

Neenah runs third in FDL relays

■ Stevens Point secures first place in both divisions

The Neenah boys and girls cross country teams each finished third in Saturday's Fond du Lac Relays.

Stevens Point won the Red Division of the boys event with an accumulated time of 1:23.19.

Milwaukee Marquette was second, with 1:25.54, and the Rockets totaled 1:27.02 for third place.

Stevens Point also dominated the girls division, compiling a total time of 1:20.27.

Fond du Lac was second among the six teams with 1:30.59 and Neenah came in third in 1:22.40.

Neenah's Tina Schraufnagel was 21st and Kristine Berg 24th in the first race; Kimberly Steffens, seventh, Heather Michalkiewicz, 11th,

and Kristi Morris, 18th, in the second; and Kate Petersen, sixth, Danelle Johnson, eighth, and Krisi Niemi, 11th, in the third.

The unofficial finishes in the boys race included Paul Mason, 10th; Ryan Waterstreet, 14th; Jason Olson, 16th; Shawn Albee, 22nd; and Ryan Lenerz, 36th.

Other Neenah runners were Mike Vogel, Allan Henschel, Nich Madson and Twannyan Carr.

MENASHA: Katie Olander's sixth-place led the Menasha girls in Saturday's Ashwaubenon Invitational.

It marked the eighth straight invitational that she had finished among the top 10 runners.

The Menasha team placed 10th with 209 points.

Other Menasha finishers were Gina Witt, 29th; Lisa Olson, 47th; Christel Dalke, 52nd; and Jody

Schmid, 56th.

The Menasha boys were eighth with 280 points, led by Keith Hofkens' 19th place.

Ben Joseph was 48th; Wil McDonald, 64th; Jon Hassell, 68th; and Erik Hollander, 81st.

SNC: St. Mary Central's Becky Pawlowski took 10th place in last week's Viking Invitational at Fond du Lac.

Jacinda Sell finished 16th; Lisa Swiecichowski, 17th; and Ann Borszich, 28th.

The St. Mary boys claimed sixth place with 163 points.

The Zephyr boys totaled 309 points for last place among the schools with full teams in Saturday's Ashwaubenon Invitational.

Jason Trader was 30th; Tim Jakubek, 53rd; David Drumm, 72nd; David Roth, 76th; and Aaron Walter, 78th.

Neenah CC teams take second, third

■ The boys trail Muskego by three points in the invitational finale

The Neenah boys cross country team concluded its invitational schedule with a second place in Saturday's Crusader Invitational at Waukesha.

Muskego won the trophy with 65 points, three less than the Rockets.

Green Bay Preble was third with 73 in the nine-team field.

Ryan Waterstreet was Neenah's leading finisher in seventh place.

The only other Rocket runner in the top 10 was ninth-place Jason Olson.

NEENAH GIRLS: The Rockets tallied 105 points to finish third in the Crusader Invitational.

Marinette won the meet with 33 points, four less than host Memorial.

Freshman Kimberly Steffens led the Neenah finishers with her 15th

place.

Tina Schraufnagel was 20th, Heather Michalkiewicz 21st, Kate Petersen 24th and Kristi Morris 25th.

FVA MEET: Fond du Lac will defend its championships in both the boys and girls divisions at the Fox Valley Association meet Thursday at Kaukauna's Countryside Golf Course.

Although most of the top-10 finishers return in the girls division, sophomore Katie Olander of Menasha could be one of the meet's surprises.

She finished 27th in 1995 but has placed among the top 10 in every race this fall, including two firsts.

Neenah's Paul Mason, sixth last year, is the leading Twin City returnee in the boys race.

Both of the individual champions have graduated, but returning for the boys race are Oshkosh West's Phillip Keskinen and Fond du Lac's Brad Theyerel, second and fourth, respectively, and the girls' runner-up Bridget Kessen of

Oshkosh West.

The girls junior varsity race will begin at 3:30 p.m., the boys JVs at 4 p.m., the boys varsity at 4:30 p.m. and the girls varsity at 5 p.m.

KAUKAUNA BOYS: The Ghosts collected 26 points to Menasha's 50 and St. Mary Central's 51 in a triangular.

Menasha's top-10 finishers were Keith Hofkens, third; Jon Hassell, fifth; and Ben Joseph, ninth. The Zephyrs' Jason Trader was fourth and Tim Jakubek eighth.

KAUKAUNA GIRLS: Menasha won the meet with 23 points. Kaukauna finished second with 52. St. Mary Central didn't field a complete team.

Menasha's Katie Olander and Gina Witt finished first and second, followed by Christel Dalke, fifth; Lisa Olson, seventh; and Nicole Schmidt, eighth.

The Zephyrs' Lisa Swiecichowski took fourth, Jacinda Sell sixth; and Ann Borszich 10th.

Neenah boys, East girls finish in second

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Boys

FOND DU LAC 81, NEENAH 84, OSHKOSH WEST 91, SHEBOYGAN SOUTH 118, MANITOWOC 127, APPLETON WEST 156, DE PERE 170, APPLETON EAST 188, KAUKAUNA 239, SHEBOYGAN NORTH 242, ASHWAUBENON 322, OSHKOSH NORTH 327, PLYMOUTH 336, APPLETON NORTH 396, MENASHA 416

Top seven finishers

1. Ken Gratz MAN 16:17.98; 2. Matt Lenahan OW; 3. Gabr Garcia SN; 4. Nick Buechel FDL; 5. Jason Fabry ASH; 6. Cor Van Den Heuvel KAU; 7. Brad Theyerl FDL.

Other area finishers

Appleton East: 27. Brandon Rasmussen; 31. Dan Wilf; 39. Adam Koepsel; 45. Brian Furst; 46. Dave Cameron.

Appleton North: 55. Mike Hertziger; 82. Eric Grissom; 83. Dan Gardgrove; 86. Austin Moore; 90. Peter Randa.

Appleton West: 25. Jeremy Noack; 26. Jeff Gossco; 34. Brian Peters; 35. Tim McBride; 36. Keith Kaiser.

Menasha: 53. Keith Holkins; 77. Ben Joseph; 93. W. McDonald; 96. Erik Hollander; 97. Tom Bloom.

Neenah: 8. Paul Mason; 12. Ryan Waterstreet; 17. Jason Olson; 23. Ryan Lanzer; 24. Shawn Albee.

Oshkosh North: 38. Scott Paulsen; 43. John Le Roy; 78. Chris Pfaffenroth; 79. Adam Paul; 89. Paul Huser.

Oshkosh West: 10. Phil Koskinen; 20. Sam Chasa; 29. Ryan Burwell; 30. Wade Hoxell.

Kaukauna: 48. Rob Vander Loop; 51. Jason Lamine; 63. Brian Vanervenhoven; 71. Dave Paht.

Girls

FOND DU LAC 83, APPLETON EAST 71, NEENAH 7; OSHKOSH WEST 88, SHEBOYGAN NORTH 170, DE PERE 207, MANITOWOC 212, MENASHA 228, ASHWAUBENON 270, APPLETON WEST 279, PLYMOUTH 280, SHEBOYGAN SOUTH 296, OSHKOSH NORTH 322, KAUKAUNA 40, APPLETON NORTH 456.

Top seven finishers

1. Bridget Kessen OW 15:28.16; 2. Jackie Munoz OW; 3. Katie Olander MEN; 4. Michelle McNamura FDL; 5. Jennifer Drescher SS; 6. Jackie Burtard SN; 7. Mary Lanari FDL.

Other area finishers

Menasha: 26. Gina Witt; 54. Lisa Olson; 58. Christel Dalke; 87.

Jody Schmid.

Neenah: 8. Kim Steffens; 14. Tina Schraufnagel; 17. Heather Michalkiewicz; 18. Kato Peterson; 5. Kristine Berg.

Oshkosh North: 34. Tracie Whitney; 51. Marcie Fisher; Amy Gabert; 79. Beth Warnecke; 82. Angela Terrill.

Oshkosh West: 25. Erin Aufer Heide; 27. Jocelyn Loe; Stephanie Schultz.

Appleton East: 9. Tovah Mendoza; 10. Erica Bauer; 11. L. Slattery; 13. Emily Gebhem; 28. Maggie Rossmessl.

Appleton North: 71. Amanda Hopfensperger; 90. Ali Remus; 95. Megan Snow; 97. Sonya Schor; 103. Katy Har 103; Nicole Smith.

Appleton West: 16. Nikki Miller; 41. Erin Bye; 73. Jill Eperan; 74. Megan Larson; 75. Ann Lucas.

Kaukauna: 44. Nikki Popp; 78. Jenny Kubal; 88. Ma Vanervenhoven; 92. Ane Groven; 99. Nikki Geser.

Neenah boys, East girls take second

■ The teams qualify for next week's WIAA state cross country meet

By Jim Oskola
Of The Post-Crescent

DE PERE - It should have been a rebuilding year for the Neenah boys' cross country team.

Despite having only two letter-winners back from their 1995-96 squad, the Rockets exceeded their expectations Friday by finishing second, three points behind Fond du Lac at the WIAA Division 1 sectional to qualify for next weekend's state meet in Wisconsin Rapids.

Fond du Lac completed a sweep of the day's meet by also winning the girls' race. Appleton East fin-

ished second to qualify its squad for the state meet.

Oshkosh West's Matt Lenahan and Kaukauna's Cory Van Den Heuvel were among the individual qualifiers for the boys' state meet by finishing second and sixth, overall. The top two teams and top seven individuals qualify for state.

A 1-2-3 finish by Bridget Kessen and Jackie Munoz of Oshkosh West and Katie Olander of Menasha qualified that trio for the girls' state meet.

Early in the cross country season, the Rockets' boys team finished a distant third in the developmental conference race, setting the stage for Friday's surprise.

"We were looking optimistically

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at conference and sectionals," said Rockets boys' coach John Morgan. "I can't say that the first day of practice we were saying that we should go to state this year."

In qualifying for the state meet, Van Den Heuvel hung with the leaders until the home stretch.

"I fell back a little bit right at the corner where we came in," Van Den Heuvel said. "I didn't have my normal sprint at the end."

Lenahan's goal was just to get to state.

"I wasn't feeling 100% today," he said. "State is where I'm really going to push it as hard as I can."

In the girls' race, Olander ran with leaders Kessen and Munoz for nearly the entire race before the Oshkosh West duo pulled away over the final half-mile.

"I started out faster than I wanted, which kind of caught me off-guard," Olander said. "But I did want to stay as close to the front as I could."

Olander's third-place finish was an immense improvement over her finish at last year's sectional race.

"Last year at sectionals, I finished 62nd. This summer, I ran every day and that made all the difference."

Appleton East's second-place finish was entirely different than what Patriots coach Joe Perez expected.

"Going in, I had no idea where it was going to go," Perez said. "The kids just pulled together and improved enough so that we are a good team now."

For a team that started the season as an unknown quantity, Perez expects his team to do well at state.

"We're at least among the top eight teams down there. I truly believe that. We will be in the upper half somewhere. If not, I'll be disappointed."

Neenah boys, East girls lead all-FVA cross country teams

The Neenah boys' cross country team and the Appleton East girls' team each had three runners selected to the all-Fox Valley Association first teams.

Senior Ryan Waterstreet, junior Paul Mason and sophomore Jason Olson were the Rockets honored. Other area runners on the first team were senior Cory Vanden Heuvel and junior Rob Vanderloop of Kaukauna and senior Jeff Gosse of Appleton West.

The Patriots selected to the first team were seniors Emily Gebheim and Erica Bauer and sophomore Tovah Mendoza. Other area runners on the first team were senior Leah Van Roy of Kimberly and sophomore Katie Olander of Menasha.

GIRLS

FIRST TEAM

Shelly McNamara, sr., Fond du Lac; Leah Van Roy, sr., Kimberly; Bridget Kessen, jr., Oshkosh West; Jackie Munoz, fr.,

Oshkosh West; Emily Gebheim, sr., Appleton East; Katie Olander, so., Menasha; Tovah Mendoza, so., Appleton East; Jenny Buechel, jr., Fond du Lac; Mary Lanari, so., Fond du Lac; Erica Bauer, sr., Appleton East.

SECOND TEAM

Jessie Agnelnerl, jr., Fond du Lac; April Hartzler, fr., Fond du Lac; Lynne Slattery, jr., Appleton East; Missy Wright, fr., Kimberly; Kim Steffen, fr., Neenah; Tracie Whitney, so., Oshkosh North; Kristi Morris, jr., Neenah.

HONORABLE MENTION

Tina Schraufnagel, jr., Neenah; Heather Michalkiewicz, sr., Neenah; Kristine Berg, so., Neenah; Stephanie Brown, fr., Appleton East; Maggie Rossmetsel, so., Appleton East; Nicole Smith, fr., Appleton North; Sara Kalwitz, jr., Appleton East.

BOYS

FIRST TEAM

Matt Lenihan, jr., Oshkosh West; Brad Theyerl, sr., Fond du Lac; Kevin Kaiser, sr., Fond du Lac; Nick Buechel, so., Fond du Lac; Cory VandenHeuvel, sr., Kaukauna; Paul Mason, jr., Neenah; Jeff Gosse, sr., Appleton West; Ryan Waterstreet, sr., Neenah; Jason Olson, so., Neenah; Rob Vanderloop, jr., Kaukauna.

SECOND TEAM

Nick Madsen, jr., Neenah; Ryan Burwell, so., Oshkosh West; Shawn Albee, so., Neenah; Keith Kaiser, sr., Appleton West; Sam Chase, jr., Oshkosh West; Jeremy Noack, sr., Appleton West; Brian Peters, so., Appleton West.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ryan Lernerz, jr., Neenah; Tim McBride, sr., Appleton West; Mike Vogel, so., Neenah; Jim Testin, jr., Fond du Lac; Dan Wolf, jr., Appleton East; Scott Paulson, jr., Appleton North; Matt Raboin, sr., Fond du Lac; Dave Cameron, so., Appleton East.



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LIBERIAN REFUGEE Twannyan Carr, 17, has been welcomed into the Neenah home of Jan and Ted Swaneck, with their daughters Annette, 17, and Renee, 13.

African youth struggles for normalcy

■ **Fleeing his home in Monrovia, Liberia, Twannyan Carr has been on the run through Africa and Europe. Now he faces deportation**

By Pete Bach
Post-Crescent staff writer

NEENAH - Twannyan Carr is a young man without a country who found a home in the Fox Cities.
For now, Ted and Jan Swaneck are doing everything in their power to keep the Liberian refugee from being deported.

Carr, 17, joined many others who fled Monrovia, the capital, last April during a flare up in a civil war and ensuing bloodbath that left 60,000 homeless and the country in shambles.

But now, despite a stable home, he faces an uncertain future.
On Tuesday, the family again goes to

opportunity to get an education. He would be much more able to help his people with an education. That's what it's going to take

- Liberians going back home and rebuilding that country, which is going to take a long time."

The story of how a youth raised halfway around the world came to live with a compassionate Neenah family has its roots in a chance 1970 meeting.

It was then that Jan, a student in London, met Carr's father at an international student function. They continued to correspond and she

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A plea for support

By Pete Bach
Post-Crescent staff writer

NEENAH - The Ted and Jan Swaneck family encourages letters of support backing their aim to give Liberian refugee Twannyan Carr the opportunity to complete his high school education and lead a productive life.

Public support - the more of it the better - was advised by a Chicago immigration attorney retained by the family, Jan said. They are to appear in a Chicago courtroom Tuesday to appeal an August ruling that denied Carr political asylum in this country.

At worst, the 17-year-old could be deported.

Liberian youth struggles for sense of home

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Words of young Carr's plight came to the attention of Jan in a roundabout way.

"One cousin called us saying he just got a phone call from the British Embassy in Senegal, saying, 'You owe us \$1,400 for his hotel bill and \$1,300 for a plane ticket. Oh, and they said he was in shock.'"

No wonder.

During an interview with the family, he described the atrocities he observed in chilling detail.

The depraved act of two soldiers who assaulted a pregnant woman may have been the worst.

"They were arguing over whether the baby was a boy or a girl," he said. "They sliced her open."

As he fled toward the American Embassy on foot, he came across the headless body of another woman.

He saw scores of bloated bodies of massacred civilians and cholera victims — and the stray dogs feeding off the corpses.

"I went to the peacekeeping troop base. I couldn't get to the American Embassy because I wouldn't have made it," he said.

Twannyan (pronounced TONG-YA) was born in London while his father continued his education in Britain. Soon after his son's birth, the Carrs returned to Liberia where Carr grew up.

The dual citizenship has posed a catch-22.

"Now he's in the situation of having this British passport and they're saying, 'Well, why can't you go to a British country? You won't be persecuted there,'" said Jan.

Carr was airlifted from Monrovia by helicopter last April 13. He traveled by military transport first to neighboring Sierra Leone, and then Senegal, finally obtaining a commercial flight from there to Belgium. But confusion arose when the plane landed in Brussels to refuel.

Passengers had to change planes. Belgian officials refused to let him board a trans-Atlantic flight for days while checking out his credentials. Finally, he was able to obtain a visa waiver and flew to Chicago, then Marquette. He had left the sub-Saharan tropics with only light clothing. The temperature was 28 degrees when the unheated plane from Chicago landed in Marquette, Jan said.

Once they heard of his bind the Swaneks arranged to accept him immediately.

The decision to have Carr join their family — Ted, Jan, and their three daughters 13, 17 and 19 — came without one word of family

Family asks for support

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cross country team, obtained a visa waiver after fleeing his homeland after a bloody escalation in a civil war.

Jan said Carr is an outstanding student, contributes well to school and church, poses no threat to the security of the United States and is not a financial burden on the state. He is also a minor.

Letters should be mailed to the Swaneks, 603 Oak St., Neenah, 54956. The letters will be forwarded through U.S. Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Fond du Lac, who has been helping the family, to Roger Lindo, director of the Milwaukee office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Jan said letters should be mailed to their house and not directly to the INS because of the need to make copies for other individuals.

The family has written President Clinton outlining Carr's plight but have yet to get a reply.

Tuesday's hearing will be conducted with a group of 30 or 40 other appellants. Brief outlines of their course of action will be accepted by the judge at that time but an individual hearing won't be slated until late this month. For that reason, Swanek hopes supporters mail letters to them no later than Sept. 29 or 30.

The Swaneks have opened a savings account in Carr's name at Bank One, 111 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah, to help pay legal bills.

dissent.

"My middle daughter has always wanted a brother," Jan said.

Some semblance of sanity returned to wartorn Liberia once U.S. Marines secured the American Embassy, relieving a handful of U.S. Navy SEAL commandoes deployed at the outset. Up to 20,000 people sought refuge in the embassy compound and U.N. offices after fighting broke out.

Back in Carr's homeland, there's renewed hope for a permanent cease-fire.

The seven warlords heading the rebel groups are meeting with in-

creasing pressure from Ruth Perry, a Liberian native and the first female head of state in Africa, according to Swanek's Internet reports.

So much Ted Swanek has been able to learn. Employed at Banta Corporation, he has a job that demands computer savvy. He's been scouring the Internet for tips on immigration law and has come across many home pages from lawyers who specialize in the field.

"There's a whole industry built up around immigration law," he said.

He also searches out news of Liberia. American newspapers carried nearly daily accounts during the two-week flareup but not much has appeared in the print media since. Television coverage has been virtually nil.

Swanek has latched onto some valuable accounts from The Nando Times, an international electronic newspaper and the Pan Africa Service.

Carr entered this country on April 22 under a 90-day visa waiver which cannot be altered under immigration law.

He doesn't qualify for a student visa.

The best they can hope for is a stay of the order.

At worst, if unsuccessful, he faces deportation.

He would have to leave the United States in 30 to 60 days.

As a last resort, the Swaneks will travel to England to plead his case.

But that's got its risks, too. There's no guarantee that a student visa would be issued and no guarantee he'd be readmitted into the United States even if it was, said Jan.

Linda Towse, an aide to Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Fond du Lac, who Jan said has diligently been assisting the family, said Carr's British credentials are half blessing, half curse.

"It's a pretty unusual circumstance, not only for someone to come from a wartorn land like Liberia but also in terms of the political asylum case," said Towse. "You can't say he's claiming political asylum from Britain."

Carr's father worked for the Liberian government. That job evaporated three years ago during a previous uprising.

"Rebels took the family car, they took their possessions. Finally, they came back and took the home because they wanted it for their headquarters," said Jan.

They learned only last week — after a five-month separation — that Carr's father is still alive. And his father learned his son made it to the states.

Olander, Neenah boys team qualify for WIAA state meet

■ The runners earned their berths at the De Pere Sectional

The Twin Cities will be represented by the Neenah boys team and Menasha's Katie Olander in an individual role at the WIAA state cross country meet Saturday at Wisconsin Rapids.

The Rockets qualified by placing second in the last Friday's Division I sectional at De Pere. They scored 84 points to trail Fond du Lac by three.

Olander earned her berth by finishing third in the girls race.

Neenah's team qualified for the first time since 1992, while Olander is the Bluejays' first state qualifier since Becky Boegh made the 1982 field.

The Neenah girls placed third with 77 points, six behind runner-up Appleton East.

The Menasha girls (226) were eighth and the MHS boys (426) finished 14th.

Neenah's boys finishers were Paul Mason, eighth; Ryan Waterstreet, 12th; Jason Olson, 17th; Ryan Lenerz 23rd; Shawn Albee, 24th; Adam Christnovich, 32nd; and Nick Madsen, 40th.

Keith Hofkens, with a 53rd place, was Menasha's leading finisher.

The Neenah girls places were Kim Steffens, eighth; Tina Schraufnagel, 14th; Heather Michalkiewicz, 17th; Kate Petersen, 18th; Kristine Berg, 20th; Becky Probst, 22nd; and Kristi Morris, 36th.

Menasha's other top finishers were Gina Witt, 26th; Lisa Olson, 54th; and Christel Dalke, 58th.

Olander's time of 15:46.83 trailed Oshkosh West's Bridgett Kessen, 15:28.16, and Jackie Munoz, 15:34.13.

Saturday's run will be held at the Ridges Golf Course at Wisconsin Rapids.

The race times at 12:10 p.m. for the boys and 1:55 p.m. for the girls.

Hartland Arrowhead is the defending Division I boys champion.

Neenah's only state title was achieved in 1963 when it won the CCM (now Division 2) meet, led by champion Jim Hammill.

FVCC: A 14th-place by Jason Trader in the boys race was the best finish by a St. Mary Central runner in Friday's Fox Valley Christian Conference meet at Appleton.

The Zephyrs finished fifth among the six entries with 120 points. Fond du Lac Springs was first with 50.

St. Mary's David Roth was 23rd, Tony Steeno 24th, Tim Jakubek 26th and David Drumm 33rd.

SMC didn't field a complete girls team in the meet which also was won by Springs.

St. Mary finishers were Jacinda Sell 15th, Lisa Swiecichowski 16th, Becky Pawlowski 20th and Ann Borszich 35th.

The St. Mary Central teams will participate in the WISAA meet at the UW-Parkside National Cross Country Course at Kenosha.

The girls Division 2 race will begin at 1 p.m. and boys Division I harriers will run at 1:45 p.m.

Stevens Point Pacelli won the 1994 and 1995 boys championships and has copped nine of 14 titles since 1982.

JVS: The Neenah boys and girls junior varsity squads captured honors in the recent Fox Valley Association meets with perfect scores of 15 points.

The Rockets claimed the top seven performances in the girls race, led by Kristi Niemi.

Other finishers were Amy Michalkiewicz, Theresa Foulks, Lori Wilson, Danelle Johnson, Lindsey Wilhelm and Kathy Zieger.

Adam Christnovich was first in the boys race and was followed by Ben Johnson, second; Twannyan Carr, third; Adam Buckingham, fourth; Allan Henschel, fifth; Josh Olson, ninth; and Eric Murray, 12th.

FVA meet has plenty of action

■ Matt Lenahan wins the boys' division by 20 seconds, while Shelly McNamara prevails in a close girls' race

by Chris Speckhard

of the Post-Crescent

KAUKAUNA - From last-second sprints to runaway victories, drama came from the opposite ends of the spectrum at Thursday's Fox Valley Association cross country meet.

In the boys' race, it was Oshkosh West junior Matt Lenahan, who continued a tremendous season with an emphatic win at Countryside Golf Course. Lenahan, whose time of 16:33 was 20 seconds ahead of Fond du Lac's



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RUNNERS COMPETE in the Fox Valley Association cross country meet Thursday at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna.

Neenah boys' team runs to FVA crown

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Brad Theyerl, was the first individual FVA champion in Oshkosh West history.

In the girls' competition, the excitement stemmed from a six-runner logjam at the front for the first two miles of the race. Included in that block of runners was eventual winner Shelly McNamara of Fond du Lac and runner-up Leah Van Roy of Kimberly, who outran Oshkosh West's Bridget Kessen in a final sprint across the finish line.

"That was one of my big goals," said Lenahan of his historic victory. "This has been a real breakthrough year for me. I had no idea what I was going to be like this year."

After three Fond du Lac runners crossed the finish line, Cory Van Den Heuvel of Kaukauna came in fifth with a time of 17:11. Van Den Heuvel beat out Neenah's Paul Mason in the last 10 yards of the race to lift the Ghosts to a fifth-place team score of 113.

"I've been working (on that) in the offseason," said Van Den Heu-

vel. "I'd go out running seven miles, and the last half mile I'd really give it. I think that helped me a lot."

The Kaukauna junior had hoped to improve upon his fifth-place finish at last year's FVA meet but was unable to keep pace with Lenahan, who edged him for first place early in the year at Fond du Lac.

"I was out there a ways right behind Matt, but on that third mile, everybody started passing me," he said. "It was like a big rock in my stomach. My legs felt great, not my stomach."

Neenah runners gained three of the next four spots and, despite the 2-3-4 finish by Fond du Lac, the Rockets captured the team title with 47 points, edging the Cardinals by eight points.

"We knew that the key to the race was that we had kids right up there with Fond du Lac, and our fourth and fifth runners really needed to run well," said Neenah coach John Morgan. "Fortunately, the entire varsity team was able to come in before the last runner for Fond du Lac, so that seemed to be the difference."

Meanwhile, Van Roy was pleasantly surprised about her second-place finish among the girls.

"It was six of us the whole way until the two-mile mark," said the Papermakers junior. "I had no clue that I was going to get second. I was just hoping for the top 10, and this is wonderful."

Emily Gebheim took fifth place to help Appleton East to a second-place team finish behind champion Fond du Lac.

"It would've been nice (to win) but it just wasn't meant to be," said Patriots coach Joe Perez, whose team placed three runners in the top 10 but couldn't match the Cardinals' firepower. "They deserved it."

Also in the pack was Menasha's Katie Olander, who continued her surge through the second half of the season with a sixth-place time of 15:54.

"This whole year, every time she's gotten better, and that's really hard to do once you're at that level," said Bluejays coach Janelle Jarzen. "She's ready mentally and physically, and she's very coachable, too."

11th	Nick Madsen	5:26	11:25	17:29
13th	Shawn Albee	5:35	11:26	17:31
18th	Ryan Lenerz	5:24	11:23	17:39
19th	Mike Vogel	5:25	11:24	17:40

Junior Varsity Results

Place	Name	First Mile	Second Mile	Final Time
1st	Adam Christnovich	5:32	11:34	17:35
2nd	Ben Johnson	5:27	11:35	17:48
3rd	Twannyan Carr	5:36	11:44	18:01
4th	Adam Buckingham	5:32	11:45	18:02
5th	Allan Henschel	5:30	11:41	18:08
---	Eric Smiltneek	5:41	12:07	18:34
9th	Josh Olson	5:44	12:10	18:46
----	Paul Olson	5:52	12:11	18:49
----	Ryan Gorectke	5:33	12:08	18:51
12th	Eric Murray	5:47	12:16	19:00
----	Andy Lundt	6:01	12:36	19:29
----	Andy Turner	5:55	12:40	19:33.6
----	Ryan Wenzel	5:55	12:41	19:33.8
----	Phil Rumpf	5:54	12:49	19:53
----	Seth Fellenz	5:56	12:46	19:55
-----	Jason Chapman	6:03	12:48	20:08
-----	Bud Marks	6:10	13:10	20:29
-----	Brian Koslowski	6:16	13:35	21:01
-----	Derek Schewenne	6:18	14:02	21:52.5
-----	Greg Busch	6:18	13:44	21:52.8
-----	Jason Sickler	6:16	14:10	22:19