

Rockets sweep 'Spartan'

OSHKOSH — Led by Frank Swatscheno's second place, the Neenah High School cross country team annexed first place in the large school division of the Spartan Invitational at North High School here Tuesday.

The Rockets accumulated 83 points in successfully defending their championship.

Appleton East was second with 85 and Two Rivers won over Green Bay East on a tie-breaker for third after both schools posted 121 points.

Wausau West had 128, Manitowoc 127, Appleton West 177, Sheboygan South 189, Oshkosh North 214, Sheboygan North 237, Kaukauna 289 and Oshkosh West 297.

Swatscheno only trailed Two Rivers'

Chris Taddy by one second. The winning time was 15:43. Swatscheno, Coach Tom Jensen said, ran a super race.

Other Neenah places were Mark Kleman ninth, Gary Vanevenhoven 13th, Mark Firary 16th, Tom Martin 25th and Phil Edmonds 35th.

East's finishes included fifth, 12th, 15th, 17th and 36th.

Sheboygan South won the junior varsity event with 88 points. Neenah's No. 1 team was second with 76 in a tie-breaker with Manitowoc. The No. 2 jayvee unit was seventh with 169 and the frosh team 10th with 245.

Todd Grunert of Appleton East garnered first place in 16:30.

For Neenah's No. 1 unit, Pat Murphy was fifth, Todd Thede seventh, Jeff Wachter 12th, Kevin Gill 25th, Dan Robillard 27th and Tim Neer 52nd.

No. 2 finishes were Tim Thornell third, Deedrich Bauer 16th, Tim Shandonay 39th, Tim Wiese 47th, Jeff Beringer 64th, Steve Kleman 74th and Paul Kranner 86th.

No. 3 team finishes were Peter Coons 42nd, Bernie Edmonds 51st, Dave Koteski 73rd, Peter Salm 77th, Joel Gohdes 82nd and Rocky Daehler 84th.

Neenah harriers triumph

SHAWANO — Neenah won the large school varsity title in the Shawano Invitational cross country meet held here today.

Other team titles were won by De Pere, medium Gresham, small schools, Manitowoc, large school jayvee; Luxumberg-Casco, small school jayvee and Wausau East, girls.

Neenah placed six runners in the top 16 to take the championship. Runners and their finishes for the Rockets were: Frank Swatscheno, fifth; Mark Kleman, ninth; Bill Neer, 13th; Mark Firary, 14th; Gary Vanevenhoven, 15th; Phil Edmonds, 16th.

Other area runners in the top 25 included: Scott Markofski, Oshkosh North, eighth; Steve Wautlet, Appleton West, 11th; and Ron Last, Oshkosh West, 25th. Kaukauna's top finisher was Terry Peibles in 37th.

Wittenberg Elmwood placed fifth for the top girls placing among medium schools. In area runners made the top 10. Brillion was third in small school competition.

Tim Thornell of Neenah won the large schools jayvee race in a time of

18:24. Jeff Wachter of Neenah was third, Tim Lambrecht of Appleton West was sixth and Doug Seefeld of Oshkosh North was 25th.

Neenah's No. 2 team was second, its No. 1 team was third and Appleton West was fourth.

In the girls' meet, Vicki Viese of Kaukauna placed 16th and Linda Grothe of Appleton West was 17th.

Team Scores:

LARGE SCHOOL VARSITY

Neenah 84, Manitowoc 69, Stevens Point 71, Wausau West 114, Appleton West 140, Antigo 171, Oshkosh North 193, Oshkosh West 224, Wausau East 234, Kaukauna 250, Green Bay West 279.

MEDIUM SCHOOL VARSITY

Madford 134, Wilm-Birn 142, Kimberly 167, Pulaski 178, Shawano 197, Seymour 198, Hortonville 276, Clintonville 335.

SMALL SCHOOLS VARSITY

Gresham 55, Oconto 62, Brillion 64, Bonduel 95, Gilbert 111, Arharet 149.

LARGE SCHOOLS JV

Manitowoc 46, Neenah No. 2 60, Neenah No. 1 62, Appleton West 192, Two Rivers 113, Neenah No. 3 225, Stevens Point 227, Shawano 230, Wausau East 227, Oshkosh North 277, Oshkosh West 314, Madford 353, Antigo 368, Kaukauna 367, Kimberly 409.

SMALL SCHOOLS JV

Lux-Casco No. 1 42, De Pere 55, Pulaski 115, Oconto 175, Lux-Casco No. 2 195, Seymour 231.

GIRLS

Wausau East 45, Stevens Point 48, Shawano 137, Wausau West 128, Antigo 160, Kaukauna 162.

Neenah first in all events in Hodag run

RHINELANDER — An auspicious opening meet found the Neenah High School cross country team winning the all events trophy in the Rhinelander Invitational Saturday.

The varsity squad was second to Rhinelander while the freshman-sophomore and junior-second teams both garnered firsts.

Rhinelander won its meet with 38 points. The Rockets collected 44, Wausau West 72, Milwaukee Thomas More 91, Antigo 116, Green Bay Pre-montre 108 and Wausau East 202.

Bill Fischer of Rhinelander, one of the top runners in the state, finished first in 15:34.

Neenah's finishers and their times were Frank Swatscheno fourth in 15:57, Mark Kleman fifth in 16:03, Mark Firary eighth in 16:08, Pat Murphy ninth in 16:12, Bill Neer 18th in 16:40, Tom Martha 21st in 16:44 and Phil Edmonds 29th in 17:21.

The junior-senior team collected 35 points to 45 for runnerup Thomas More.

Gary Vanvenhoven was first in 15:14, followed by Jeff Wachter third, 15:31, Tom Gill eighth, Dan Robillard ninth, John Mattes 14th, Tim Neer 16th and Karl Hildebrand 23rd.

The Rockets, in the frosh-sophomore test, tallied 30 points. Rhinelander was second with 51.

Tim Thornell took a second place in 16:40. Tim Shandonay was fourth, Deedrich Bauer fifth, Tim Wiese sixth, Peter Coons 13th, Jeff Beringer 15th, Steve Kleman 16th and Dave Koteski 18th.

In the all events total, the Rockets accumulated 109 to 161 for Rhinelander.

Coach Tom Jensen said he was pleased with the team's effort, considering it lost four of last year's five runners.

He expressed the need for coming up with a stronger fifth man but said there was enough talent on the team to find one.

He noted that some of the runners in the non-varsity meets had better times than several varsity runners and that there probably would be some changes before next Saturday's Shewano Invitational, the team's next outing.

NHS cross country team 2nd

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team came up with another solid performance, finishing second in the Milwaukee Marshall Invitational Saturday.

Milwaukee Tech won the event with 50 points. The Rockets totaled 57, Racine Case 59, Wauwatosa East 86, Nicolet 147, Marshall 185, West Allis Hale 189, Janesville Craig 192, Milwaukee South 216 and Milwaukee Custer 307.

Brad Green of Racine Case was the individual winner by two seconds over the Rockets' Frank Swatscheno. In a sprint to the finish, Green won in 16:08 to Swatscheno's 16:08.

Mark Kleman was seventh in 16:38, Gary Vanvenhoven eighth in 16:42, Mark Firary 17th in 16:55, Pat Murphy 22nd in 17:01, Bill Neer 25th in 17:09 and Phil Edmonds 32nd in 17:21.

"We really ran well. It was like a mini-state meet with four ranked teams in the field," Coach Tom Jensen said.

Tech, going into the meet, had been ranked fifth, Racine Case second, Nicolet ninth and the Rockets 10th.

Tech's runners finished third, fourth, sixth 11th and 26th. Case, in addition to the winner, gained 10th, 13th, 15th and 20th places.

Racine Case took the junior varsity event with 31 points. Nicolet had 49, Janesville Craig 74, Neenah 115, Tech 119, South 174, Wauwatosa East 194, West Allis Hale 231 and Marshall 274.

Tim Shandonay was sixth to lead the Rockets. His time was 17:42. Peter Coons was 18th, Deedrich Bauer 20th, Bernie Edmonds 27th, Jeff Beringer 40th, Steve Kleman 45th and Pete Salm 68th.

There also was a race for runners not entered in either the varsity or jayvee events. Jeff Wachter's 17:44 was the best time. Todd Thede ran in 17:58.

Other runners were Kevin Gill, Dan Robillard, Karl Hildebrand, John Mattes, Tim Neer, Tim Costello, Rocky Daehler and Joel Gohdes.

The Rockets will host Menasha and Ripon in their first home meet Tuesday afternoon on the Armstrong Course.

The jayvee race will begin about 4:30 p.m. with the varsity test scheduled for approximately 8 o'clock.

Patriots dethrone Rockets

HIGH CLIFF — Neenah High School's bid for a fourth straight Fox Valley Association boys' cross country meet championship was thwarted by Appleton East here Wednesday afternoon.

The Patriots, sending four straight runners through the chute from fourth place to seventh, accumulated 33 points.

The Rockets were second with 40, followed by Two Rivers 54, Appleton West 118, Oshkosh West 177, Kaukauna 180, Kimberly 188, Menasha 205 and Oshkosh North 217.

The Rockets had the individual winner in junior Frank Swatscheno, who journeyed the three-mile course in 15:14.

It was a conference mark for the course. The Rockets' Paul Gooch finished first here in 15:26 two years ago.

Swatscheno finished five seconds in front of Two Rivers' Chris Taddy. The Raiders' Shanon McDonough was third in 15:20 followed by East's Greg Nelson, Paul Berg, Dave Wallace and Todd Grunert, all of whom were within 11 seconds of each other.

Pat Murphy, in eighth place, was Neenah's second finisher. His time was 15:36. Then came Gary Vanvenhoven ninth in 15:39 and Mark Kleman 10th in 15:51.

With four runners through the chute, the Patriots had a 23-28 lead. Their Steve Barnett then came in 11th to clinch the win, one place ahead of the Rockets' Mark Firary.

Other Neenah finishers were Tom Martin 13th and Bill Neer 18th.

Craig LaCount, in 25th place, led the Bluejays. Tom Frenz was 26th, Mark Englebert 47th, Tad Dachelet 53rd, Norman Selle 54th and Paul Marquardt 59th.

Although disappointed, Neenah Coach Tom Jensen was pleased with the performance of his athletes.

"Comparing our times to those of two years ago, these kids ran extremely well," Jensen said. He added that Pat Murphy ran a super race.

Jensen said he is proud the way his runners have progressed. "We've come so far from last year.

Jensen said he knew his team was in trouble at the halfway mark when East had four runners up with the leaders.

"After winning three in a row, you reach a point where you can't go on forever. I don't look as they these kids as losers. A good team won but I don't think these boys lost," Jensen added.

The Rockets and Patriots will collide again in the WIAA regional at Rose-ndale next Tuesday.

NHS runners eye third win in row

NEENAH — Coach Tom Jensen's Neenah High School cross country team goes after its third straight invitational championship in the Milwaukee Marshall meet Saturday morning.

The Rockets, after finishing second at Rhinelander in their opener, won successive titles at Shawano and Oshkosh North.

Competing in their division at Milwaukee will be Wauwatosa East, West Allis Hale, Janesville Craig, Milwaukee South, Nicolet, Marshall, Milwaukee Tech, Racine Case and Milwaukee Custer.

The meet will be held at Dineen Park, a block north of Capitol Drive, and the varsity race will start at 11 a.m.

There also will be a junior varsity event and another for boys not running varsity or jayves.

Racine Case is the defending champion. The Rockets placed fifth last fall.

Although they won two big meets since the last ratings, the Rockets dropped from ninth to 10th in this week's Wisconsin State Cross Country Coaches Association poll.

Racine Case is ranked second, Tech fifth and Nicolet ninth. La Crosse Central is top-rated.

Rocket harriers finish 12th in WIAA state run

MADISON — The Neenah High School boys' cross country team finished in 12th place in its eighth straight trip to the WIAA state meet here Saturday.

La Crosse Central captured the team championship with 101 points.

Menomonee Falls North, the defending champion, placed second with 108. Oak Creek had 116, Stevens Point 126, Monroe 130, Stoughton 132, Racine Case 148, Homestead 194, Brookfield Central 196, Manitowoc 197, Sussex-Hamilton 222 and Neenah 230.

The Rockets' finishers by team positions included Frank Swatscheno 14th in 15:44, Mark Kleman 37th in 16:04, Pat Murphy 51st in 16:26, Gary Vanevenhoven 62nd in 16:35, Mark Firary 68th in 16:41, Tom Martin 69th in 16:45 and Bill Neer 77th in 17:01.

Jeff Hacker of Menomonee Falls North won his second straight individual championship in 14:45.

Bill Fisher of Rhinelander placed second, two seconds behind Hacker.

Then came Al Rodriguez, Oak Creek; Doug Johns, Sussex-Hamilton; Mike Bruce, Homestead; Todd Sperring, Lakeview; Dave Dougall, Stoughton;

Rocket runners open schedule at Madison

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team, minus Dan Schaller and several other standouts, who have graduated, preview their season in the United States Track and Field Federation Meet at Madison Saturday.

Coach Tom Jensen has six senior lettermen available but only four will be able to compete since the USTFF permits four boys to run in each class, or a total of 16 per school. No team totals are tabulated.

The meet is a good opening test since it is run on a hilly Holy Name Seminary course.

Lost by graduation were Schaller, Steve Verkullen and Rick Schmidt, all three-year regulars, and Steve Blank, all of whom were consistently among the top five finishers.

Returning seniors are Mark Firary, Phil Edmonds, Tom Martin, Bill Neer, Mark Kleman and Pat Murphy.

Dan Robillard and John Mattes are other senior prospects while Gary Vanevenhoven and Frank Swatscheno, a quarter-miler last spring, have shown up best among the juniors in practice.

Other juniors out are Carl Hildebrand, Todd Thede, Jeff Wachter, Kevin Gill and Tim Neer.

Thirteen freshmen and sophomores are working under the direction of assistant Glen Severson. Todd Ake and Tim Thornell have been the front runners.

"We lost an awful lot and so far the team has been much more balanced," Jensen said. "There is a lot of talent but we need someone to bust in front and take charge," he added.

Jensen explained that it is important, in a big meet, to have one or two finishers among the leaders. Balance is not going to do much good if your first runner finishes 20th and the rest finish right behind him, the coach said.

In the past, the Rockets had runners like Schaller, Dave Johnson, Paul Gooch and Bob Menning in front.

Jensen sees Appleton East as the big threat to the Rockets, who are defending conference champions.

Final invitational for Neenah runners

NEENAH — A trip to Fort Atkinson Saturday will conclude the season of invitational runs for the Neenah High School boys cross country team.

The Rockets will oppose Appleton East, Hartland-Arrowhead, Menomonee Falls East, Menomonee Falls North, Monroe, Oak Creek and Milwaukee Thomas More.

In previous outings, the Rockets won at Shawano, Oshkosh and Grafton and finished second at Rhinelander and Milwaukee Marshall.

Neenah is ranked sixth, its highest position thus far, in the large school ratings that were announced today.

Menomonee Falls North is rated first, Oak Creek fourth and Monroe seventh.

Pete Skorseth, Stevens Point; Tom Wickert, Milwaukee Tech; Mark Harris, Grafton; Bob Stephenson, La Crosse Central; Greg Bedynek, Racine Case; Dan Stack, Superior, and Garth Mohr, Brookfield Central.

"It was the most balanced field I've ever seen for a state meet. There wasn't a weak team there," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

"Any time in a state meet when the winner scores over 100 points, you're talking about a balanced field," Jensen added, noting that there was only 130 points difference between first and last place.

Jensen said the Rocket runners worked hard all year and that at the start of the season he had his doubts if they would make the state meet.

Of the seven state meet runners, Swatscheno and Vanevenhoven are juniors and the other five are seniors.

The Rockets, this year, won three invitationals, took the regional and finished second in the conference and sectional tests.

They will honor, along with all of the other fall sports squads except football, at a Nov. 21 dinner at Armstrong.

Neenah runners go after first WIAA Class A title

NEENAH — A first state Class A championship will be the goal of the Neenah High School cross country team when it competes in the WIAA run at Madison's Yahara Golf Course Saturday.

The Rockets, who are participating

in the state test for the eighth successive year, won a state title in the middle-sized enrollment class 15 years ago.

They qualified for this fall's test by placing second in the Fond du Lac Sectional last weekend.

Members of this year's team, who will run at noon, are Frank Swatscheno, Mark Klemm, Gary Van-
evenhoven, Bill Neer, Tom Martin, Pat Murphy and Mark Firary.

Menomonee Falls North is the defending champion. Other entries are Brookfield Central, Hamilton-Sussex, Homestead, La Crosse Central, Manitowoc, Monroe, Oak Creek, Racine Case, Stevens Point and Stoughton.

In addition, individual runners qualified from Brookfield East, Grafton, Green Bay Preble and Southwest, Kenosha Tremper, Lakeland, Madison West, Milwaukee Juneau, Milwaukee Tech, Milwaukee Marshall, Superior, Two Rivers, Whitefish Bay and Wisconsin Rapids.

In last week's Wisconsin Coaches Association poll, La Crosse Central was top-ranked, Oak Creek second, Racine Case third, Monroe fourth, Menomonee Falls North fifth, Stoughton sixth, Neenah seventh and Brookfield Central 10th.

Neenah finished seventh in last year's meet with 166 points. Palis North won with 73, three less than Oak Creek.

Neenah finished third in 1975, fourth in 1974, 1973 and 1972, apparently won in 1971 but three runners were disqualified for making the wrong turn and placed third in 1970.

The day's activities will begin with the girls' run at 10:30 a.m., followed by boys' Class C at 11 and Class B at 11:30.

Rocket runners qualify

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team, for the eighth straight year, gained a state meet berth by placing second in the sectional at Fond du Lac Saturday.

Manitowoc was a surprising first place finisher with 41 points.

The Rockets totaled 83 while Two Rivers had 71, Appleton East 77, Green Bay Southwest 146, Green Bay East 101, Appleton West 168, Ashwaubenon 208 and Shawano 243.

Jeff Learned of Preble was the individual winner in 15:43. Dave Uhrich of Manitowoc was second, followed by Shannon McDonough and Chris Taddy, both of Two Rivers, and Steve Mertine, Southwest.

The first five finishers, regardless of their team places, qualified for the state test.

The Rockets' Mark Klemm was eighth in team scoring and ninth overall. His time was 16:30.

Other team places were Frank Swatscheno ninth in 16:31, Mark Firary 11th in 16:33, Gary Van-
evenhoven 17th in 16:49, Pat Murphy 18th in 16:59, Bill Neer 21st in 16:58 and Tom Martin 40th in 17:22.

Rocket Coach Tom Jensen said the hills took their toll on some of the runners.

Swatscheno, who had been up with the leaders, experienced problems near the end and almost didn't finish, Jensen noted.

Jensen said Manitowoc had been having problems with its fourth and fifth men during the season but they came through in the Saturday race.

The state meet will be held at Yahara Hills in Madison next Saturday.

NHS harriers rated 7th in latest poll

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team was ranked seventh in the latest large-school poll by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association. They moved up from 10th place.

Menomonee Falls was ranked first, followed by La Crosse Central, Oak Creek, Milwaukee Tech, Racine Case, Homestead, Neenah, Monroe, Stoughton and Brookfield Central. Appleton East received honorable mention.

Harriers in regionals

NEENAH-MENASHA — It will be another Fox Valley Association meet, minus Two Rivers, when the WIAA holds its Class A cross country boys' regional at Rosendale (Laconia High School) Tuesday afternoon.

Appleton East and Neenah again are expected to battle for first place. Menasha, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Appleton West, Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West complete the field.

The race will begin at 5 p.m. and qualifiers will move on to Saturday's Fond du Lac Sectional.

Tuesday's task looms as more challenging for the Rockets, who were beaten by East, 33-40, in the conference meet last Wednesday, since they won't have two Two Rivers runners to contend for top honors.

In the conference, Neenah's Frank Swatscheno was first, Chris Taddy and Shannon McDonough of Two Rivers came in second and third and four Appleton East harriers followed.

The Rockets won last year's regional by 43 points over Manitowoc.

Rocket harriers eye 4th in row

HIGH CLIFF — The Neenah High School cross country team strives for its fourth straight Fox Valley Association championship when the circuit holds its eighth annual meet here Wednesday night.

Oshkosh North will be the host school for the meet, which will begin and end near the pavilion.

The junior varsity test will start at 4:30 p.m., the varsity run is scheduled for 5 o'clock and a girls race, which will be directed by Menasha Coach Russ Leitz, will follow as the third event.

Only Neenah, Menasha and Kaukauna have been fielding complete girls squads but several of the other schools have individual runners.

Like the Big 10 Conference football race, where Ohio State and Michigan dominate, the FVA harrier meet has been a two-team battle throughout its history.

The Rockets and Appleton East have

won all of the championships and they again are expected to fight it out this year.

The year they weren't one-two was the first meet in 1970 when Appleton West was second.

The Rockets won that one, the two teams tied for first in 1971, Appleton East placed first in 1972 and 1973 and the Rockets won the last three.

Since the 1971 stalemate, 10 points has been the widest margin between first and second place. Last year the Twin Citians won by six.

In meetings this fall, the Rockets topped the Patriots, 29-56, in a five-team meet at Appleton and 63-83 in the Oshkosh North Invitational.

Both teams go into the race with almost entirely new casts. Of the top 10 finishers last year, only Paug Berg, East, who was sixth, returns.

Neenah's leading runner has been Frank Swatscheno while other top performers have been Gary Van-evenhoven, Mark Kleman, Mark Firary, Bill Neer, Pat Murphy and Tom Martin.

Most of the rest of the remaining teams, including Menasha's Bluejays, will be battling for third place. They placed third two years ago but slipped seventh last fall.

The Menasha team had has been plagued by injuries most of the season. Tom Flenz has been its most consistent

runner.

Two Rivers will be in the meet for the first time and its Chris Taddy is expected to be one of the top finishers.

Oshkosh North's Dewi Oleson has been the top performer among the conference's girl runners. However, the Spartans only have a couple of competitors.

Leading Twin City harriers include Jill and Julie Reiland of Menasha and Cindy Otto and Karen Dickson of the Rockets.

Neenah harriers garner 4th spot at Fort Atkinson

NEENAH — A fourth place finish in the Fort Atkinson meet Saturday concluded the fall series of invitational cross country meets for the Neenah High School runners.

Oak Creek finished first with 39 points, followed by Monroe 40, Menomonee Falls North 81, Neenah 89, St. Thomas More 117, Hardland Arrowhead 187 and Menomonee Falls East 222.

Jeff Hacker of Falls North was the winner in 14:49.

The Rockets' Frank Swatscheno garnered fifth place in 15:37.

Other finishes were Mark Firary 13th in 15:52, Gary Vanevenhoven 18th in 15:53, Mark Kleman 23rd in 16:09, Bill Neer 30th in 16:30, Pat Murphy 31st in 16:31, Tom Martin 35th in 16:35 and Jeff Wachter 39th in 16:50.

Coach Tom Jensen said it was a very competitive race, run over a hilly course, which took its toll on the competitors.

Neenah's sophomore team registered the low total in the jayvee meet with 20 points. There were no team totals in the 90-runner event.

Rocket finishes were Tim Thornell second, Todd Ake fourth, Todd Thede sixth, Tim Shandonay eighth, Deedrich Bauer ninth, Dan Robillard 19th, Tim Costello 23rd, Peter Coons 33rd, Kevin Gill 34th, Karl Hildebrand 36th, Tim Neer 39th, Tim Wiese 41st, Bernie Edmonds 47th, John Mattes 54th, Joel Gohdes 55th, Dave Koteski 60th, Steve Kleman 62nd and Peter Salm 69th.

The next meet for the Rockets will be the Fox Valley Association test at High Cliff Wednesday.

Neenah harriers race at Grafton

NEENAH-MENASHA — Twin City high school cross country teams will go the road Saturday to compete in invitational meets.

The Neenah harriers travel to Grafton for their fifth invitational test. They won two and finished second in two others.

Joining them at Grafton will be Menomonee Falls North, ranked No. 1 in the state poll, Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Hamilton-Sussex, Kenosha Bradford, Marquette, Milwaukee Pulaski, Nicolet, Milwaukee Thomas More, Waukesha South and West Allis Central.

The varsity run will begin at 11 a.m. Last year, the Rockets and Preble tied for first but Neenah lost out in a tie-breaker.

Menasha will run in the large-school division of the Ashwaubenon Invitational.

Other entries are Preble, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Fremontre, Pennings, Clintonville, Green Bay East, Manitowoc, Menominee, Mich. and Ashwaubenon.

St. Mary Central is entered in the small school division of the Ashwaubenon meet.

NM runners in invitationals

NEENAH-MENASHA — The Neenah High School cross country team will defend its championship in the Shawano Invitational Saturday while Menasha and St. Mary Central will travel to Manitowoc for the Roncalli Invitational.

The Shawano Class A field includes Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West, Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau West, Stevens Point, Manitowoc, Schofield, Kaukauna, Green Bay West, Antigo, Appleton West and Two Rivers.

The Rockets, who finished second to Rhinelander in the latter's invitational, won last year's meet by 23 points over Manitowoc.

Menasha will compete in Division I at Manitowoc along with Fremontre, Racine St. Catherine, Pennings, Dominican, Springs, Xavier and Roncalli. St. Mary is entered in Division I along with St. Lawrence, Lourdes, Algoma, Columbus, Milwaukee University School, Holy Name Seminary, Wayland, DeSales and Kewaunee.

The Menasha High School girls team also compete in the girls meet.

The Roncalli meet also includes a jayvee race and an open class for extra runners on teams as well as other students and adults.

NM runners busy Tuesday

NEENAH-MENASHA — The Neenah and Menasha High School cross country teams compete in two meets Tuesday in which all Fox Valley Association teams are involved.

The Rockets will visit Appleton's Pierce Park to run against Appleton East, Appleton West, Oshkosh West and Two Rivers.

The Bluejays will hold their first

home meet of the season at Jefferson Park, hosting Oshkosh North, Kimberly and Kaukauna.

There also will be a girls race in conjunction with the Menasha meet.

Both local teams have been idle since last Tuesday when the Rockets won a triangular involving the Jays and Ripon on the Armstrong Course.

At Appleton, the Red and White will meet East, which ranks as the major threat to its reign as FVA champions.

The Rockets posted a 63-85 win over the Pats in the Oshkosh North Invitational in their only previous meeting this fall.

Expected to battle for individual honors are Two Rivers' Chris Taddy, one of the best runners in the area, and the Rockets' Frank Swatscheno, who has been coming on strong in recent meets.

The Rockets, thus far, have won the Oshkosh North and Shawano Invitationals, placed second at Rhinelander and Milwaukee Marshall and copped the triangular. Their next invitational will be at Grafton Saturday.

The Bluejays won the Roscalli Invitational and a six-team meet at Ripon. They defeated Seymour in a dual, placed second in the Wittenberg-Birmamwood meet, fifth in the Appleton West Invitational and were second in last week's triangular.

Their next invitational will be at Ashwaubsoon Saturday.

Runners in sectionals

MENASHA-NEENAH — The Neenah High School boys cross country team bids for an eighth straight trip to the WIAA state meet through the sectional at Fond du Lac Saturday.

The Neenah and Menasha girls' squads both will try for their first state berth, also through the Fond du Lac Sectional.

The meets will be run on the Town and Country Club, three miles east of Fond du Lac near Springs High School.

The girls' race is scheduled for 10 a.m. and the Class A boys' event is slated at 11 a.m. Class B and C boys will run between the two races.

The Rocket boys, who were second in the sectional last fall, qualified by winning the LaCrosse Regional Tuesday. Appleton East and West qualified from the same meet.

Coming from the Mishicot meet will be Maastowoc, which placed first, Green Bay East and Two Rivers.

The Oconto Regional qualified Green Bay Southwest, Ashwaubenen and Shawano.

Individual runners qualifying were Jeff Learned, Green Bay Preble, who was first at Mishicot, and Randy Welsch, Kimberly, fifth at LaCrosse.

Neenah's runners are Frank Swatscheno, Mark Klenash, Tom Martin, Pat Murphy, Bill Nuer, Mark Pirary and Gary Vaneenhoven or Tim Thornell.

Vaneenhoven didn't run in the regional because of an injury.

Fond du Lac, Menasha and Neenah qualified girls' teams through the LaCrosse Regional.

The Grafton Regional qualified

Slinger, Hartland Arrowhead and Kewaunee.

Individual runners include Dewl Oleson and Sun Hoffman, Oshkosh North; Debbie Jensen, Grafton, and Sheryl Gruber, Germantown.

Menasha's runners Jill and Julie Reiland, Jane Tellock, Janice Reitzner, Kathy Podjaski, Stephanie Halle and Nada Kramer.

Neenah's entries are Karen Dickson, Liz Allen, Amy Kerscher, Jan Kopecky, Dawn Klabunde, Nancy Johnson and Cindy Otto.

The first and second place teams and the first five individual finishers will qualify for the state meet.

NHS harriers defeat Appleton West. North

NEENAH — Claiming the first four places and six of the first eight, the Neenah High School cross country team scored 18 points to defeat Appleton West (52) and Oshkosh North (72) in a cross country meet on the Armstrong Course Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Swatscheno of Neenah finished first in 18:20.

Mark Klemm was second in 18:30, followed by Mark Firary 18:37, Pat Murphy 18:41, Appleton West's Steve Wautlet 18:49, Neenah's Tom Martin 18:57 and Bill Neer 17:01.

Jeff Wachter, the Rockets' seventh runner, placed ninth.

Neenah's No. 1 team took the junior varsity race with 15 points. Oshkosh North accumulated 54, Neenah No. 2 71 and Appleton West 86.

Tim Thornell led the Rockets' sweep by taking first place.

Other Neenah finishes were Deedrich

Bauer second, Tim Wiese third, Tim Shandonay fourth, Todd Ake fifth, Tim Costello sixth, Peter Coons seventh, Bernie Edmonds 11th, Joel Gohdes 13th, Jeff Beringer 14th, Rocky Dachler 15th, Steve Klemm 18th, Dave Koteski 20th and Peter Salm 24th.

The Rockets will conclude their regular schedule in the Fort Atkinson Invitational Saturday.

Neenah harriers win

The Neenah cross country team won the Laconia Class A regional Tuesday in qualifying for sectional competition Saturday at Fond du Lac.

Neenah scored 28 points to edge Appleton East which had 42, Appleton West with 104 points also qualified.

Frank Swatscheno was the top Class A runner with a 15:25 time.

Jim Brice, Wrightstown's premiere distance runner turned in the area's best time as he clocked a 13 minute, 44-second time in the Class C regional at Oconto.

The top three teams and top five individuals in each regional qualify for sectional competition. All regional qualifiers will compete at Fond du Lac, except for the Oconto Regional girls which advance to Wausau East.

LACONIA REGIONAL

CLASS A — Neenah 28, Appleton East 42, Appleton West 104, Menasha 138, Kimberly 132, Oshkosh West 139, Kaukauna 138, Oshkosh North 184.

Individuals: 1. Frank Swatscheno N 15:25; 2. Mark Klemm N; 3. Greg Nelson AB; 4. Dave Wautlet AB; 5. Randy Welch Kim, Neenah; Mark Firary 6, Tom Martin 8, Pat Murphy 9.

Appleton East: Steve Bernette 7, Ben Nabbefeld 11, Todd Grunert 15.

Appleton West: Steve Wautlet 16, Steve Fountain 16, Mike Schellhaas 17, Tim Lambrecht 28, Rob Schmitt 29.

Menasha: Craig LaCount 11, Tom Pfanz 12, Mark Knapton 21, Todd Dachler 35, Don Wojahn 40.

Kimberly: Lee Mason 27, Joe Van Zeebnd 30, Jim Keelin 31, Mike Schell 37.

Kaukauna: Greg Kilgus 21, Terry Prohles 24, Dave Schaefer 22, Gary Blay 35, Jon Vandenberg 44.

CLASS B — Oiro 44, Laconia 45, Berlin 99, Westfield 101, Menasha 122, North Fond du Lac 155, Elgin 179, Wausau 198.

Top five: 1. Bob Rusch Lac. 14:14; 2. Jay Debaney Wase; 3. Keith Frakesh O; 4. Jeff Smk Lac; 5. Jim Horvath West.

MISHICOT REGIONAL

CLASS A — Manitowoc 46, Green Bay East 67, Two Rivers 48, Fond du Lac 102, De Pere 135, West De Pere 140, Preble 144, New Holstein 214.

Top five: 1. Jeff Learned Preb 15:21.1; 2. Dave Yhrich Men; 3. Chris Todd TR; 4. Shannon McDonough TR; 5. Jim Egerts GRE.

CLASS B — Mishicot 76, Cambellsport 80, Britton 86, Kiel 125, Sheboygan Falls 145, Random Lake 172, Volders 173, Kewaskum 178, Lamira 194, Reedsville 214, Chilton 227.

Top five: 1. Rowley Faust Kiel 15:59.7; 2. Dean Suethe SF; 3. Brooke White RL; 4. Greg Duffey Msh; 5. Tom Heimke Bri.

CLASS C — 1 Elkhart Lake 22, Ozaukee 45, Hilbert 64, Cedar Grove 84, Oostburg 94.

Top five: 1. Ron Wilson EL 16:25; 2. Joe Sandee CG; 3. Ken Postuma EL; 4. Pat Koorns Oz; 5. Steve Mathes Hilbert.

OCONTO REGIONAL

CLASS A — GB Southwood 17, Ash Ashwaubenton 47, Shawano 79, Seymour 123, Pulaski 136, GB West 144, Clintonville 175, Bay Port 220, Marinette 249.

Top five: Steve Marline SW 14:38; 2. Al Crabb SW; 3. Don Malewski SW; 4. Mike Drucker SW; 5. Jay Behnke SW.

CLASS B — ALPoma 47, Luxemburg-Casco 71, Wittenberg-Birnawood 105, Little Chute 123, Hartsville 120, Oconto 134, Denmark 195, Sturgeon Bay 221, Kewaunee 227, Sanduski 242.

Top five: 1. John Nevsk Al 14:25; 2. Roy Eliason Den; 3. Jim Chudoir Ale; 4. Mark Roduents Lux-C; 5. Tom Delwische SB.

CLASS C — Sevastopol 47, Gresham 49, Wrightstown 50, Shiocton 64.

Top five: Jim Brice Wright, 13:44 (course record); 2. Frank Jilof Sev; 3. Randy Giese Gresh; 4. Dave Mork Sev; 5. Jeff Tolon Tolon Sev.

GIRLS REGIONAL

at LACONIA
Team scores: Fond du Lac 39, Neenah 58, Menasha 62, Cambellsport 87, Beaver Dam 112.

Individuals: 1. Dawn Olson Osh. North, 12:00; 2. Sue Hoffman ON; 3. Jill Rolland Men; 4. Julie Rolland Men.

Neenah: Amy Kerscher, Karen Dieckman, Liz Allen, Cindy Oha, Nancy Johnson, Jan Kowchy, Dawn Kolbunde.

Menasha: Jane Telfect, Stephanie Halle, Janice Roltzner, Kathy Pallasik, Nade Kramer.

at OCONTO
Ashwaubenton 44, Wisconsin Rapids 46, GB Southwood 62, Nekeoa 71, Kaukauna 92.

Top five: 1. Sabina Ziegastoffer Ash, 11:37; 2. Doree Koh Keshua Ash; 3. Lynn Mervat Wrightstown; 4. Colleen Kornetelic Ash; 5. Lori Pood GB West.



Sports Valley

by Jim Wedde

Okay, trivia buffs, name the high school cross country team that has won four conference titles and tied for another since 1970.

Hint: This same team has never finished lower than sixth in seven appearances in the state cross country meet.

Give up? Well, the cross country team at Neenah High School has been one of the most successful in the area, a dominate force in the Fox Valley Association. And this season is no exception for coach Tom Jensen.

"We're a better team right now than I thought we would be because of depth," said Jensen, whose team is currently rated 19th in the state by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association. "I'm pleased with the success we've had so far. Any time you lose four of your top seven or eight runners through graduation and still do well, you have to be pleased."

For the Neenah cross country team, distance running has become a way of life. The squad practices twice a day, for an hour in the morning (beginning at 6 o'clock) and for two and a half hours after school. During these workouts, the squad may run a total of 12 or 14 miles a day.

"Cross country is a demanding sport, involving work every day of the week. It's one of the few sports where quantity of practice and work done makes all the difference in the world, as does team closeness."

Neenah is one of the few cross country powerhouses not found in the southeast portion of the state, in Racine or in the suburban Milwaukee schools.

"I think the presence of so many colleges down in that part of the state, plus the size of the schools involved, seems to help. You're talking about centers of intense running interest, so your high schools are going to be more aware of distance running."

"Let's face it, cross country is just darn hard work. But I think our success stems from the tremendous pride

that the kids take in the team and the willingness to work at it."

Neenah's top runners include senior Mark Kleman and junior Frank Swatscheno, both "bluechippers" according to Jensen. Other top varsity runners have been Phil Edmonds, Mark Pirary, Pat Murphy, Bill Neer, Tom Martin, John Mattes, Dan Robillard and Gary Williams.

"Our kids don't really have any contact with the sport until they're freshmen in high school, since we don't have a junior high program.

"But once they're freshmen and sophomores, then (assistant coach) Glen Severson works hard with them.

"Glen's enthusiasm is infectious — by the time I get the kids, they're hooked on the sport. You need somebody like Glen working with the younger kids, encouraging them."

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High school football currently commands a great deal of attention throughout the Fox Valley, and the number of Fox Valley Association alumni now starring at the collegiate level can't be overlooked.

An All-FVA backfield, for example, is finding success at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Junior Jay Schmick of Oshkosh West leads UW-O with 277 yards in 50 carries, an average of 5.4 per attempt.

Frehman Kapp Schwebke, another Oshkosh West grad, is the other starting running back while former Menasha standout Rod Fredrickson (sophomore) is the quarterback.

Stevens Point is led by three Kaukauna alumni, quarterback Reed Giordana, flanker Bill Newhouse and kicker Don Panza. Giordana has ranked among the national leaders in passing for the past three seasons.

The FVA is well-represented throughout the state conference, along with the rest of the Fox Valley area. And how many ballplayers will come out of this year's senior class to find success in college?

Rocket runners repeat in Shawano meet

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team successfully defended its championship in the Shawano Invitational Saturday by collecting 56 points, 60 less than runnerup Manitowoc.

Other totals were Stevens Point 71, Wausau West 114, Appleton West 140, Antigo 171, Oshkosh North 195, Oshkosh West 224, Wausau East 234, Kaukauna 250 and Green Bay West 270.

Neenah places were Frank Swatscheno fifth, Mark Klemm ninth, Bill Neer 13th, Mark Firary 14th, Gary Vaneehoven 15th and Phil Edmonds 16th.

Coch Tom Jensen pointed out that Manitowoc's first three runners came in second, third and sixth for 11 points compared to 23 for the first Neenah trio but that Neenah's sixth, seventh and eighth placers finished ahead of the Ship's fifth man.

The Rockets entered three junior varsity teams and No. 2 was second.

No. 1 third and No. 3, an all-fresh group, sixth. The point totals were 80, 62 and 225. Manitowoc was first with 48.

Tim Thornell of the No. 2 team won the race in 16:27. Tim Shandoray was seventh, Deedrich Bauer eighth, Tim Wiese 21st, Steve Klemm 23rd, Jeff Beringer 30th and Paul Kranner 106th.

Jeff Wachter of the No. 1 unit was

third in 18:50. The team's other places were Todd Thode 11th, Kevin Gill 12th, Dan Robillard 14th, John Mattes 2nd and Tim Neer 28th.

Places for the No. 3 group were Pete Coons 19th, Bernie Edmonds 30th, Dave Koteski 59th, Rocky Daehler 60th, Joel Gohdes 57th and Pete Salm 75th.

The Rockets will meet another stiff test Tuesday when they compete in the Spartan Invitational at Oshkosh North.

They'll meet Appleton East, expected to be their big major challenger in defense of their Fox Valley Association title, and Manitowoc, along with Appleton West, Sheboygan South, Two Rivers, Green Bay East Oshkosh West, Wausau West, Kaukauna, Oshkosh North, Sheboygan North and Kimberly.

The race will be held on the Oshkosh North campus and will begin with the small school varsity race at 4 p.m. The large school varsity test is expected to start about 5 o'clock.

Neenah harriers 9th

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team was rated ninth in the first state poll conducted by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association.

Menomonsee Falls North was accorded the first place position in the large school division.

No other area teams were mentioned in the first 10.

NHS runners score slam

NEENAH — Sweeping the first six places, the Neenah High School cross country team posted a perfect score of 15 points to defeat Menasha (49) and Ripon (86) on the Armstrong Campus Course Tuesday afternoon.

Rocket junior Frank Swatscheno was the winner in 18:30.

Mark Klemm finished second in 16:38, followed by Pat Murphy 16:33, Gary Vaneehoven 16:54, Mar Firary 16:55 and Bill Neer 16:59.

Menasha's Tom Flezz finished seventh in 17:00 and the Rockets' Tom Martin was eighth. Other finishers, in order, were Craig LaCout, Mark Englebert, Bob Bross, Don Wojahn, all of Menasha, two Ripon runners and Roy Knoff, Menasha. The Bluejays' Bill Strunge was 18th.

Coch Tom Jensen said one of the keys to the Rockets' improvement has been the ability of Gary Vaneehoven, a junior, to finish in the top five.

Menasha won the junior varsity race with 31 points. Neenah's No. 1 team had 34, Neenah's No. 2 with 60 and Ripon 110.

Deedrich Bauer of the Neenah No. 1 team finished first in 18:01. Tim Shandoray and Tim Wiese, also of the same Rocket entry, were second and third. Shandoray trailed Bauer by one second.

Other places were Dave Davidson, Menasha, fourth; Noro Sella, Menasha, fifth; Jerry Bevers, Menasha, sixth; Eric Sell, Menasha, seventh; Pete Coons, Neenah No. 2, eighth; Tad Daehler, Menasha, ninth; Tim

Costello, Neenah No. 2, 10th; Jim Wilborg, Menasha, 11th and Paul Marquardt, Menasha, 12th.

The rest of the field included Jeff Beringer, Bernie Edmonds, Steve Klemm, Dave Koteski, Joel Gohdes, Rocky Daehler and Paul Kranner, all of Neenah.

Both the Neenah and Menasha teams will be idle until next Tuesday. For the Rockets, it will be their first Saturday off since the season started.

Neenah runners chalk up 2nd verdict over A-East

APPLETON — The second Appleton East-Neenah cross country meeting here Tuesday afternoon had the same result as the first — the Rockets won.

The Red and White compiled 29 points to the Patriots' 56. Two Rivers was third with 64, followed by host Appleton West 84 and Oshkosh West 138.

Neenah's Frank Swatscheno was the individual winner in 16:17, besting Two Rivers' Chris Taddy, who had been rated the top runner in the conference previously, by four seconds.

Mark Kleman was fifth in 16:29, Mark Firary sixth in 16:33, Pat Murphy eighth in 16:40, Gary Van-evenhoven ninth in 16:41, Tom Martin 12th in 16:52 and Bill Neer 13th in 16:55.

Shannon McDonald of Two Rivers finished third and Paul Berg was Appleton East's top finisher in fifth place.

Other Appleton East runners finished seventh, 11th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 26th.

"It was a great performance," Coach Tom Jensen said of the meet. The Rockets beat East, expected to be their chief rival for conference honors at Shawano in the first meeting and

Jensen noted that the teams could be facing each other five more times.

He said Swatscheno's win over Taddy was very encouraging.

Neenah's No. 1 team took the junior varsity race with 23 points. Two Rivers had 45, Appleton West 69, Appleton East 81 and Neenah No. 2 132.

Tim Thornell of the No. 1 team placed first in 17:36.

Tim Shandonay was third, Deedrich

Bauer fourth, Tim Costello 10th, Tim Wiese 16th and Peter Coons 18th.

Finishes of the No. 2 team were Bernie Edmonds 23rd, Rocky Daehler 25th, Dave Koteski 27th, Steve Kleman 28th, Joel Gohdes 29th and Peter Salm 35th.

The Rockets return to invitational meet action Saturday at Grafton. There they will face several ranked teams, including Menomonee Falls North and Brookfield Central.

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Rockets sweep regional

ROSENDALE — Placing six of its runners in the first 10, the Neenah High School boys' cross country team avenged its conference loss to Appleton East by successfully defending its WIAA regional championship here Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets collected 29 points to the runnerup Patriots' 47. Appleton West was the third qualifier with 104.

Menasha, which finished eighth in the conference meet, moved up to fourth place with 138. Kaukauna had 132, Oshkosh West 179, Kaukauna 132 and Oshkosh North 184.

Neenah's Frank Swatscheno was the

individual winner in 15:26. Teammate Mark Kleman finished second in 15:33.

Both broke the course record of 15:43 set by Pat Day of Wisconsin Dells in 1976.

Other Neenah placings were Mark Firary sixth in 15:57, Tom Martin eighth in 16:02, Tim Thornell 10th in 16:10 and Bill Neer 18th in 16:25.

Greg Nelson of Appleton East was third, Dave Wallace, East, fourth; Randy Welsch, Kimberly, fifth, and Steve Barnett, East, seventh.

Craig LaFontaine led Menasha with an 11th place finish. Tom Fienz was 12th, Mark Englesart 31st, Tad Dachelet 20th, Don Higgins 60th, Eric Sell 43rd

and Norm Selle 46th.

The meet ended the season for the Bluejay runners.

"We didn't talk much about the conference meet this week. The boys just went out and wanted to do a job," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Jensen pointed out that Thornell, a sophomore, did a whale of a job in his first varsity meet.

He took over for Gary Vanevenhoven, who is out with a pulled muscle.

Jensen added that Kleman and Martin also ran their best races of the year.

Tuesday's qualifiers will be joined in the sectional by representatives from the Mishicot and Oconto regionals.

Rocket runners at state again

By TOM WOODROW

NEENAH — As is the case in a number of WIAA State Tournament situations, the name, "Neenah Armstrong," shows up almost yearly on the WIAA State Cross Country Meet program.

This year is no exception, as the Rocket harriers of coach Tom Jensen made their eighth appearance in nine years at Wisconsin's top high school cross country event on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Yahara Hills golf course in Madison is the scene of this year's meet, with Madison Memorial the host school, as competition gets under way in three boys classes and one girls event.

Saturday's meet will begin

at 10:30 a.m. with the running of the girls championship race. Class C boys competition begins at 11 a.m., Class B at 11:30 a.m. and Class A at 12 noon.

"We think we have a very solid program," said Tom Jensen in explanation of his team's repeated trips to the state meet. "We get a lot of numbers out, frequently more than 30, whereas other teams in this area often get 20 or fewer out for cross country.

"We also try to run as tough a schedule as possible during the season, so that by the time we get to tournaments we know what kind of competition we'll be meeting. We know where we stand."

Representing this year's Neenah Rocket squad are seniors Tom Martin, Mark Kleman, Pat Murphy, Mark Firary and Bill Neer, juniors Frank Swatcheno, Jeff Wachtler and Gary Vanevenhoven, and sophomore Tim Thornell.

Kleman, Murphy, Firary and Neer all ran in last year's meet, and Jensen sees this as an advantage, at least to these four boys.

"There's nothing like competing in a state meet in preparing for a state meet," Jensen pointed out. "It's a different course and a different group of competitors, but there's no replacement for having had that experience."

Of the 12 teams competing, the Rockets have run

against all but top-ranked La Crosse Central. On the basis of this and the fact that Neenah is ranked number seven, Jensen and his team have set their goal at finishing in the top six.

"We finished seventh in the rankings, and the rankings in cross country are probably more accurate than in any other sport," he noted. "These teams have all run against each other during the course of the year, so everyone knows pretty much where they stand going in. There's no reason to believe that we should be ranked higher, because the teams that are ranked above us have beaten us and the teams below us are teams we have beaten.

"To finish in the top sixth we'll have to beat some teams that have beaten us during the year, but we still feel it's a realistic goal. This is the most balanced state meet field I've ever seen. There are no teams that don't belong in the meet, whereas in the past there have been two or three such teams.

"Our strength going in is our depth, our 4th, 5th, 8th and 7th men. After the top individuals finish, there will probably be a large group of boys all coming in together. Where our boys finish in that group will be very important."

Team champions are returning in every class except boys Class B. Menomonee Falls North and Oak Creek return in Class A, Drummond and Brookwood return in Class C, and Tomahawk and Prairie du Chien return in the girls event.

Last year's individual Class C champ, Jim Brice of Wrightstown, also returns to defend his title.

NHS harriers place high in initial meet

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team acquitted itself well in United States Track and Field Federation meet at Madison Saturday,

placing runners in the top third or fourth in all classes.

Tim Thornell, in the sophomore race, was seventh in 17:34 for the best finish; Jim Denbeck of Homestead won the race in 17:63.5.

Deedrich Bauer took 54th in the sophomore event with Steve Kleman 101st and Jeff Berlinger 108th. There were 150 runners.

Frank Swatcheno took 18th place in the junior race in 17:22. Gary Vanevenhoven was 42nd, Jeff Wachtler 46th and Todd Theede 55th. There were 160 contestants.

Mark Kleman was the top finisher in the senior race for Neenah, posting a mark of 17 minutes for 15th place.

Mark Firary was 15th in 17:22, Bill Neer 20th in 17:35 and Phil Edmunds 39th in 17:37.

First place went to Dave Duceyal of Stoughton in 15:30, an excellent time for the Holy Name Seminary Course, which is all hills.

In the frosh race, Tim Castello was 37th, Dave Koteski 68th, Joel Gohdos 78th and Pete Salm 104th.

There were 155 senior runners and 114 in the frosh race. The latter event was won by Joe Stein, Menomonee Falls North, a brother of a former state champion, in 17:10.

"We ran pretty well against other conference schools, that's what we were watching," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said, noting that no team scores were kept.

"Our juniors all were in the top third and our seniors in the top fourth," Jensen said.

The Rockets start their regular schedule in the Olinclunder invitational next Saturday.