

Neenah runners have potential

NEENAH — "The team has real good senior leadership and excellent junior potential. If we can bring them together in the next few weeks, we'll have an excellent team."

That's the way Tom Jensen, Neenah High School's successful cross country coach, views the 1978 campaign.

The Rockets will compete in the annual United States Track and Field Federation developmental meet on the Holy Name Seminary Campus at Madison Saturday to open their season.

Four runners from each class are permitted to run and no team totals are tabulated.

The first regular interscholastic event will be the Hodag Invitational at Rhinelander a week from Saturday.

Frank Swatscheno, the most valuable runner on the team last year when he won the conference and re-

gional championships, and Gary Vanevenhoven are the only lettermen on the squad.

Other seniors on the varsity are Tim Neer, Rick Thayer, Jim Wittman, Jeff Wachter, Kevin Gill and John Schraufnagel. Todd Thede will be eligible later in the season.

Junior candidates, several of whom lettered on the track team last spring, include Todd Ake, Jeff Beringer, Steve Klemm, Tim Shandonay, Tim Thornell and Dedric Bauer.

No sophomores are working with the varsity at the present. Several ran as freshmen with the jayvees last fall.

The junior varsity team, coached again by Glen Severson, includes Peter Coons, Rocky Daehler, Joel Gohdes, Jeff Kessler, Dave Koteski, Peter Steinfeldt and Tim Costello, sophomores, and John Konsec, Joe Lamb, Scott Lindow, Jeff Salsieder, Derek Schneider, Jeff Williams and Todd Moen, freshmen.

"Right now it is as a team with a lot of promise. Frank (Swatscheno), Jeff (Wachter) and Gary (Vanevenhoven) are seniors providing good leadership. If we combine their experience with the potential of the juniors, we should have a good cross country team," Jensen declared.

Graduated from last year's squad were Mark Klemm, Mark Firary, Bill Neer, Pat Murphy, Tom Martin and Phil Edmonds.

Jensen sees Appleton East, which edged the Rockets for the Fox Valley Association title last fall, and Two Rivers as strong teams.

Last year's Rocket team won the Shawano, Oshkosh North and Grafton Invitationals, took two triangulars and

a quadrangular, copped the regional, was second in the sectional, FVA, Rhinelander and Milwaukee Marshall meets, finished fourth at Fort Atkinson and was 12th at the state.

The schedule follows:
Sept. 2 — USTFF meet at Madison; Sept. 9 — Rhinelander Invitational; Sept. 16 — Shawano Invitational; Sept. 19 — Oshkosh North Invitational; Sept. 26 — Ripon, Menasha of Menasha; Oct. 3 — Appleton East, Appleton West, Two Rivers home; Oct. 7 — Grafton Invitational; Oct. 10 — Oshkosh North, Appleton West at Appleton West; Oct. 14 — Fort Atkinson Invitational; Oct. 18 — FVA meet at High Cliff.

Neenah runners in 4-team meets

NEENAH — Neenah High School's only home cross country meet of the season Tuesday afternoon will feature most of the conference's top entries.

The Rockets will host Two Rivers, Appleton East and Appleton West in boys' and girls' quadrangulars on the Armstrong Campus-Memorial Park Course.

The jayvees will open the program at 4:15 p.m., followed by the boys' varsity about 5 o'clock with the girls' run to follow.

The Rockets, who didn't have an invitational meet last weekend, have won one multi-school meet and finished no worse than third in the rest.

Two Rivers had an outstanding team, led by Chris Taddy, one of the top runners in the area. The Raiders won the middle school division in the Shawano meet and placed second at Sheboygan North and third in the Oshkosh North test.

Appleton East, the FVA defending champion, also has been doing well in Invitationals and it was second to Neenah and one place ahead of Two Rivers in the Oshkosh North test.

Neenah has the best record among the girls' entries with a fourth place at Shawano as its lowest finish.

NHS runners enter Rhinelander meet

NEENAH — The Neenah High School boys' and girls' cross country teams will launch their interscholastic schedules in the Hodag Invitational at Rhinelander Saturday.

The Rocket boys competed in the United States Track and Field Federation developmental meet at Madison last weekend and were led by an 11th place by Frank Swatscheno and Jeff Wachter's 17th among the senior runners.

Tim Shandonay was 22nd and Todd Ake 36th among the juniors.

The Rockets, who finished second in the Rhinelander meet the last two years, in Class A, will be up against Milwaukee Thomas Mora, Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau East, Wausau West, Antigo, Rhinelander and Green Bay Premonre.

Saturday's meet will start the will

mark the start the second season for the girls' squad.

Coach Paul Van Gompel is working with a squad of 14 candidates, most of them freshmen and sophomores.

Team members include Patty Fredricks, Karen Dickson, Kay Rubbert, Amy Kerscher, Sue VandenHeuvel, Liz Allen, Jennifer Roberts, Sharon Hamilton, Cindy Bye, Donna Yankowski, Kathy Spillman, Irene Heinen and Jennifer Neer.

Last year's Rockets won the Fox Valley Association meet title and placed second in the regional.

The girls' schedule follows:
Sept. 4 — Rhinelander Invitational; Sept. 16 — Shawano Invitational; Sept. 19 — Oshkosh North Invitational; Sept. 22 — John Marshall Invitational; Sept. 24 — Ripon, Menasha of Menasha; Sept. 30 — Manitowish Invitational; Oct. 3 — Appleton East, Appleton West, Two Rivers home; Oct. 7 — Grafton Invitational; Oct. 14 — Fort Atkinson Invitational; Oct. 18 — FVA meet at High Cliff.

Rocket harriers defeat Jays; Wachter takes 1st

MENASHA — Capturing four of the top five places, the Neenah High School boys' cross country team bested Menasha and Ripon in a triangular at Jefferson Park Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets accumulated 26 points while the Bluejays totaled 33. Ripon was a far-away third with 83.

Neenah's Jeff Wachter was the individual winner in 15:40, placing eight seconds ahead of teammate Frank Swatscheno.

They dueling most of the race but

Wachter, a senior and one of the most improved runners on the team, finished strong to become the first Rocket runner to place ahead of Swatscheno this fall.

Menasha's Tom Flenz finished a close third while Neenah's Tim Thornell was fourth and Gary Van-evenhoven fifth.

Completing the top 10 were Don Wojahn, Menasha, sixth; Mark Waldoch, Menasha, seventh; Todd Ake, Neenah, eighth; Mark Engelbert,

Menasha, ninth and Tim Shandonay, Neenah, 10th.

Kevin Gill Neenah Gill, Neenah, was 11th; Ralph Hopfensberger, Menasha, 12th; John Braun, Menasha, 13th and Ripon's first runner came home 14th.

The harriers were forced to run into a strong wind on the home stretch along the river.

The Neenah Whites finished first in the junior varsity event with 17 points. Menasha was second with 68, Ripon third with 69 and Neenah Reds fourth with 75.

Derrick Schneider of the Whites won the race in 17:32. Teammates Joel Gohdes and Jeff Keesler were timed in 17:33.

Rocky Daehler was fifth, Dick Koteski sixth and Joe Lamb seventh.

Menasha finishes were Greg Kujava fourth; Blaine Schultz ninth, Scott Sell 10th, Jim Weyenberg 19th and Bob Peterson 22nd.

For Neenah Reds, Gordon McAvoy was 13th, Jeff Salsieder 14th, Scott Lindow 15th, Pete Steinkraus 16th, Jeff Williams 17th and John Konsek 21st.

The Rockets are idle until next Tuesday when they host Two Rivers, Appleton East and Appleton West. The Bluejays will compete in the Manitowoc Invitational Saturday.

NHS cross country squads compete in Fort Atkinson race

NEENAH — The Neenah High School boys' and girls' cross country teams end invitational meet competition at Fort Atkinson Saturday.

The boys have championships in Grafton and Oshkosh North meets to their credit. They also finished second at Rhinelander and Milwaukee Marshall and third at Shawano.

They're expected to battle ranked teams Monroe and Milwaukee Thomas More for honors.

Thomas More defeated them in the Hodag at Rhinelander and Coach Tom Jensen is anxious to see how the two teams have progressed since then.

The Neenah girls have finished second, third, fourth twice and fifth in their invitational starts.

Freshman Patti Fredrick was the individual winner at Rhinelander, Manitowoc and Grafton.

Menasha's teams will be idle this weekend, making their next outing in the conference meet at High Cliff Wednesday.

Jay, Rocket harriers expected to do well in conference meet

MENASHA-NEENAH — Twin City high school cross country teams figure to do well in the annual Fox Valley Association meets Wednesday at High Cliff.

The meet, which will be run on the upper part of the cliffs, will begin with the junior varsity run at 4:30 p.m. The boys' varsity run is scheduled at 5 p.m. and the girls' meet begins at 5:30.

Appleton East is the defending champion in the boys' meet while Neenah placed first in the initial girls' test, an unofficial conference tourney, last fall.

The Rockets, Bluejays, Appleton East and Two Rivers rank as the leading boys' contenders.

Neenah has defeated the other three

at least twice in competition this fall.

The Bluejays have improved considerably this fall and their record includes championships in two invitationals plus improved finishes in other multiple-school meets.

Expected to battle for individual honors are Neenah's Frank Swatscheno, the defending champion; Chris Taddy of Two Rivers, second last year; Todd Grunert, Appleton East, seventh a year ago; the Rockets' Jeff Wachter; Tom Flenz, Menasha; and Steve Wautlet, Appleton West.

East's Greg Nelson, fourth last year, has been out of action most of the season because of an injury.

The Menasha girls are working on a five-meet win string consisting of first places in the Boncalli, Oshkosh North,

Neenah. They also finished first in the Appleton West Invitational.

Neenah and Oshkosh North also have come up with winning efforts.

Top runners include Tori Neubauer and Sue Hoffman, Oshkosh North; Patti Fredrick, Neenah; Tina Theyel, Sara Hopfensperger and Jill Reiland, Menasha, and Tracy Lamers, Kimberly.

The conference meet was held for the first time in 1970 and since then Appleton East or Neenah has won every boys' meet. They tied in 1971.

Rocket, Jay Harriers gain regional berths

HIGH CLIFF — Neenah repeated as champion and Menasha made the sectional field by placing third in the Menasha WIAA boys' cross country regional here Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets outdistanced the field to finish with 38 points.

Appleton East took second place with 67 while the Bluejays made Saturday's Fond du Lac Sectional with a third place total of 77.

Then came Oshkosh West 126, Apple-

ton West 127, Oshkosh North 129, Kaukauna 131, Kimberly 203 and New London 272.

Appleton East had the individual winner in Todd Grunert, who toured the three-mile course in 15:36.

Jeff Wachter of the Rockets finished two seconds behind Grunert and Frank Swatscheno was third in 15:44.

Scott Markofski of Oshkosh North was fourth and the Bluejays' Tom Flenz fifth in 15:56.

Others in the top 10 were Scott Schnese, Appleton West; Ben Nabbefeld, Appleton East; Mark Englebert, Menasha; Steve Wautlet, Appleton West, and Gary Van-evenhoven, Neenah.

Other Neenah places were Tim Thornell 11th; Tim Shandonay 12th; Todd Thede 25th and Todd Ake 27th.

Don Wojahn was Menasha's third runner with a 17th place. Mark Waldoch finished 18th, Ralph Hopfensperger 29th, John Braun 38th and Norm Selle 48th.

"We were in control all the way," Coach Tom Jensen of the Rockets said.

"Sometimes you worry about a letdown after winning the conference championship but these boys are competitors," Jensen said.

He said Wachter and Grunert ran together the entire race and added that Thede, who was filling in for Kevin Gill, also ran well, placing ahead of East's fifth runner.

"I was worrying about a letdown. Last year, we lost the conference championship and came back to win the regional. We proved we are worthy of being conference champions," the coach added.

Menasha Coach Bill Hamilton also was very pleased with the performance turned in by his runners.

"Tom Flenz ran an outstanding race to finish in the top five. Last year, he was 26th in the conference and now he was fifth in the regional," Hamilton said.

He added that Englebert ran a super race and that Hopfensperger improved from 40th place in the conference meet to 29th, noting that his finish was a big factor in the Bluejays' taking third place.

Hamilton pointed out that the Bluejays only finished 10 points behind Appleton East and he expects soon that the conference will be a three-team race, including the Bluejays.

Area runners qualify for sectional meet

Runners from several area schools advanced to the WIAA sectional cross country meet at Fond du Lac with good performances Tuesday in regional competition.

Neenah boys and Menasha girls won Class A regional titles in the Menasha Regional at High Cliff State Park. The Appleton East boys took second and Menasha third to qualify for the sectional.

The top three teams and top five runners advance to sectional competition.

East's Todd Grunert took first over the 3-mile course in 15:36.

In the Class A girls meet, Kimberly took second and Oshkosh North third. North's Sue Hoffman ran an 14:36 on the 2-mile circuit.

Little Chute edged into the Class B boys sectional by placing third in the Preble regional. Luxemburg-Casco took a comfortable win over Oconto. A mere 3 points separated the second and fourth place (Wittenberg-Birnawood) teams.

Brillion's boys team advanced by placing third in the Class B regional at Mishicot. Campbellsport took first and Valders second.

Hortonville placed second and Winneconne third at Laconia, but Berlin posted an overwhelming victory with a mere 19 points. The Polar Bears' Keith Meyer took a third, breaking Berlin's domination on the top five.

MEMASHA REGIONAL

Class A boys: Neenah 38, Appleton East 67, Men-

asha 77, Oshkosh West 126, Appleton West 127, Oshkosh North 129, Kaukauna 131, Kimberly 203, New London 272.

Sectional qualifiers (first five): 1. Todd Grunert AE 15:36; 2. Jeff Wachter Neo. 16:38; 3. Frank Swatscheno Neo. 4. Scott Markofski OH; 5. Tom Flenz Men.

6. Scott Schnese AW; 7. Ben Nabbefeld Neo; 8. Mark Englebert Men; 9. Steve Wautlet AW; 10. Gary Van-evenhoven Neo.

CLASS A girls: Menasha 48, Kimberly 54, Oshkosh North 69, Neenah 78, Kaukauna 72, Appleton West no team points.

1. Sue Hoffman ON 11:38; 2. Teri Neubauer ON; 3. Patti Frederick Neo; 4. Sara Hopfensperger Men; 5. Lisa Peebles Kau.

PREBLE REGIONAL

Class B boys: Luxemburg-Casco 53, Oconto 94, Little Chute 97, Witten-Birn 99, Algoma 123, Kaukauna 123, Shroon Bay 140, Southern Door 188, Benduol 196, Freedom 276, DeMark 308.

Top five (sectional qualifiers): 1. John Easker WB 16:07; 2. Darwin Schmitz Oconto; 3. Jim Choudeir Alg; 4. Mike Jonis Kau; 5. Russ Soukup SD; 6. Dan LeGrave 7. Ed Janssen LH; C. B. Jan Bouche Lux; 9. Tom Das Jardin Lux; 10. Leon Razmarynowski WB.

LITTLE CHUTE: Joe DeBruin 14; Joe Van Lanqvist 19; Bruce Van Grinsven 22; Wayne Brackman 35; Dave Parter 47, Brian Hietsas 52.

PREBLE REGIONAL

Monticou 43, Two Rivers 64, Fond du Lac 75, De Pere 81, Preble 141, Green Bay East 146, West De Pere 188, New Holstein 180.

Top five: 1. Dave Ulrich Men. 15:32; 2. John Gorshe FDL; 3. Chris Todd YR; 4. Dave Sorensen DP; 5. Rick Turff WDP.

LACONIA REGIONAL

Class B boys: Berlin 19, Hortonville 81, Winneconne 84, Omro 84, Laconia 112, Ripon 144, North Fond du Lac 181, Westfield 218, Waupesa 254.

Top five (sectional qualifiers): 1. Earl Dimas Ber 16:54; 2. Tony Melcher Ber; 3. Keith Meyer Men; 4. Tom Traser Ber; 5. Curt Christensen, Ber; 6. Keith Fratlich Omro; 7. Max Horn Ber; 8. Chris Kinsow Win; 9. Paul Fratlich Omro; 10. Jeff Schmidt Laconia.

Hortonville: Mike Schnell 12, Mark Adams 14, Mike Prunty 37, Randy Ernst 31.

Winneconne: Dave Miracle 11, Dan Blink 22, Craig Kochkol 29, Mark Buller 23, Waupesa: Mike Parter 35, Scott Johnson 52, North Oka 36, Tom Gauerke 54, Jeff Walker 69.

NHS harriers win meet

NEENAH — Superior depth was a major factor in the Neenah High School boys' cross country victory over a trio of Fox Valley Association rivals Tuesday afternoon on the Armstrong-Memorial Park course.

The Rockets totaled 38 points to Two Rivers' 55, Appleton East 62 and Appleton West 73.

Chris Taddy of Two Rivers was the first finisher in 16:12, placing two seconds ahead of the Patriots' Todd

Grunert.

Frank Swatscheno of Neenah finished third in 16:20 and teammate Jeff Wachter was fourth in 16:24.

Completing the top 10 were Steve Wautlet, Appleton West; Gary Vanevenhoven, Neenah; Bob Schnesse, Appleton West; Mike Laughrin, Appleton East; Ben Nabbefeld, Appleton East, and Tim Thornell, Neenah.

Other Neenah places were Kevin Gill 13th, Tim Shandonay 18th and Todd Ake 19th.

"Our depth was a big factor. Our fifth man finished before Two Rivers' fourth and we had our seventh man home before Appleton East's fourth," Coach Tom Jensen pointed out.

Jensen said John Nelson, East's top runner, didn't compete because of illness but had he run and taken first place the Rockets still would have won the meet.

Taddy, Grunert, Swatscheno and Wachter ran together most of the race with Taddy taking control near the end.

The Rockets placed first in the junior varsity event with 33 points.

Appleton East had 40 and Two Rivers

48. Appleton West only had three runners.

Dave Buvid of Two Rivers garnered first place in 17:52. Neenah's Jeff Keesler was second in 18:06.

Joe Daneker, Appleton East, placed third; Peter Coons, Neenah, fourth, and Chuck Duprez, Appleton East, fifth.

Other finishes for the Rockets were Tim Costello seventh; Joe Lamb eighth; Joel Gohdes 12th, Dave Koteski 17th and Gordon McAvooy 21st.

Neenah's next start will be in the Grafton Invitational Saturday.

NHS runners finish 2nd in 'Hodag'

RHINELANDER — Frank Swatscheno was first and the Neenah High School cross country team garnered a second place in the Hodag Invitational here Saturday.

St. Thomas More of Milwaukee won the race with 23 points. The Rockets totaled 50, Wausau West 70, Green Bay Fremont 109, Rhineland 152, Antigo 155 and Wausau East 175.

Swatscheno was first in 15:36, only two seconds off last year's winning pace of Bill Fischer of Rhineland.

Jeff Wachter finished fourth in 15:58 while Tim Shandonay was 11th in 16:23, Gary Vanevenhoven 15th in 16:35, Todd Ake 19th in 16:52, Tim Thornell 20th in 16:52 and Kevin Gill 24th in 17:11.

Coach Tom Jensen said Swatscheno and Wachter ran "super races." He said Neenah went out aggressively and was doing well at the mile mark.

Neenah won the freshman-sophomore meet with 18 points. Thomas More was second with 34.

Peter Coons was first in 17:28, followed by Joel Gohdes second, Jeff Keesler third, Joe Lamb fourth, Rocky Daehler eighth, Dick Koteski 10th, Jeff Salsleder 18th and Jeff Williams 22nd.

The junior varsity meet for juniors and seniors was won by Thomas More with 15 points. Neenah was second with 61.

Neenah places were John Schraufnagel seventh, Derrick Schnedler 11th, Tim Neer 12th, Steve Kleman 13th, Jim Wittmann 18th, John Kozsak 19th, Jeff Beringer 27th and Rick Thayer 28th.

Neenah's next start will be in the Shawano Invitational Saturday.

Rocket harriers outrun Appleton, Oshkosh foes

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team placed its seven runners among the top 10 to win a Fox Valley Association triangular at Appleton's Pierce Park Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets totaled 23 points to Appleton West's 43 and 68 for Oshkosh North.

Jeff Wachter won the race in 16:19, finishing seven seconds in front of the Terrors' Steve Wautlet.

Gary Vanevenhoven was third in 16:28 and Frank Swatscheno fourth in 16:38. West's Bob Schnese and Tim Lambrecht finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Tim Thornell then led four straight Rocket finishers, posting a 17:10. Tim Shandonay was eighth in 17:18, Kevin Gill ninth in 17:23 and Todd Ake 10th in 17:27.

"West has three good runners in Wautlet, Schnese and Lambrecht but they don't have depth. There was a minute difference between their third and fourth finisher," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen pointed out.

Jensen said Neenah wants a 30 to 40-second spread between its top five finishers.

The Rockets posted a perfect score of 15 points in the junior varsity event. West and North didn't field complete teams.

Neenah's seven runners claimed the first seven places, led by Tim Costello's 18:06.

Finishing in order were Peter Coons 18:09, Joe Lamb 18:18, Rocky Daehler 18:19, Jeff Keesler 18:19, Derrick Schneider 18:28 and Joel Gohdes 19:00.

Neenah will compete in the Fort Atkinson Invitational Saturday going against Monroe and Milwaukee Thomas More, ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in the state coaches' poll last week.

Neenah, Berlin runners top Spartan Invitational

Neenah won the large school championship and Berlin took the small school title in the Spartan Invitational cross country meet at Oshkosh North High School Tuesday. Menasha took the girls title, with Neenah in second. There were 23 schools in the meet.

The Rockets finished up with 52 points and were led by Frank Swatscheno who finished third in time of 15:53. Kevin Novak of Green Bay East finished first in a time of 15:39 and Chris Teddy of Two Rivers was second with a time of 15:47.

Berlin had 28 points and was paced by Tony Melchor who came in first in 16:20. Roncalli was second with 88 points, Omro had 86 and Winneconne 120.

In the large schools team standings,

Appleton East was second with 76 points, Two Rivers had 83, Menasha 89, Wausau West 127, Green Bay East 152, Appleton West 174, Kaukauna 208, Oshkosh West 210 and Oshkosh North was tenth.

Individual finishers for the large schools following the top three were Greg Nelson of Appleton East fourth, Todd Grunnert of East, Jeff Wachter of Neenah, Don Wojahn of Menasha, Jeff Burk of Wausau West, Steve Wilet of Appleton West and Gary Vandenhoven of Neenah.

In the small school individual competition Melchor was followed by Amos Gruelstorf of Roncalli, Kurt Christensen of Berlin, Epl Dennis of Berlin, Bill Volkman of Springs, Pete Kiesow of Winneconne, Ed Janzen of Little Chute

Max Harn of Berlin, Todd Hoffman of Roncalli and Keith Fraleigh of Omro.

The girls had only five schools entering teams, with Menasha first with 43 points, Neenah was next with 52, Oshkosh North 112, Kaukauna 148 and Roncalli 160.

Tori Neubauer of North was the top runner with a time of 11:27. Patti Fredrick of Neenah was second. Tina Theyel of Menasha took third, Sara Hopfensperger of Menasha was next, followed by Betsy Kocurek of Brillion, Lisa Wickstrom of Ripon, Karen Dickson of Neenah, Lisa Peebles of Kaukauna, Sue VandenHeuvel of Neenah and Julie Retland of Menasha.

In the jayvee meet Neenah was first with 57 points and Roncalli led the small schools, with Berlin second.

Neenah runners second at Milwaukee

NEENAH — Third-ranked Racine Case won the meet with 49 points and Neenah's 73 took second place in the Marshall Invitational cross meet at Milwaukee Saturday.

Milwaukee Boys Tech placed third with 86 points, followed by Wauwatosa East 102, Milwaukee South 118, Janesville Craig 165, Marshall 195, Nicolet 188, South Milwaukee 199 and Milwaukee Custer 328.

Neenah's Frank Swatscheno was fourth in 15:59. Jeff Wachter was eighth in 16:07, Tim Shandonay 18th in 16:30, Tim Thornell 20th in 16:34, Gary Vanevenhoven 23rd in 16:39, Todd Ake 27th in 16:49 and Kevin Gill 33rd in 17:01.

Coach Tom Jensen said he was happy with the result. "We broke into there (Case) top seven pretty well," he said.

He noted that Neenah sent two runners into the chute before Case's second place finisher and that in a dual meet it would have been a lot closer.

Jensen added that the Rockets outscored South, Tech and Wauwatosa East, all of whom received honorable mention in the state poll last week.

He said Tim Thornell showed much improvement in the race.

Neenah's Jayvees finished fifth. Rocky Daehler was 21st, Derrick Schneider 23rd, Jeff Koesler 25th, Joel Gohdes 32nd, Joe Lamb 36th, Tim Costello 39th and Dave Koteski 43rd.

There also was an open race for reserves and John Schraufnager was the winner in 17:30. Other runners were Pete Steinkraus, Jonn Konek, Gordon McAvoy, Jeff Salsieder, Tim Neer, Rick Thayer, Jeff Berigner and Steve Kleman.

Neenah will join Menasha and Ripon for a meet Tuesday afternoon at Jefferson Park.

Neenah harriers run at Milwaukee

NEENAH — The Neenah High School boys' cross country team, which won the Oshkosh North Invitational and finished second at Rhineland and third at Shawano, makes its fourth start Saturday in the Milwaukee Marshall run.

Heading the field is Racine Case, ranked third in the first state cross country coaches poll. Other entries are Janesville Craig, Custer, Marshall, South and Tech, all of Milwaukee, Nicolet, South Milwaukee and Wauwatosa East.

Neenah finished second in last year's meet.

NHS runners place third at Shawano

NEENAH — Competing without its top runner, Neenah High School boys' cross country team placed third in the Shawano Invitational meet Saturday.

Frank Swatscheno is out of action with an ankle injury and Coach Tom Jensen doesn't know if he will be available for Tuesday's invitational at Oshkosh North.

Manitowoc, ranked first in the state poll last week, won the meet with Stevens Point, rated sixth, second.

Neenah's places were Jeff Wachter sixth in 16:05, Gary Vanevenhoven 11th in 16:25, Tim Shandonay 30th, Todd Ake 23rd, Tim Thornell 27th and Kevin Gill 47th.

Jensen said Vanevenhoven ran an outstanding race. He added that he also was pleased with the the juniors' performances.

Neenah entered three teams among the 18 in junior varsity competition. The sophomore team was second, the juniors third and the freshmen eighth.

Freshman finishes were John Lamb 19th, Derrik Schneider 21st, Jeff Salsieder 59th, John Konzak 82nd, Scott Lindow 83th and Jeff Williams 106th.

Sophomore finishes were Jeff Keesler 10th, Joel Gohdes 13th, Peter Coons 17th, Rocky Daehler 22nd, Tim Costello 23rd, Dick Koteski 30th and Pete Steinkraus 83rd.

Junior reserve totals were John Schraufnagel seventh, Rick Thayer 20th, Tim Neer 27th, Jim Wittman 28th, Steve Kiernan 44th and Jeff Beringer 48th.

Jensen said Sheboygan South and Two Rivers are among the strong teams in the Oshkosh North meet.

Neenah, Menasha win FVA harrier crowns

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Pack running made the difference as the Neenah Rockets placed all five runners in the top 12 to capture the Fox Valley Association boys' cross country meet Wednesday at High Cliff State Park.

Two Rivers' Chris Taddy won the individual competition over the scenic 3-mile course with a time of 15:22 pacing the Purple Raiders to second place in the meet with a score of 68, while Appleton East finished third with 75, and Menasha fourth with 85.

In the girls' competition, Oshkosh North's Sue Hoffman put on a burst of speed down the stretch to nip Neenah's Patti Fredrick for medalist honors, but again teamwork was the key as Menasha runners notched the team title by placing all five runners in the top 20.

A fourth place by Tina Theyel, fifth by Sarah Hopfense,berger, and a 6th by Jill Reiland gave the Jays the balance they needed to offset higher individual finishes. Lynette Selig placed 13th and Julie Reiland was 20th for the winners.

Taddy led almost all the way to win the boys' individual crown by a seven second margin over Appleton East's Todd Grunert.

Four of the next eight finishers were Rockets led by Frank Swatscheno who was third, Jeff Wachter 4th, Tim Shandonay 9th, and Gary Vanevenhoven 10th. A 12th by Tim Thornell completed the Rockets scoring.

Only 31 seconds separated the first and 10th place finishers in the race, which was run under sunny skies and ideal conditions.

For the Rockets, it was their fifth team win in the last nine years. The Rockets won in 1970, shared the crown with Appleton East in 1971, then captured three straight titles in 1974-75-76 according to Neenah coach Tom Jensen.

"Tradition, support from our administration and dedicated kids are the reasons for our success in cross country," Jensen noted.

Jensen added that the win was the culmination of countless hours of road-

work, not only in practice session but by individual team members on their own throughout the year.

"You can't do it without putting in a lot of miles on your own," he commented.

Taddy's first place finish put the Purple Raiders into a challenging position, however. Two Rivers' second man was 14th, and by that time the Rockets already had all five men through the gates to decide the issue.

East, last year's defending champion, and a perennial cross country powerhouse and Menasha were two other teams that made runs at Neenah. Both teams had a few fine individual showings, but they couldn't match the Rockets' overall balance.

Dan Wajahn, Tom Flenz, and Mark Engelbert were 6th, 8th, and 11th respectively for the Jays, but after Grunert, the next Patriot runners were 13th, 18th and 19th.

Led by Steve Weutlet, who placed seventh, Appleton West finished fifth with 149. Next came Oshkosh West with 152, followed by Oshkosh North 158, Kaukauna 172, and Kimberly 251.

The start of the girls' competition was red-flagged when two or three girls stumbled and fell in the heavy traffic.

After the restart, Hoffman and Fredrick set the pace most of the way. Hoffman covered the 2-mile layout in 11:28 for individual honors, just one second ahead of Fredrick, who is only a freshman.

The Spartans' Tori Neubauer was third—six seconds back.

Six of the nine schools fielded complete teams in the girls' competition, proof that the sport is catching on with the ladies. It was the first year that the event was run as a conference meet. In past years, it had been run as an invitational. But since more than half of the schools in the field had complete teams, it qualified as a conference meet.

With a team score of 89, Kimberly finished second and Oshkosh North was third with 77. Neenah placed fourth with 84, then came Kaukauna with 129, and Appleton West with 181. Oshkosh West and Two Rivers each had two participants.

The JV run closely paralleled the varsity meet.

Two Rivers' Pat McDonough took individual honors in 16:35, but again Neenah won the team title with good overall balance.

Peter Coons topped the Rockets with a fourth place, Tim Costello was 6th, Joe Lamb 10th, Jeff Keesler 12th, and Derek Schnener 13th.

Menasha girls, Neenah boys garner c-c titles

OSHKOSH — The Neenah boys and Menasha girls' cross country teams captured championships in the Oshkosh North Invitational Tuesday afternoon.

The Neenah boys scored 52 points to 76 for runner-up Appleton East. Two Rivers was third with 83, followed by Menasha 90, Wausau West 127, Green Bay East 152, Appleton West 174, Kaukauna 208 and Oshkosh West 210.

Menasha's girls won their meet with 43 points. Neenah totaled 52, Oshkosh North 112, Kaukauna 146 and Roncalli 160.

Kevin Novak of Green Bay East won

the boys' race in 15:39. Chris Taddy of Two Rivers was second.

Neenah's Frank Swatscheno, who didn't compete last weekend because of an ankle injury, was third in 15:53.

Jeff Wachter was sixth in 16:08 and Gary Vapevenhoven 10th in 16:13. Tim Shandonay finished 12th, Todd Ake 21st, Tim Thornell 24th and Kevin Gill 42nd.

Tina Theyel led the Menasha girls with a third place. Sara Hopfensperger was fourth, Julie Reiland 10th, Jill Reiland 12th, Lynnette Sell 14th, Kathy Phillips 27th and Sharon Owen 32nd.

Finishes for the Menasha boys in-

cluded Don Wojahn seventh, Tom Flenz 11th, Mark Waldoch 18th, Ralph Hopfensperger 34th, Mark Englebert 29th, John Braun 44th and Norm Selle 83rd.

"Other teams had trouble with their fourth and fifth men. We're starting to develop balance in that area, which we need in big meets," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Jensen said the first and fifth place finishers are coming closer together every meet and that it will be better in the future. He noted that there was only a 45-second span between the top five Neenah runners.

"We didn't run as well as we did at Manitowoc last Saturday. I compare it more to the way we ran in the Appleton West meet," Bluejay Coach Bill Hamilton declared.

"We didn't get out in front where we belong and we had to fight our way to get up where we should have been," he added.

Neenah's White team placed first in the junior varsity meet with 57 points. Green Bay East had 63, Appleton East 72, Wausau West 121, Two Rivers 134, Menasha 191, Neenah 197, Green Bay East No. 2 204, Oshkosh North 206, Kaukauna 221, Oshkosh West 224, Appleton West 325.

For the Neenah Whites, Pete Coons was fourth, Jeff Keesler fifth, Joel Gohdes seventh, Rocky Daehler 16th, Dave Koteski 25th, Tim Costello 38th and Pete Steinkraus 41st.

For Menasha, Paul Marquardt was 12th, Bob Peterson 23rd, Greg Kujava 33rd, Dan Cooper 56th, Blaine Schultz 67th, Toby Coenen 68th and Jim Wiberg 71st.

Neenah Reds finishes were Joe Lamb 10th, Derrick Schneider 13th, Scott Lindow 61st, Gordon McAvoy 47th and Jeff Williams 66th.

Neenah will compete in the Milwaukee Marshall Invitational Saturday while Menasha will be idle until next Tuesday when it hosts the Rockets and Ripon at Jefferson Park.

Runners seek berths in state meet

NEENAH-MENASHA — The Neenah High School boys' cross country team seeks its ninth straight WIAA state meet appearance while Menasha hopes to go for the first time through the Fond du Lac Sectional Saturday.

Also bidding for its first trip will be the Menasha girls' squad plus Neenah's Patti Fredrick, who qualified through her third place regional finish.

The Class A girls' run will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Ledgewood Golf Course while the Class A boys' meet will start at noon.

The top two teams and the first five individual finishers will qualify for next week's state run at Madison.

Joining the Bluejays and Rockets in the boys' meet will be Manitowoc, ranked No. 1 in the state, Two Rivers, Fond du Lac, Appleton East, Green Bay Southwest and Shawano.

Neenah won the Menasha Regional, Southwest was first at Clintonville with

only 16 points and Manitowoc had 42 to win at Green Bay.

Neenah Coach Tom Jensen tabs Manitowoc as the favorite and includes his Rockets among a group of several that will be fighting for the second qualifying position.

Bluejay Coach Bill Hamilton is hopeful that Tom Flenz will be among the top five finishers for a state berth.

Hamilton expects his girls' team to be a strong challenger for first place.

The Bluejays, since finishing second in their second start of the season in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Invitational, have been undefeated and have won the conference and regional crowns.

Manitowoc, a team the Jays beat in the former's invitational, ranks as a leading challenger.

Other entries are De Pere, Fond du Lac, Kimberly, Oshkosh North, Ashwaubenon, Marinette and Shawano.

Rockets run to Regional title

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MENASHA — Neenah's Rockets in a team which last week won the school's sixth Fox Valley Association cross country title in nine years, walked off with the WIAA regional crown Tuesday at High Cliff State Park.

The Rockets placed five runners among the top 12, with Jeff Wachter taking a second in 15:38.

Neenah finished the day with 20 points. Appleton East was second at 67, Menasha had 77, Oshkosh West 124, Appleton West 127, Oaklawn North 129, Kaukauna 131, Kimberly 283 and New London 278.

"It was very tough against that wind," said Wachter, alighting to the weather and the three-mile course. "That Appleton East runner (Todd Gruert) ran a smart race... he stayed behind me all the while we were running against the wind, and with about a half-mile left, passed me." Gruert won the regional in 14:36.

"Running cross country is worth all the work and effort," said Wachter. "It's the challenge that make's it worthwhile... that and the team closeness, the team unity. That's something that you really can't experience in a sport of numbers."

Frank Swatscheno of Neenah was third, while Oshkosh North's Scott Markowski finished fourth and Tom Fleury of Menasha fifth.

Markowski will represent North in the WIAA sectional this weekend, since the top five individual finishers, plus the top three teams, advance to sectional.

"I'm very pleased with our showing," admitted Neenah coach Tom Jensen. "I had been afraid that, after last week's FVA meet, we might have a letdown. But this bunch of kids are real competitors. Once they get on the starting line, they're ready to go."

Neenah's Gary Vanervenhoven took 10th, followed by Tim Thornell in 11th and Tim Shad-dalay in 12th.

NHS runners cop 2nd in 8-team test

NEENAH — The Neenah High School boys' cross country team concluded its individual meet schedule with a second place finish at Fort Atkinson Saturday. Monroe, ranked fourth in the state in last week's poll, finished first with 25 points.

The Rockets totaled 67, Milwaukee Thomas More 80, Harland Arrowhead 121, Burlington 127, Beaver Dam 166, Stoughton 187 and Fort Atkinson 188.

Frank Swatscheno was eighth, Jeff Wachter ninth and Gary Vanervenhoven 10th to lead the Neenah finishers.

Swatscheno's time was 15:36, only 17 seconds slower than first, turned in by a Thomas More runner.

Wachter's time was 15:37 and Vanervenhoven 15:46.

Tim Thornell was 17th in 16:15, Todd Ake 23rd in 16:29, Ervin Gill 37th in 16:42 and Todd Thebe 38th in 16:59.

Monroe runners placed third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh.

"Our goal was to beat Thomas More. They beat us at Ridgeland and were ranked seventh in the state," Coach Tom Jensen said.

Jensen pointed out that Neenah's depth accomplished the goal because Thomas More garnered a first place and Neenah's initial runner was eighth.

Jensen said the Rockets proved they deserved to be with the best teams in the state.

He said they had raced against Manitowoc, Racine Case and Monroe and had run the same course as Menominee-Falls North, the top four-ranked teams, and all appear to be pretty even.

Monroe swept the junior varsity meet with 15 points. The Rockets were second with 68.

It was an open meet with the five top runners counting and Neenah places were Peter Coons seventh, John Schraudungel 13th, Tim Costello 14th, Rocky Daehler 16th, Jeff Keasler 18th, Tim Near 19th, Derrick Scheider 22nd, Joe Lamb 27th, Dick Kotecki 31st, Joel Gebdes 34th, Jeff Salsieder 39th, Jeff Bringer 42nd, Jim Wittman 44th, Steve Klemm 47th and Scott Lindow 39th.

The Rockets will compete in the Fox Valley Association meet on the upper part of High Cliff Wednesday.

Jayvees will run at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 5 o'clock and the girls at 6:30.

Mark Englebert was eighth for Menasha, while Don Wejahn took 17th and Mark Waldock 18th.

"We felt we could move up to third," said Menasha coach Bill Hamilton. "We did a much better job as a whole team today than last week in conference."

"Tom Fleury did an excellent job for us. This is the first time that Menasha will send an entire team into sectional... in fact, this is the first time the school has sent both boys and girls teams on to sectional. That's an accomplishment to be proud of."

Oshkosh West, finishing in fourth place, had Gary Markwick take 13th. Steve Erickson was 22, Steve Knaut 23, Rob Eilday 29 and Mike Maris 36. For Oshkosh North, Markowski was the team's highest finisher, qualifying for sectional while the Spartans took sixth as a team. Dave Siller was 20th, Keith Klag 29th, Tim McAlley 34th and Jim Spring 39th.

NM harriers dominate ninth conference meet

NEENAH-MENASHA — Twin City high school cross-country teams swept every first place in the Fox Valley Association's ninth annual meet on the High Cliff Course Wednesday afternoon.

The Neenah High School boys' squad garnered its sixth championship in circuit's history with 36 points. Menasha was fourth.

The Menasha girls won their sixth straight meet by winning the school's first conference cross-country crown with 47 points. The Rockets were fourth.

Completing the sweep was the Neenah junior varsity boys' team which compiled 45 points. The Bluejays finished fourth.

Final boys' meet totals were Neenah 36, Two Rivers 68, Appleton East 75, Menasha 85, Appleton West 149, Oshkosh West 152, Oshkosh North 158, Kaukauna 172 and Kimberly 251.

Girls' meet results were Menasha 47,

Kimberly 60, Oshkosh North 77, Neenah 87, Kaukauna 129 and Appleton West 181.

Jayvee totals were Neenah 45, Two Rivers 58, Appleton East 63, Menasha 114, Kaukauna 119, Oshkosh West 145, Appleton West 210 and Kimberly 222. Oshkosh North didn't field a complete team.

Neenah's varsity finishes were Frank Swatscheno third in 15:36, Jeff Wachter fourth in 15:39, Tim Shandonay ninth in 15:53, Gary Van- evenhoven 10th in 15:54, Tim Thornell 12th in 15:55, Kevin Gill 31st in 16:28 and Todd Ake 33rd in 16:30. Swatscheno was the defending champion.

Chris Taddy of Two Rivers won the meet in 15:22 with Appleton East's Todd Grunert second.

Menasha's places were Don Wojahn sixth in 15:46, Tom Flenz eighth, Mark Englebert 11th, Mark Waldoch 20th,

Ralph Hopfensperger 40th, Tom Brown 43rd and Norm Selle 47th.

It marked the first time that two Menasha runners had ever finished in the top 10 the same year.

Tina Theyel led the Menasha girls with a fourth place.

Sara Hopfensperger was fifth, Jill Reiland sixth, Lynnette Sell 13rd, Annette Sell 19th, Julie Reiland 20th and Kathy Phillips 23rd.

Sue Hoffman of Oshkosh North edged Neenah freshman Patti Fredrick to win the girls' race by one second.

Hoffman's time for the two miles was 11:28 and Fredrick's 11:29. Tori Neubauer of North was third in 11:34 while Theyel was clocked in 11:42, Hopfensperger 12:22 and Jill Reiland 12:25.

Other Neenah places were Sue VandenHeuvel 15th, Karen Dickson 17th, Sharon Hamilton 21st, Jennifer Neer 29th, Theresa Moder 33rd and Cindy Bye 34th.

Neenah's jayvee places were Peter Coons fourth, Tim Costello sixth, Joe Lamb 10th, Jeff Keester 12th, Derrick Schneider 13th, Rocky Daehler 14th and Dick Koteski 24th.

Menasha's finishes were Paul Marquardt 18th, Greg Kujava 20th, Bob Peterson 21st, Jim Wiberg 22nd, Scott Sell 33rd, Toby Coenen 38th and Dan Cooper 39th.

"Again, our depth was important. We placed five in the top 12," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen declared.

He said Shandonay ran his best race of the season and that, overall, it was a great team effort.

"We were so down after last year when we lost to Appleton East in the conference meet after defeating them five times. I don't think the kids forgot it. All of these boys were on the bus which was very quiet on the way home. They didn't want it to happen again," Jensen said.

The Rocket coach pointed out that at the 1½-mile mark, it looked like a possible repeat but that, with a half mile left, Neenah and East were even and that the Rocket runners put on a tremendous spurt in the last 200 yards to pass runners. Thornell moved up to 12th place from 16th, he noted.

"Our fifth man finished ahead of East's second runner. Two Rivers' second runner finished 14th," Jensen said.

Neenah harriers cop 1st in Grafton Invitational

NEENAH — Good balance carried the Neenah High School boys' cross-country team to first place in the Grafton Invitational Saturday.

The Rockets, in winning their second invitational title of the fall (the other came at Shewano) collected 47 points.

Brookfield Central, which was ranked eighth in the state poll last week, was second with 82, followed by Brookfield East 92, West Allis Central 100, Sheboygan South 117, Kenosha Bradford 147, Milwaukee Marquette 184, Nicolet 203, Waukesha South 211 and Sheboygan North 217.

Jeff Wachter led the Rocket runners into the chute with his third place in 15:58.

Frank Swatscheno was fifth in 18 minutes, Gary Van- evenhoven eighth in 18:11, Tim Shandonay 14th in 18:31, Tim Thornell 17th in 18:35, Kevin Gill 30th in 18:59 and Todd Ake 33rd in 17

minutes.

"We had real good balance. Everyone did better than they did on the same course last year. We took the lead at the beginning and kept it throughout the race. At no point were we in trouble," Coach Tom Jensen said.

He noted that Wachter ran the wet course in 18:11 last year and lowered his time to 15:58 while Swatscheno was third at 18:48 a year ago and 16:00 only netted him fifth place this time.

Neenah finished second in a field of 16 in the junior varsity race, scoring 30 points to Brookfield Central's 60.

Neenah finishes were Tim Costello fourth, John Schraufnagel seventh, Jeff Keester ninth, Rocky Daehler 11th, Peter Coons 15th, Joe Lamb 21st and Joel Gohdee 22nd.

The Rockets will run Oshkosh North and Appleton West in a triangular at Pierce Park Tuesday afternoon.