukauna; Nick Grode, Menasha; Larry Bovers, Menasha, and Rick Hills, Menasha.

Neenah won the junior varsity meet with 17 points. Kaukauna had 43 while Menasha didn't enter enough boys for a team score.

Bob Menning of the Rockets was the winner in 14:09 and was followed by teammates John Jonsteen and Jack Champaign.

Other finishers were Joe Hammen, Kaukauna; Mike Mueller, Neenah; Steve Olson, Neenah; Steve Emerich, Neenah; Bob Droler, Kaukauna; Jeff

Mainville, Kaukauna; Gary Van Wychen, Kaukauna; Mark Salsieder, Neenah; Jeff Vandynhoven, Kaukauna; Mike Niewenhuis, Kaukauna; and Mark Kellnhauser, Kevin Buss and Don Koslowski, Menasha.

The Rockets will entertain Oshkosh North and Kimberly at Riverside Park Thursday afternoon while Menasha has a home meet at Jefferson Park with Appleton West and Kaukauna as its guests.

## FVA cross country meet

# NHS defends title share

MENASHA-NEENAH - Neenah High School defends its share of the Fox Valley Association cross country championship in the circuit's third meet Wednesday afternoon at Oakwood Hills at Oshkosh Locks.

The Rockets and Patriots shared last year's crown with 39 points apiece. Neenah won the first meet in 1976.

Dave Johnson returns as defending individual champion. Other Rocket entries are expected to be Dave Schaller, Mark Goodman, Dick Smith, Dick Ryan and Nick Hasler.

Menasha's Bluejays, who finished last the previous two years, hope to move up in the standings since they've won over Oshkosh North and West and tied Kimberly in competition this fall.

Menasha runners include Bill Hills, Mike Walbrun, Tom Reinbold, Rick Hills, Nick Grode, Larry Bovers, and Mark Kellnhauser.

Neenah and Appleton East also are expected to battle it out for Jayvce

honors. The Patriots had a 3-point edge in the Port Attention Invitational last weekend.

Neenah finishers included Bob Menning first, CNY Johnson second, Jack Champaigne 13th, John Johnston 14th, Jim Edmonds 24th, Steve Emerich 33rd and Mike Mueller 37th.

Because of its small squad, Menasha hasn't been able to enter a full contingent in junior varsity meets.

# Rocket runners perfect again; outscore 2 foes

NEENAH-MENASHA -- Coach Tom Jensen's Neenah High School cross country team annexed its fourth victory in five outings with a perfect score of 15 points in winning over Kimberly and Oshkosh North at Riverside Park Thursday afternoons. The Paper-makers were a distant second with 58 and Oshkosh posted 62.

At Menasha's Jefferson Park, Appleton West scored 26 points to 31 for Kaukauna and Menasha's 71 in another Fox Valley Association triangular.

Dave Johnson led Neenah's sweep by placing first in 13:17. Dick Smith was second in 13:46, followed by Tom Smith 13:52, Nick Haasler 14:02 and Dick Ryan 14:03.

Completing the top 10 were Nels Naslund, Oshkosh; Jeff Fritz, Kimberly; John Sorenson, Neenah; Greg Sundquist, Oshkosh, and John Sanders, Kimberly. Sam Anderson was Neenah's seventh runner.

Mike Moore of West was the Jefferson Park meet winner in 14:04. Mark Vanevenhoven, Kaukauna, was second, followed by Tom Timmons, West; Jeff Thomas, West; Rick Wenzel, Kaukauna; Dave Wallace, West; Dennis Dreier, Kaukauna, Neil Lambie, Kaukauna; Joe Vandenberg, Kaukauna, and Mike Waibrun, Menasha.

Other Bluejay finishers were Bill Hills, 11th, Rom Reinbold, 13th; Jim Danielson, 16th; Nick Grove, 19; Larry Bevers, 20th; and Rick Hills, 21st.

Bluejay Coach Russ Lertz announced that Waibrun has been chosen "harrier

## Neenah runners gain state berth

WAUPACA -- A third place finish in the sectional here Saturday qualified the Neenah High School cross country team for the WIAA state meet at Kettle Moraine next Saturday.

Appleton East won the meet with 27 points. Manitowoc had 71, Neenah 74, Fond du Lac 123, Sheboygan South 139, Rhinelander 149, Green Bay Preble 164, La Crosse Central 207 and Superior 242.

The Rockets' Dave Johnson finished second in 13:33, trailing Manitowoc's Steve Croy by five seconds.

Dave Schaller was sixth in 13:59, Mark Goodman 16th in 14:19, Tom Smith 23rd in 14:21, Dick Smith 26th in 14:42, Dick Ryan 43rd in 15:05 and Bob Manning 4th in 14:03.

East won with excellent depth, gaining third, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth and 10th places. In addition to the top three teams, Wisconsin Rapids' Joe Young, fourth, individually, also qualified for

of the week" for this week.

Bob Manning was the winner in 14 minutes as Neenah's Jayvees downed Kimberly, 15-47. Jack Champaigne placed second, followed by John Johnston, Mike Mueller and Steve Olson. The Rockets' Mike Edmonds was seventh and Steve Emmerich, ninth. North didn't have a jayvee entry.

Kaukauna and West ran to a 28-tie in their jayvee meet. The Bluejays didn't enter.

Next week's clash between Neenah and Appleton East will be run at Appleton Tuesday instead of Thursday as originally scheduled.

## Neenah runners battle Patriots

NEENAH -- Neenah High School's cross country team gets a chance to avenge its lone setback of the fall when it duels powerful Appleton East on the Telulah Park course Tuesday afternoon.

The Fox Valley Association dual originally was scheduled for Thursday but was moved ahead because both schools have big meets on Saturday.

The two teams battled tooth-and-nail all of last season and tied for the Fox Valley Association championship. In their only meeting this season, East was first and the Rockets third in the Shawano Invitational.

The Menasha's barriers make their next start Thursday afternoon in a quadrangular with Oshkosh West, Kaukauna and West De Pere at Oakwood Hills.

Both the Rockets and Bluejays will take part in the Grafton Invitational on Saturday.

St. Mary Central's runners have a meet at Hilbert Thursday afternoon and participate in the Wayland Invitational at Beaver Dam on Saturday.

# Rocket runners quality

NEENAH-MENASHA -- Led by brilliant individual performance of Dave Johnson, Neenah High School cross country team placed second at the WIAA Regional at Appleton Pierce Park Tuesday afternoon qualifying for the sectional at Waupaca Saturday.

Menasha's Bluejays bettered last year's performance in placing sixth in the medium school division regional at Oakwood Hills, Combined Locks. Only the top three teams qualified for the sectional.

Appleton East won the large school meet at Appleton with 26 points. The Rockets totaled 54, Fond du Lac 82, Wisconsin Rapids 95, Stevens Point 111, Appleton West 146 and Oshkosh West 209. Oshkosh North only ran for runners and didn't count in the team scoring.

Johnson won the individual crown in 12:28, handing Appleton East's Gary Hohnberger his initial loss. The Neenah senior caught Hohnberger in the 100 yard and left him after the Appleton runner was in the lead, winning by about 10 yards.

"Dave really proved himself and I think he has a shot at the individual title in the state meet," Coach Tom Jensen said.

Jensen noted that third placer Joe Young of Wisconsin Rapids only led for the second time and that Neenah's Dave Schaller, who took fourth, was close to Young.

Other Neenah finishers were Mark Goodman 11th, Tom Smith 17th, Dick Smith 21st, Bob Manning 23rd and Dick Ryan 26th.

East's Dave Malley was sixth, Steve Vandenberg seventh and Joe Stracka seventh. Joel Paschke of Fond du Lac was eighth, Tom Hopferberger, East, ninth, and Dave Deiss of Fond du Lac 10th.

In addition to East and Neenah, Fond du Lac also qualifies for the sectional. Joe Young for placing in the top 10 individually.

## Rocket runners defend title in 'Paca Sectional

NEENAH — Neenah, Appleton East and Manitowoc are favored to fight it out for honors in the WIAA large school cross country sectional at the Waupaca Country Club Saturday morning. The meet will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The first, second and third place teams as well as the top five individual finishers qualify for the state run at Kettle Moraine on Oct. 28.

Joining the Rockets, Appleton East and Fond du Lac, who qualified from the Appleton West Regional will be Manitowoc, Sheboygan South and Preble from the Kaukauna regional and three qualifiers from Wausau East. The Rockets are defending champions.

The only meet in which Neenah, East and Manitowoc participated was the Shawano Invitational early last month. East won with 34 points, Manitowoc had 80 and the Rockets were third with 94.

Although they haven't beaten the Patriots in five starts this fall, the Rockets have been gaining on their nemesis and were 25 points behind in the regional.

An individual battle shapes up between East's Gary Hohnberger, Steve Croy, Manitowoc; Joe Young, Wisconsin Rapids; and Dave Johnson and Dave Schaller of Neenah.

Hohnberger was first, Young second, Croy third and Johnson fourth in the Shawano meet but the Neenah runner has been coming on strong and beat the Appleton and Rapids harriers in the regional.

# NHS, Menasha harriers win

MENASHA-NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team easily defeated Appleton West while Menasha won its first multi-school meet in four years to highlight Fox Valley Association cross country activity involving Twin City schools Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets closed their home slate by tripping Appleton West, 17 to 41, at Riverside Park.

The Bluejays copped their initial victory of the year and the first meet of more than two schools since Sept. 24, 1938 when they scored 30 points to best Oshkosh North (65) and Oshkosh West (58) at Oshkosh.

Dave Schaller and Dave Johnson tied for first place in the Neenah-West meet,

posting 13:10 marks. Dick Smith was third in 13:15, Mark Goodman fourth in 13:18, Tom Smith seventh in 13:34, Nick Haesler eighth in 13:45 and Sam Anderson 14th in 15:06.

West was led by Jeff Thomas with fifth place. Mike Moore was sixth.

Oshkosh West's Mark McCabe won the triangular in 12:36 with Neil Naslund of North taking second place.

The Bluejays' Mike Walbrun finished third and Bill Hills was fourth. Gro-

## Rockets rated 4th

NEENAH — Neenah's Rockets are ranked fourth in the latest poll of the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association.

Racine Case is first, followed by Appleton East, Madison Memorial, Neenah, Nicolet, Manitowoc, Rhinelander, Menomonie Falls East, Wausau East and Brookfield.

Three of the top four teams, Neenah, Appleton East and Madison Memorial will compete in the Fort Atkinson meet Saturday.

Sundquist of North garnered fifth place.

Other Menasha finishers were Tom Reinhold sixth, Larry Bevers eighth, Rick Hills ninth, Nick Grode 10th and Mark Kohnhauser 10th.

Neenah defeated West, 26-31, in junior varsity meet, won by John Johnston of the Rockets in 14:29. Bob Matoski of West finished second and Bill Mueller of Neenah took third.

Other Neenah places included Mike Erickson fifth, Jack Champaign eighth, Mark Selalder ninth, Pat Reinzel 10th and Steve Wilson 11th.

The Rockets' next start will be in the Fort Atkinson Invitational Saturday while the Bluejays, were to face Oshkosh West, West De Paul and Kaukauna at Kaukauna today and go to New London to battle Clintonville and New London Thursday afternoon.

The St. Mary Central's harriers make their first start of the week Thursday at Little Grants St. John's.

## Johnson sets course record; Rockets second

NEENAH — Dave Johnson set a new course record of 12:43 in leading Neenah High School to a second place in the Fort Invitational cross country meet Saturday morning.

Appleton East won the meet with 67 points while the Rockets had 81 and Madison Memorial 83. Other finishers in order were Waukesha, Janesville Craig, Kenosha Bradford, Beloit Memorial, Janesville Parker, Madison East, Kaukauna Tromper, Sun Prairie and Madison LaFollette.

Neenah's Dave Schaller was third in 12:59, Mark Goodman 17th in 13:30, Tom Smith 19th in 13:31, Nick Haesler 42nd, Dick Smith 43rd, Dick Ryan 44th and Sam Anderson 51st.

Appleton East edged the Rockets, 57 to 56, in the junior varsity meet. The Rockets' Bob Manning won the meet in 13:51.

Neenah and East will clash again Wednesday afternoon in the Fox Valley Association meet at Kaukauna. The Jayves meet starts at 4 p.m. and the varsity test at 4:30.

Last year the two teams tied for the championship.

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# NHS runners second in FVA meet; jayvees 2nd

**COMBINED LOCKS** - The Neenah High School varsity cross country team placed second but the jayvees were victorious in the third annual Fox Valley Association meet here Wednesday afternoon.

Appleton East won the varsity championship with 33 points. The Rockets had 42, Appleton West 87, Kaukauna 120, Menasha 146, Kimberly 162, Oshkosh North 186 and Oshkosh West 193.

Menasha's fifth place finish was its best effort in a conference meet since 1988 when it was third in the Mid-Eastern league test.

Neenah's Jayvees edged Appleton East, 28 to 29, for their title. Kaukauna had 87, Appleton West 99 and Kimberly 130.

Gary Hohnberger of East set a course record in winning in 12:40. Neenah's Dave Johnson was second in 12:50 and teammate Dave Schaller took third in

13:02.

Other Neenah finishers were Mark Goodman 11th, Tom Smith 12th, Dick Smith 14th, Nick Hassler 21st and Dick Ryan 29th.

Coach Tom Jensen said Johnson ran his best race of the fall against Hohnberger and the Rockets as a team did their best against the Patriots.

Bill Hills led the Bluejays with a 22nd place. Mike Walbrun was 23rd, Tom Reinhold 28th, Rick Hills 35th, Nick Grode 38th, Larry Bevers 41st and Mark Kelnhauser 46th.

Bob Menning of the Rockets took junior varsity honors in 14:09.

Cliff Johnson was second, John Johnston fourth, Jack Champaigne ninth, Steve Emerich 10th, Mike Edmonds 11th and Todd Block 16th. The Bluejays' Dave Kozlowski was 34th and Kevin Buss 38th.

The next action for the Twin City teams will be in the WIAA regionals here next Tuesday.

## WIAA regional meets next for NM harriers

**NEENAH-MENASHA** - The road to the state cross country meet begins for the Menasha and Neenah High School teams in WIAA regionals at Oakwood Hills and Appleton's Pierce Park, respectively, Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets are defending champions in the large school division of the Appleton West Regional. Other entries are Menasha, Appleton East, West, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh North and West, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids.

Menasha competes in the medium school division in the meet hosted by Kaukauna at the Oakwood Hills Golf Course. Other schools include Ashwaubenon, Chilton, De Pere, Howard-Susamico, Kewaunee, Kimberly, Luxemburg-Casco, New Holstein, Seymour, Two Rivers and West De Pere.

The schools, which finish 1-2-3 and the first five individuals, regardless of teams, moved onto the sectionals next Saturday.

Both sectionals will be run at Waupaca. Joining the Kaukauna regional qualifiers will be those from Wausau East and Kaukauna in the large school division and Clintonville and Menomonie in the medium school section.

The state meet will be held at Kettle Moraine on Oct. 28.

The Rockets edged East, 34-32, for last year's regional title while the Bluejays were 11th in their division.

Neenah's Dave Rummel and Dave Johnson were first and second individually. Johnson and Dave Schaller of Neenah, East's Gary Hohnberger and Joe Young, Wisconsin Rapids, state 2-mile champion, are expected to vie for individual honors at Appleton.

Luxemburg-Casco, which has been ranked No. 1 in the medium school division of state coaches poll, and De Pere, rated 10th last week, rate as the favorites in the Kaukauna meet.

# Rocket runners return to state test

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team, which had last year's large-school title won only to lose on a disqualification, will be back at Kettle Moraine Saturday morning again to try for the WIAA crown.

Competition in the 3-class event is scheduled at 11 a.m. with small schools running first, followed by medium schools and then large enrollment entries. The 2.5 mile course is located in Nagawaukee Park in Waukesha County.

Representing the Rockets, who placed third in the Waupaca Sectional, are Dave Johnson, Dave Schaller, Mark Goodman, Dick Smith, Tom Smith, Dick Ryan and Bob Menning.

Kenosha Tremper, defending large-school champion, didn't qualify but Appleton East and Manitowoc, two-thirds a year ago and the two teams to finish ahead of the Rockets in the sectional, will be there.

Other entries are Brookfield East,

Greendale, Madison Memorial, Racine Case, Milwaukee Marshall and West Allis Hale.

The battle for individual honors may be a repeat of the sectional where Steve Croy, Manitowoc; Johnson, Gary Hohnberger, Appleton East, and Joe Young, Wisconsin Rapids, finished first through fourth.

Racine Case is ranked No. 1 in the latest coaches' state poll but has good balance instead of featuring brilliant individual runners. Appleton East was second and Neenah third in the week's poll.

Menomonee Falls North, middle-school winners, and Albany's small-school titlists of last year defend their titles. Luxemburg-Casco, runnerup in CCM, also is back.

## Potent Patriot Harrier squad downs Rockets

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team, competing without three of its top seven runners, dropped a 19-44 verdict to powerful Appleton East at Appleton Tuesday afternoon.

East's Gary Hohnberger won the meet in 13:55 with the Rockets' Dave Johnson finishing second.

The Patriots then grabbed the next six places on finishes by Bill Van-GanBrandt, Tom Hopfensperger, Jeff Stracka, Andy Oliver, Dave Malley and Bob Mauche.

Dick Ryan, in ninth place, was the Rockets' second finisher. Nick Hassler was 10th, Dick Smith 11th, Sam Anderson 12th, Dave Stieg 13th and Dave Erdmann 14th.

Dave Schaller, Tom Smith and Mark Goodman were held out of the meet because of injuries. Coach Tom Jensen hopes to have them ready for Saturday's invitational at Grafton.

Appleton East also won the junior varsity meet, 17-46, with Pat Van Rossum finishing first. Jack Champagne topped the Rockets with a fourth place.

John Siebers and John Vandendrandt of East were second and third, respectively. Other Neenah finishers were Steve Wilson ninth, Mike Mueller 10th, Steve Einarich 11th, Mike Edmonds 12th, Mark Salasider 13th and Greg Carlson 14th.

Cross country action Thursday afternoon finds Menasha visiting the Oakwood Hills Course at Combined Locks for a meet against Oakbrook West, Kaukauna and West-De Pere while St. Mary Central has a dual at Silbert.

Johnson, Schaller 4-5

## Neenah runners fourth

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team wound up fourth in the large school division of the WIAA cross country meet at Wales Saturday.

Appleton East won the title with a record 33 points, while Racine Case had 26, Manitowoc 112 and Neenah 115. East, Manitowoc and the Rockets all came out of the Waupaca Sectional.

The Rockets placed two runners in the top five in Dave Johnson, fourth, and Dave Schaller, fifth. Joe Young of Wisconsin Rapids was the winner, followed by Steve Croy, Manitowoc, and Gary Hohnberger, East. All five also qualified from the Waupaca Sectional.

Coach Tom Jensen was satisfied with his team's performance, noting "I thought the best we could do was third place and were only missed out by three points. We beat a lot of schools and had two boys in the top five," he added.

Jensen said that the fact that this area had three teams among the top four finishers tells something about the caliber of cross country in this part of the state.