

Neenah girls finish first in West Bend

By Benjamin C. Doeren
Sports Editor

While most of the cross-county teams from the Fox Valley Association competed in the Terror Invite, the Neenah boys and girls traveled to West Bend for the Grade Level Challenge Invitational.

The girls fared the best at the meet, winning the 14-team varsity division with a total time of 83:38. West Bend was second, nearly three minutes behind the Rockets. Port Washington was third, followed by Hartford, Shorewood and West Bend East.

Betsy McDonald was the fastest runner in the entire meet with a time of 15:38, which placed her first overall and first in the junior race.

Jill Winkler won in the sophomore race, completing the course in a time of 16:16, which also was the second fastest time in the competition.

Other Rocket runners also did well in the sophomore race as Tara Schraufnagel placed third, Heather Wichman was fourth and Michelle Wittmann finished in ninth position.

Topping the Rockets in the freshman race were Katie Berger in 10th, Jenny Negro in 14th and Jenna Murphy in 19th. Becky Ray was 14th in the junior race, with Emily Bume coming in 16th.

The Rockets junior varsity girls also placed first with a time of 94:12, followed by Shorewood, Hartford and Port Washington.

The boys' varsity team had a total time of 89:51, which was topped only by Shorewood's 88:08 and Marquette's 88:38. Finishing behind the Rockets were Oshkosh North in fourth, Wauwatosa West in fifth and Port Washington in sixth.

The junior varsity team also finished third with a time of 100:04 to place behind Marquette with 95:12 and Oshkosh North with 98:57.

The top runner for Neenah was senior Evan Bossetti, who completed the 1- and 2-mile races in a time of 17:20, which was fifth for seniors. Junior Jason Miller was the second fastest Rocket with a time of 17:29, which placed him sixth.

Justin Michalkiewicz was third on Neenah's team with a time of 18:11, followed by Andy Schaller's 18:22, Rocky Schafer's 18:30, Adam Swanson's 18:41, Craig Steffens' 19:41 and Cory Christnovich's 19:43.

Topping the freshmen ranks for the Rockets was Toby Heyn, who placed seventh overall. Tim Burns was second for Neenah and 21st overall. Rounding out the top five for the Rockets as freshmen were Vince Abney, Josh Oliver and Dan Dooley.

Oshkosh rules at Grade Level

NORTHWESTERN STAFF

Oshkosh runners dominated the leaderboard in Tuesday's Fox Valley Association Grade Level Cross Country Meet at Buttermilk Creek Park in Fond du Lac.

Indians James Anderson and Cody Lundquist took second and fifth, respectively, in the boys 11-12 race.

"I can't say enough about how well Anderson and Lundquist ran," said Oshkosh West coach Russ Hoxtell. "They did a fine job. I'm really pleased with their performance."

Spartans Will McEnroe and Matt Rego finished eighth and 10th in the 81-runner pack.

"Matt Rego ran a real smart race," said Oshkosh North coach Tony Bolz. "I'm really happy because we have a very young team."

He had even more to be happy about in the boys 9-10 race, where Alex Docta, Andy Frazier and Josh Juedes finished third, fifth and 10th.

"We're looking ahead to the conference meet, Bolz said. "We know it's going to be between three teams for second place. Oshkosh West is first ... everyone else is going for second."

Oshkosh West's Max Garza and Ross Martin finished 1-2 in the race.

"It was a hot afternoon, and they ran smart," Hoxtell said. "They did a good job pacing themselves, and not running too hard the first mile."

The Indians travel to Neenah Friday to participate in a five-team invitational meet.

In the girls races, Oshkosh runners could only muster a pair of top-10 finishes.

Kirstin Leach of Oshkosh North took ninth place in the girls 11-12 race, while Steph Minnett finished 10th in the girls 9-10 competition.

The meet was dominated by runners from Neenah and Fond du Lac. Betsy McDonald of

Cross Country

Neenah finished first in the girls 11-12 race with a time of 15:41, 25 seconds faster than the next closest runner, Alison Hoff of Appleton North. In the girls 9-10 race, Christy Cazolla of Kaukauna crossed the finish line in 15:30, a minute faster than second place Korah Petrasko of Appleton East.

Other top local finishers in the senior race included Amanda Jaworski of Oshkosh West and Meghan Lennon of Oshkosh North, who finished 17th and 19th, respectively.

Geer/Selle Invitational

The Ripon boys amassed 50 points and the girls accumulated 55, en route to a sweep of the team titles at its own Geer/Selle Invitational.

Nick Revello sprinted across the finish in 17 minutes, 37.62 seconds to win the boys race for Ripon, while Laura Devine rounded the course in 16:25.06 to win the girls race for the Tigers.

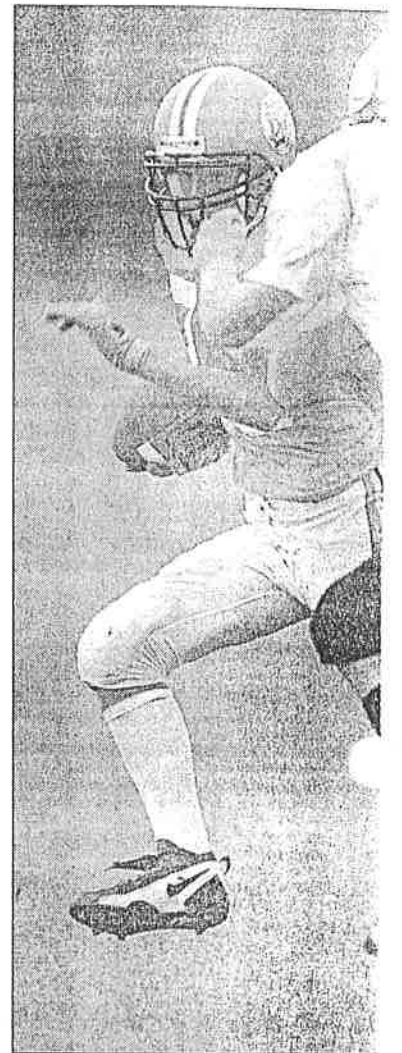
Chris Stein finished sixth in 18:07.31, while Jimmy Hein was 10th (18:21.44) to help Ripon win the boys competition. Matt Knollenberg was 24th (19:20.51) for Wautoma, and Nick O'Malley was third (17:52.2) for Winneconne.

In the girls race, the Tigers were led by Devine and third-place finisher Gina Baker (17:25.18). Amanda Sweet also finished ninth (18:12.64), while teammate Hannah Jones was 15th (18:46.74) in Ripon's winning effort.

Ashley McConnell was fourth in 17:32.38 to lead Omro, who also finished Holly Sutter in seventh (17:42.72) and Kellen McConnell in eighth (18:08.56) for the Foxes.

Leigh Billings and Theresa Schrock were 13th (18:36.55) and 14th (18:37.88) for Wautoma, while Kate Wide was 23rd (19:42.84) for Winneconne.

Slippery Knight



Ben Fredrick of Oshkosh Lourdes Shoreland Lutheran defender in game Tuesday. Lourdes won 20-

North Fondy

NORTHWESTERN STAFF

North Fond du Lac christened its new gymnasium with a 15-5, 15-7, 15-12 win over the visiting Indians.

Dianne Baehr led the Orioles with five kills, and Jenny Jacobs had 12 assists, three kills and two aces.

Jill Krause had six kills to lead West, and Kim Maschke and Amanda Kronenwetter had four assists apiece. Juliette Koeppel had 10 digs, and Alicia Schroeder had seven digs.

"Massive improvement over the Stevens Point tournament," said West coach Cathy Spiegel.

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CROSS COUNTRY

HIGH SCHOOL

Boys

FVA Grade Level Meet

5,000 meters
Boys 11-12
Top 10 — 1. Evan Boselli (Nee) 17:31; 2. James Anderson (OW) 17:38; 3. Jason Miller (Nee) 17:57; 4. Nick Jacobson (AW) 18:01; 5. Cody Lundquist (OW) 18:17; 6. Chad Koth (AW) 18:20; 7. Matt Harer (AN) 18:23; 8. Will McEnroe (ON) 18:36; 9. Peter Hayes (AN) 18:36; 10. Matt Rego (ON) 18:42.

Boys 9-10
Top 10 — 1. Max Garza (OW) 17:51; 2. Ross Martin (OW) 18:01; 3. Alex Docla (ON) 18:25; 4. Mike Mankovecky (Kau) 18:31; 5. Andy Frazier (ON) 19:31; 6. Jeff Beyer (Kim) 19:33; 7. David Quinlan (ON) 19:33; 8. Eric Reich (AN) 19:44; 9. Tim Marta (Men) 19:50; 10. Josh Juedes (ON) 19:50.

Geer-Selle Invite

5,000 meters
Ripon 55, Little Chute 76, New London 78, Markesan 121, Lomira 124, Campbellsport 132, Freedom 141, Winneconne 185, Wautoma 216, Laconia 285, North Fond du Lac 338, Omro INC.

Top 10 — 1. Nick Revello (Rp) 17:37.62; 2. Nick Martiny (CP) 17:44.27; 3. Nick O'Malley (Vn) 17:52.2; 4. Pat Rutten (LC) 17:53.37; 5. Ben Uphoff (NL) 17:57.08; 6. Chris Stein (RP) 18:07.31; 7. Nate Koster (NL) 18:16.55; 8. Casey Kuehn (Ma) 18:20.89; 9. Jason Burnett (Lo) 18:21.11; 10. Jimm Hein (Rp) 18:21.44.

Ripon finishers — 13. Ryan Jahns 18:35.41; 20. Ryan Prellwitz 19:05.61; 35. Eric Cluppert 20:05.56.

Markesan finishers — 11. Mike Hahn 18:25.87; 21. Aaron Burbach 19:09.9; 37. Tim Bouwkamp 20:12.6; 44. Justin Dillie 20:33.39; 57. Jake Dumke 21:27.85.

Winneconne finishers — 16. Scott Bergner 18:52.91; 55. Adam Bunck 21:23.44; 56. Kevin Hillman 21:26.08; 58. Nate Peterson 21:33.51; 68. Adam Aherns 23:02.32.

Laconia finishers — 42. Jake Theyerd 20:27.61; 46. Nate Sheskey 20:41.53; 61. Tom Dreifust 21:39.9; 67. Eric Galdi 22:42.8; 72. Zack Giffey 26:35.68; 73. Vick Ponto 27:05.97; 77. Craig Lambessedor 29:49.09.

Wautoma finishers — 24. Matt Knoffenber 19:20.51; 38. Brandon Schimelpfenig 20:14.25; 40. George Weir 20:20.91; 54. David Shama 21:19.32; 62. Jason Nowak 21:43.15; 64. Aaron Hickey 21:51.72; 66. Joe Weedman 21:58.09.

North Fond du Lac finishers — 60. David Peebles 21:39.68; 68. Andy Micalote 22:43.19; 70. Chris Gross 23:12.35; 71. Darryl Zupke 23:37.09; 74. Jake O'Malley 29:04.95; 75. Caleb Jurkowski 29:05.34; 76. Eric Gross 29:28.99.

Omro — 47. Jon Schuster 20:52.58.

Girls

FVA Grade Level Meet

4,000 meters
Girls 11-12
Top 10 — 1. Betsy McDonald (Nee) 15:41; 2. Alison Hoff (AN) 16:06; 3. Tara Hinke (Fdl) 16:39; 4. Natalie Brown (N) 16:59; 5. Sara Goff (AN) 16:59; 6. Claire Koch (AW) 17:01; 7. Michelle Schmidt (Fdl) 17:02; 8. Becky Ray (Nee) 17:19; 9. Kirstin Leach (ON) 17:22; 10. Katy Olson (AN) 17:26.

Girls 9-10
Top 10 — 1. Christy Cazolla (Kau) 15:30; 2. Korah Petrasko (AE) 16:29; 3. Rebecca Duley (Fdl) 16:55; 4. Jill Winkler (Nee) 17:18; 5. Lizzy Grube (Kau) 17:31; 6. Tara Schraufnagel (Nee) 17:41; 7. Elizabeth Schubert (AE) 17:43; 8. Heather Wichman (Nee) 17:49; 9. Joey Schroeder (Kau) 17:54; 10. Steph Minnett (OW) 18:10.

Geer-Selle Invite

4,000 meters
Ripon 55, Little Chute 72, Omro 82, Campbellsport 106, New London 124, Wautoma 131, Lomira 142, Markesan 204, Winneconne 215, Freedom 292, Laconia INC, North Fond du Lac INC.

SOCCER

HIGH SCHOOL

Waupaca JV 6

Ripon 1

First half
W: 4:00
W: 9:00
W: 15:00
W: 21:00

Second half
R: 61:00
W: 67:00
W: 78:00

Shots on goal: Waupaca (30); Ripon (23). Saves: Josh Orth (12), Kyle Floros (11); W-Andy Sitter 10, David Ferguson 12.

Madison Abundant Life 4

Valley Christian 2

First half
VC: Jeremy Rieth (Tim Stuebs) 2:35.
MA: Josiah Stankovsky (James Genske) 4:55.
VC: Bruce Levenhagen (Stuebs) 11:56.
MA: Genske, 29:26.

Second half
MA: Andy Haugen (Selh Petersen) 65:01.
MA: Stankovsky, 65:47.

Shots on goal: MA (18); VC (8). Saves: Austin Conrad (MA), 3; Erik Flack (VC) 4.

Winnebago Lutheran Academy 1

Green Lake 0

First half
WLA: Tom Geisthardt, 3:00.

Shots on goal: WLA (18), GL (4). Saves: Justin Vlski (W) 2, Todd Wickert (W) 2.

Menasha St. Mary 5

Omro 1

First half
St. Mary: Nick Schultz (Noah Buchen) 6:00.
St. Mary: Tom Hofkens (Cal Stanke) 18:00.
St. Mary: Hofkens (Schultz) 33:00.

Second half
Omro: Andy Bartelt, 3:00.
St. Mary: Stanke (Kevin Porto) 23:00.
St. Mary: Hofkens (Stanke) 38:00.

Shots on goal: St. Mary (16) Omro (6). Saves: Brian Britzke 6; Omro 8.

VOLLEYBALL

HIGH SCHOOL

North Fond du Lac 3

Oshkosh West 0

North Fond du Lac beat Oshkosh West (15-5, 15-7, 15-12).

Kills — Dianne Baehr (N) 5, Jill Krause (W) 6. Assists — Jenny Jacobs (N) 12, Kim Maschke (W) 4, Amanda Kronenwetter (W) 4. Aces — Jacobs 2.

Oshkosh Lourdes 2

Mayville 1

Lourdes beat Mayville (15-9, 15-10, 16-18).

Kills — Laura Netzer (O) 6, Amy Benz (O) 5. Assists — Katie Zmolek (O) 8; Amanda Netzer (O) 7. Aces — Annie Raupp (O) 4.

Markesan 2

Randolph 1

Markesan beat Randolph (12-15, 15-9, 15-10).

Kills — Nicole Drager (M), Megan Hoffmann (M) 4. Assists — Stephanie Broder (M) 10. Aces — Rachel Dolgner (M) 5.

Laconia 3

Winnebago Lutheran 0

Laconia beat Winnebago Lutheran (15-5, 16-14, 15-9).

Kills — Sam Sippel (L) 6, Kim Jerabek (WLA) 8. Assists — Cathy Duell (L) 14, Katie Behm (WLA) 8. Aces — Duell (L) 2, Jackie Koepke (L) 2, Stephanie Post (WLA) 2.

Madison Abundant Life 2

Valley Christian 1

Madison Abundant Life beat Valley Christian (15-5, 3-15, 15-11).

Kills — Courtney Balken 4. Assists — Sarah Knurr 5. Aces — Arnie Demler 7.

Marion 2

Wild Rose 1

Marion beat Wild Rose (15-10, 15-10, 2-15).

Kills — Liz McCune. Assists — Alyson Bechard. Aces — Bechard.



At the home for retired quarterbacks.

GOTTA RUN

Rockets are among FVA's best

By Brett Christopherson
Neenah Citizen

All of the preseason hype surrounding both the Neenah boys' and girls' cross country teams appears to be justified.

With both squads picked by many to finish near the top of the Fox Valley Association heap this season, neither one has disappointed so far.

The Neenah girls looked strong at Tuesday's Fox Valley Association Grade Level meet in Fond du Lac and finished first at Saturday's West Bend Grade Level Challenge, while the boys flexed their muscles at Fond du Lac and placed third in West Bend.

Junior Betsy McDonald and sophomore Jill Winkler paced the Neenah girls with respective times of 15:38 and 16:16 to finish first and second overall at West Bend.

McDonald also finished first in the 11-12 grade bracket at Fond

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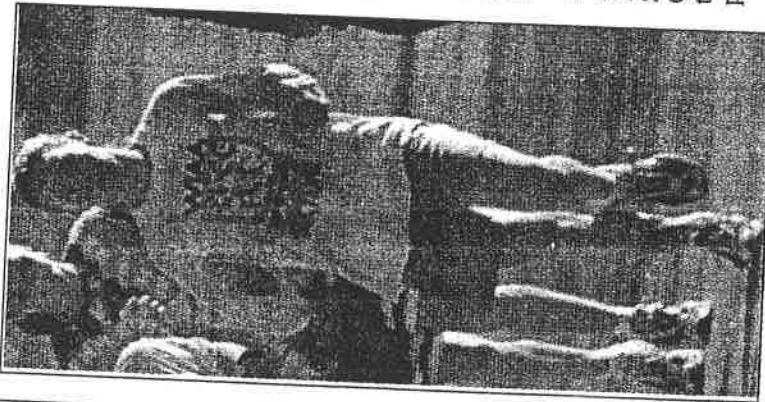
du Lac, while Winkler was fourth in the 9-10 division.

Evan Bosetti led the Rockets boys with a first-place finish in Fond du Lac and a fifth-place showing with a time of 17:20 at West Bend.

Girls' coach Ron Fedenko, in his 19th and final season, has a solid corp of returning letterwinners to work with in the Rockets' quest to repeat their FVA and sectional titles.

McDonald and Winkler give the Rockets, who finished third in

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Neenah Citizen file photo

Neenah's Betsy McDonald should be among the area's best cross country runners this season.

RUN

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the WIAA Division 1 state meet a year ago, two of the better runners in the area. Fedenko has them slotted as his Nos. 1 and 2 runners, respectively.

Battling for the next three spots have been juniors Becky Ray and Emily Burns, and sophomores Tara Schraufnagel and Heather Wichman.

Providing solid depth will be seniors Amanda Smith, Natalia Hofmann and Jackie Hillstrom, junior Nicki Smith, and sophomore Kate Muechler.

"We have nice depth," Fedenko said. "That's been a staple for us all along. Our numbers are good."

As for repeating a conference title, Fedenko said Neenah has some hurdles to clear before it can even think about that.

"Kaukauna is outstanding," he said. "What we did last year may be tough to match. We're O.K., but we definitely have a lot of work to do. We need to keep improving."

Moving over to the boys' side, sixth-year coach John Morgen feels as though Oshkosh West is the team to beat in the FVA this season.

But don't take that to mean he's overlooking his own kids.

With four returning letterwinners and a bunch of solid prospects gracing his roster, look for the Rockets — who finished second in both the conference and sectional meet and 14th at the WIAA Division 1 state meet last year — to be among the league's best.

"Oshkosh West returns all but one runner from its conference championship team," Morgen said. "West certainly has more depth than anyone in the conference. We have to find a way to compete with West's third, fourth, and fifth runners if we hope to challenge them for the title."

Aiming to give the Rockets the depth Morgen is looking for is senior Andy Schaller and juniors Justin Michalkiewicz, Rocky Schafer and Jason Miller.

Schaller was a second team all-FVA member last year, while

Miller landed a spot on the first team.

Michalkiewicz and Schafer, meanwhile, were honorable mention members.

The one wild card is Bosetti, a standout senior who placed second in conference and was the sectional champion two years ago.

Bosetti didn't compete last year due to an injury, but Morgen feels as though Bosetti can be one of the better runners in the league if healthy.

In fact, overall health is a concern for Morgen.

"Evan and Jason could be two of the top runners within the conference," Morgen said. "Andy has had chronic knee problems and could make a big difference on the team if he can overcome his injuries."

Seniors Matt Loth, Pat Weyenberg, Cory Christnovich and Ben Hanes, junior Adam Swanson, and sophomore Darren Bernard round out the Rockets' varsity roster.

St. Mary Central

Archie Barribeau's sixth season heading up the St. Mary Central coed cross country team finds him armed with youth and experience, as well.

The Zephyrs will need to find replacements for graduated standouts Eric Coopman and Jacinda Sell to find a way to consistently compete meet in and meet out.

Depth is a strength on the boys' side with seniors John Davison, Jason Kossel, Pat Martin, Justin Susdorf, Brad DeLeeuw and Nate Marx returning.

Barribeau also has a promising corp of sophomores and freshmen to look to.

However, depth is a concern on the girls' squad, which may find the going a bit tough at times.

Returning letterwinners include seniors Sarah Kane, Anna Roth and Annie Sell and sophomore Sheila Koskinen.

That foursome gives the Zephyrs a strong group to work from.

Freshman Emily Verbrick rounds out a thin roster, numbers-wise.

Bosetti, McDonald win again

Senior Evan Bosetti and junior Betsy McDonald kept rolling along in early cross-county action, each winning their respective divisions in the Fox Valley Association Grade Level Cross Country Meet at Buttermilk Creek Park in Fond du Lac.

Bosetti completed the varsity boy's 5000-meter circuit in a time of 17:31, which was seven seconds ahead of Oshkosh West's James Anderson.

McDonald ran the varsity girl's race in a time of 15:41, while second-place finisher Alison Hoff crossed the line in 16:06.

The boy's squad also had three other runners in the top 17. Jason Miller was fourth with a time of 17:57, Andrew Schaller placed 15th with an 18:47 and Justin Michalkiewicz was 17th at 18:57.

Neenah cross country team hosting first meet since 1994

By Duke Behnke

News-Record staff writer

NEENAH - For the first time in six years, Neenah High School will stage a home cross country meet.

The girls' and boys' Neenah Invitational will be held Friday at the Westridge Golf Club that is being developed at the northeast corner of Larsen Road and U.S. 45 in Clayton.

"I think it will be nice for the kids to have something local," said Ron Fedenko, the NHS girls' cross country coach. "I think it will be fun. I think it will be a challenging course as well."

Besides Neenah, teams from Oshkosh West, Little Chute, Two Rivers and Sheboygan North will compete in the invitational. The girls' junior varsity race will begin at 4:30 p.m., the boys' JV race at 5 p.m., the girls' varsity race at 5:30 p.m. and the boys' varsity race at 6 p.m.

In addition, an open race will be held at 6:30 p.m. It's an expansion of Neenah's annual alumni run.

"It's kind of a unique twist to our invitational," said Neenah athletic director Jim Smasal. "It will be for anybody who wants to try and run."

In the past, NHS cross country meets were held at Memorial Park. They were discontinued when the Fox Valley Association, preferring to focus on larger invitationals, eliminated Tuesday triangular and quadrangular meets.

Neenah officials discussed starting an invitational but thought the terrain at Memorial Park wasn't challenging enough to draw elite teams away from established invitationals.

The creation of Westridge, which contains numerous rolling hills, gives Neenah a more impressive course, at least for this year. Whether the invitational can be held there in future years, when the golf course is in operation, remains to be seen.

"I am hoping we can stay there," Fedenko said, "but it could be quite an imposition for the golf course when it opens."

Smasal credited Fedenko and NHS boys' cross country coaches John Morgen and Mike Jovanovich for bringing the invitational together. Jovanovich is a friend of Chris Salm, a long-distance runner who works at the golf course.

Salm proposed the invitational to the co-owners of Westridge, Don and Michelle Bachaus and Keith and Katie Salm, and they were receptive to the idea.

Don Bachaus apparently has allowed cross country meets to be held at other golf courses he has developed.

"Hopefully it will be OK for next year and the year after, too," Chris Salm said.

DUSTILL, NOVAK ARE leaders of the pack

By Kerry Guyette
For the Post-Crescent

CROSS COUNTRY

SHAWANO — He's not at full strength, but Eyan Bosetti definitely is back.

That's good news for the Neenah boys but bad news for their opponents this season.

Bosetti, a senior, handily won the individual title and led the Rockets to a second-place finish among Division 1 teams Saturday afternoon at the 26-team, two-division Shawano Invitational cross country meet.

Neenah, ranked 13th in the state coaches' poll, scored 70 points, while champion Green Bay Preble totaled 65. Among the teams the Rockets defeated were eighth-ranked D.C. Everest and Oshkosh North, which both advanced to state a year ago.

As expected, Kaukauna senior Brooke Novak dominated the girls' Division 1 competition and paced the Ghosts to a third-place finish. D.C. Everest captured the team title, with Neenah taking second.

In the Division 2 competition, Sturgeon Bay won the boys' title, and De Pere topped the girls' field.

For Bosetti, this was just his third cross country race since the 1998 season, when he won the sectional title and advanced to state. He missed all of his junior cross country season with torn cartilage in his right knee and sat out much of spring track with a stress fracture.

"I don't think I'll be 100 percent until after the season," Bosetti said. "I would say I'm mid-80s right now. There's still some tenderness. I just have to tell myself (the injury is) not going to happen again and that it never did happen."

He looked strong Saturday as the temperatures climbed past 80. Bosetti and junior teammate Jason Miller ran the first mile together ahead of the main pack.

Bosetti then decided to pick up the pace, and no one joined him. He was well ahead of Marinette's Josh Nygren after two miles and finished in 16 minutes, 47 seconds.

Nygren placed second in 16:56, while Miller took third in 17:26. Will McEnroe, a senior from Oshkosh North, was fourth in 17:31.

"Our goal was to take one

two, but I started feeling really tired," Miller said.

Neenah also got a boost from junior Rocky Schafer's 11th-place finish in 17:49.

"Our team is not nearly in the shape we'd like it to be," Bosetti said. "We just started picking up the tempo of our training last week, and I think we're still feeling (the effects) of that. It's early yet, but this was a fun race with a lot of competition."

Among other top area finishers were New London's Ben Uphoff (sixth) and Nate Koster (12th) and Nick Jacobson of Appleton West (eighth).

Kaukauna's Novak shot into the lead in the first 200 meters of the girls' race and quickly established a cushion between herself and several pursuers. She clipped through the first mile in 5:39, seven seconds ahead of D.C. Everest's Stefanie Zeihen.

"It's a bad strategy for running, but I like to get that gap so I can settle in for the middle of the race and then kick it in at the end," Novak said. "I guess it's the track (athlete) in me."

Zeihen remained within 10 seconds of the lead at the two-mile mark. But Novak used her strong kick to pull away and finish in 14:55, with Zeihen 19 seconds back in 15:14.

Novak welcomed the close company.

"Other than state I'm usually not pushed in (big meets)," she said.

Kaukauna's Christy Cazzola didn't fare as well. Cazzola was in third place after one mile, but shortly afterward she fell and dropped out of the race.

"She didn't get hurt. She's discouraged more than anything," Kaukauna assistant coach Laura Nettekoven said. "Mentally, she wasn't ready to get back into it."

D.C. Everest placed all five of its scorers in the top 15 to finish with 51 points. Third-ranked Neenah scored 92 to hold off fifth-ranked Kaukauna (99).

Neenah's Betsy McDonald (15:44) and Jill Winkler (16:18) finished third and fourth.

"It was a big challenge, especially for the weather conditions," said McDonald. "I concentrated on keeping a lead on the next group coming up."

Emily Verma, 19:29; 87, Sarah Kane 20:36.

SHAWANO INVITATIONAL BOYS

Division 1

GREEN BAY PREBLE 65, NEENAH 70, MARINETTE 108, OSHKOSH NORTH 126, PULASKI 144, APPLETON WEST 158, D.C. EVEREST 191, NEW LONDON 197, GREEN BAY EAST 202, KAUKAUNA 285, SHAWANO 289, ANTIGO 290, MANITOWOC 356, MENASHA 371, GREEN BAY WEST Inc.

Top 10

1, Evan Bosetti, NEE, 16:47; 2, Josh Nygren, MAR, 16:56; 3, Jason Miller, NEE, 17:26; 4, Will McEnroe, ON, 17:31; 5, Ross Umentum, GBP, 17:34; 6, Ben Uphoff, NL, 17:41; 7, Jason Danforth, PUL, 17:42; 8, Nick Jacobson, AVW, 17:43; 9, Casey Bins, GBP, 17:44; 10, Josh Denz, GBE, 17:45.

Other Appleton West finishers: 22, Chad Koch, 18:07; 35, Dan Engar, 18:40; 46, Brian Herscher, 18:57; 47, Kyle Kluge, 18:58.

Kaukauna finishers: 23, Mike Mankovesky, 18:08; 43, Derek Otto, 18:53; 57, Jeremy VanSchyndel, 19:13; 80, Gus Rath, 20:04; 82, Paul Vanevenhoven, 20:13.

Menasha finishers: 51, Tim Marta, 19:02; 55, Derek Savelle, 19:06; 70, Nate Boren, 19:43; 96, Josh Fast, 21:29; 99, Eric Hoest, 21:51.

Other Neenah finishers: 24, Andy Schaller, 18:13; 31, Justin Michalkiewicz, 18:23.

New London finishers: 48, Al Northouse, 18:59; 58, Chris Heidemann, 19:14; 73, Ben Kiefer, 19:50.

Other Oshkosh North finishers: 19, Matt Rego, 18:04; 25, Alex Oocta, 18:14; 28, Chris Jetton, 18:17; 50, Andy Frazier, 19:01.

Shawano finishers: 29, Adam Burack, 18:19; 41, Levi O'Kimosh, 18:51; 54, Andy Heikes, 19:05; 71, Casey Drengler, 19:47; 94, Doug Bjelland, 21:26.

Division 2

STURGEON BAY 53, PESHTIGO 65, DE PERE 95, SEYMOUR 96, GILLETT 115, CLINTONVILLE 180, SOUTHERN DOOR 190, MENOMINEE INDIAN 195, MARION 222, LENA, STEPHENSON (Mich), Inc.

Top 10

1, Ben Clark, GIL, 17:23; 2, Byron Kowalski, PES, 17:30; 3, Dan Stefens, SEY, 17:48; 4, Will Liebergen, SEY, 18:07; 5, Justin Dhein, DP, 18:08; 6, Tim Soper, GIL, 18:15; 7,

Neenah uses depth to win

Neenah's boys' cross country team placed its top five runners among the top 20 finishers as it won the Milwaukee-Marquette Invitational Saturday at Dretzka Park.

Evan Bosetti led the Rockets with a third-place finish, while Jason Miller took fifth. Rocky Schafer was 14th, Andrew Schaller 17th and Justin Michalkiewicz 20th to round out Neenah's scorers.

In the girls' race, the Rockets' Betsy McDonald took third.

BOYS

NEENAH 59, MILWAUKEE MARQUETTE 73, KENOSHA TREMPER 106, WISCONSIN LUTHERAN 112, WAUKESHA CATHOLIC MEMORIAL 119, MILWAUKEE PIUS 144, PORT WASHINGTON 154, EAST TROY 181, MILWAUKEE MARQUETTE GOLD 201, RACINE CASE 311

1, Gary Garcia KT 16:28; 2, Dan Hamrin MM 16:31; 3, Evan Bosetti N 16:46; 4, Eric Jaitner PW 16:48; 5, Jason Miller N 17:07; 6, Collin McKean

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MM 17:13; 7, Ben Porter ET 17:22; 8, Leo Colwill KT 17:29; 9, Micah Hernandez WL 17:29; 10, Chris Sonnenburg WL 17:29.

Neenah: 14, Rocky Schafer 17:49; 17, Andrew Schaller 17:58; 20, Justin Michalkiewicz 18:15.

GIRLS

WAUKESHA WEST 59, WAUKESHA WEST SILVER 63, NEENAH 79, MILWAUKEE PIUS 116, WISCONSIN LUTHERAN 136, PORT WASHINGTON 140, KENOSHA TREMPER 206, MILWAUKEE DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS 209, RACINE CASE 239, EAST TROY 258, MILWAUKEE ARTS 374, MILWAUKEE RIVERSIDE 403

1, Alexandra Devanny RC 14:36; 2, Serena Ramsey WWS 14:41; 3, Betsy McDonald N 15:27; 4, Maria Stuber WW 15:51; 6, Kristin Schutz WW 16:10; 7, Jill Winkler N 16:15; 8, Emily Ramsey WWS 16:18; 9, Amy Dian WWS 16:25; 10, Amy Flom PW 16:29.

Neenah: 16, Becky Ray 16:42; 22, Tara Schraufnagel 16:57; 31, Emily Burns 17:25.

Rocket boys finish first in Marquette Invite

The Neenah Rocket cross-country teams traveled to Milwaukee last weekend to compete in the Milwaukee Marquette Invitational and the results were very impressive for both squads.

The boys won the championship with a total of 59 points, ahead of second-place Marquette's 73 and third-place Kenosha Tremper's 106. A total of 10 teams competed in the boys' division.

Evan Bosetti again led the charge for Neenah, as he finished third overall with a time of 16:46.29 over the 5,000-meter course.

Jason Miller captured fifth in the race with a time of 17:07 and Rocky Schaefer placed 14th in a time of 17:49.11.

Andrew Schaller finished 17th for the Rockets and Justin Michalkiewicz

rounded out the Rocket attack with a 20th-place finish.

The girls also excelled, finishing third in the 12-team field with a total of 79 points. Waukesha West won the race with 59 points and Waukesha West Silver was second with 63 points.

Betsy McDonald was the top finisher for the Rockets. McDonald completed the 4,000-meter course in a time of 15:27.45, which placed her third in the race.

Jill Winkler captured seventh with a time of 16:15.94 and Becky Ray placed 16th in a time of 16:42.78.

Also contributing to the Rocket effort was Tara Schraufnagel in 22nd and Emily Burns in 31st.

Both the boys and the girls will next compete Thursday afternoon in the Oshkosh North Spartan Invitational, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

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Rockets may have found launching pad

Neenah boys' cross country coach John Morgen wasn't expecting the performance his team had Saturday at Milwaukee's Dretzka Park. The championship at the Marquette Invitational, however, may be a turning point for the Rockets this season.

"It was a fantastic and a surprising win," Morgen said.

"Normally, I know who's going to win when a meet finishes, but I thought we'd be fighting it out for second."

Host Milwaukee Marquette, which came into the meet ranked fifth in the state, was favored. But Neenah put its top five runners in the first 20 places to capture the team title for the first time since 1994.

Evan Bosetti, still rounding into shape after numerous injuries, placed third while Jason Miller came in fifth to lead the Rockets.

The title was also big for Neenah because although the program is traditionally strong, it had not won any invitational titles since 1998.

"We've been good but we had been losing to quality teams," Morgen said. "To get this win gives us a little more confidence. We've been riding high this week in practice."

The title also caught the attention of the coaches who vote in the weekly state poll. The Rockets were unranked last week but moved up to ninth in this week's Division 1 rankings. Marquette fell to eighth.

■ *By Dick Knapinski, Post-Crescent staff writer*

Neenah Citizen Athlete of the Week — Evan Bosetti —



Bosetti, a senior on the Neenah boys' cross country team, placed third overall in a time of 16:46.29 at last Saturday's Milwaukee-Marquette Invite to help the Rockets to a first-place team finish with 59 points.

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Bosetti, McDonald pace NHS: Both the Neenah boys' and girls' varsity cross country squads enjoyed strong showings at last Saturday's Milwaukee Marquette Invite.

Led by Evan Bosetti's third-place overall finish, the Neenah boys took first out of 10 teams with 59 points.

Bosetti crossed the line in a time of 16:46.29 to pace the Rockets, who had five runners place in the top-20.

Adding to Bosetti's solid performance were Jason Miller, who took fifth in a time of 17:07.00, and Rocky Schafer, who took 14th in a time of 17:49.11.

On the girls' side, the Rockets were led by Betsy McDonald, who came in third overall in a time of 15:27.45 to help Neenah place third out of 12 teams with 79 points.

Jill Winkler and Becky Ray also landed spots in the top-20 with finishes of seventh and 16th, respectively, in times of

Consistency key for Neenah spikers

By George Mancosky
News-Record sports correspondent

Coach Bruce Moriarty would like to see more consistency in the play of his Neenah High School volleyball team.

"We're been up and down and inconsistent. If we can put it together, we should be tough at tournament time," said Moriarty, after his Rockets dispatched Menasha Thursday.

"We're looking for that focus. Once we find it, I think we will play well," he said.

The Menasha match illustrates how the Rockets have been playing.

They trailed the Bluejays 5-1 in the first game and then reeled off 14 straight points, finally winning 15-8.

Neenah easily won the second game 15-1 as they scored the first five and last 10 points.

The Rockets rolled to an 8-0 lead at the start of the third game but the Bluejays caught them at 9-9 and with the score deadlocked at 10, Menasha tallied the final six points to win 15-10.

Neenah took a 7-1 lead in the fourth game, fell behind 9-7 but then came back to win the game

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and the match 15-10.

"We lost to Fond du Lac in our first match. They're tough. Kimberly is unbeaten and we're tied with Fond du Lac for second," Moriarty said.

Moriarty said his key players have been setters Kristen Cooper and Stephanie Thiry, blocker Melissa Wollerman and hitter Molly Krueger.

The Rockets will host their 21st annual Neenah Invitational Saturday in the Armstrong Fieldhouse.

Cross country: In winning the Oshkosh North Invitational Thursday, the boys' harrier team copped its second tournament title in less than a week.

The previous Saturday, the Rockets captured the Milwaukee Marquette meet crown.

The girls' team gave Neenah a sweep at Oshkosh by also finishing first.

It was the third straight title for the girls and the second in the last three years for the boys.

The Rockets have been competing in the Marquette run since 1992 and the champi-



NEENAH'S ANGIE STROBEL competes in the 8th Annual Rocket Invitational at Neenah

onship was their third, but the first under the direction of John Morgen. They won previously in 1992 and 1994 when Tom Jensen was coach.

Tennis: The Neenah girls will defend their share of the Fox Valley Association championship Thursday at Appleton East.

Neenah and Fond du Lac shared conference tournament honors in 1999 but the Rockets

won the championship because of a tie point in dual competition.

The Rocketers' sectional tournament will be held at St. Mary's on Friday.

Soccer: The girls' season will conclude the schedule next Friday at Oconomowoc. It was their first visit

SMC's volleyball team looking toward a success

By George Mancosky
News-Record sports correspondent

Coach Mike Mauritz, whose St. Mary Central volleyball team had a 2-4 Olympian Conference record at last week's bye, thinks his squad can do better.

"We've played good volleyball but I had hoped that we would be better. We had game point in three of our losses so we were just three points away from being 5-1," he said.

"The Olympian Conference is well-balanced. We've got to come to play in every match if we're going to win," Mauritz said.

St. Mary's usual starting lineup includes Kelly Simonsen,

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Kristin Fink, Angela Chew, Danielle Spielbauer, Meghan McDowell and Jenny Ott, with Jenny Horn, Erin Verbrick and Rachel Mueller also seeing considerable action.

The varsity roster is composed of juniors and seniors.

The Zephyrs are scheduled to compete in the FVCC Invite at Fox Valley Lutheran Saturday.

"We hosted the meet last year and this is the first time it is being held at FVL and in its new gym," Mauritz said.

"The meet started about six years ago and, because of other commitments, all of the former FVCC teams aren't able to com-

pete."

St. Mary made trips to the WISAA state tournament the last six years, but Mauritz said getting to the WIAA meet will be more difficult.

Instead of a one-day regional as in the WISAA, the WIAA Division 3 teams must play three regional games and two in the sectional to qualify.

Cross country: St. Mary Central hosts the Patti Jakubek cross country invitational Saturday morning at O'Hausser Park.

The meet began as the St. Mary Invitational two years ago, but the name was changed to the Patti Jakubek Invita-

last fall, honoring the school's biggest boosters who died

ago. A fourth place finish by freshman Emily was the No. 1 girls' relay's Olympian week's Olympian season.

Races were held in divisions, but the girls were unable to field a team. The boys' squad

Soccer: The girls' season will conclude the schedule next Friday at Oconomowoc. It was their first visit

NEENAH-MENASHA

Twin City squads earn state rankings

Twin City schools still are ranked among the leaders in several sports in polls conducted by the various coaches association.

The Neenah boys' cross country team moved up to fifth place from ninth place the previous week, while the Neenah girl harriers dropped from fourth to sixth place after placing third in the Milwaukee Marquette Invitational.

The Neenah soccer team improved one position, moving up to seventh place from eighth.

Cross country

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OSHKOSH NORTH INVITATIONAL

NEENAH 51, LITTLE CHUTE 77,
GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST 113,
MARSHFIELD 131, OSHKOSH NORTH
145, KENOSHA TREMPER 146, RIPON
155, BEAVER DAM 163, NEW LON-
DON 200, APPLETON EAST 208,
FOND DU LAC 351

1. Gary Garcia KT 15:58; 2. Evan
Bosetti N 16:06; 3. Jason Miller N 16:22;
4. Leo Colwill KT 16:27; 5. Nick Revello R
16:30; 6. Craig Vanden Heuvel LC
16:32; 7. Dave Jansen LC 16:36; 8. Will
McEnroe ON 16:47; 9. Kirk Dewindt
GBSW 16:47; 10. Brandt Gauger GBSW
16:47.

Neenah: 11. Rocky Schafer 16:48; 15.
Andrew Schaller 16:52; 20. Justin
Michalkiewicz 17:07.

Little Chute: 17. Adam Gludemans
16:58; 21. Pat Rutten 17:11; 26. Eric
Valentyn 17:16.

Oshkosh North: 22. Alex Docta 17:11;
30. Andy Frazier 17:28; 40. Eric Gurnz
17:43; 46. Chris Jetton 17:53.

New London: 24. Nate Kaster 17:12;
32. Ben Uphoff 17:32; 43. Adam Hurst
17:48; 45. Al Northouse 17:52; 59. Ben

Neenah boys, girls dominate at Spartan Invitational

Neenah won both the boys' and girls' competition at Oshkosh North's Spartan Invitational cross country meet Thursday.

The Rockets' Evan Bosetti placed second in the boys' race in 16 minutes, six seconds, and teammate Jason Miller was third in 16:22. Neenah beat Little Chute 51-77 for the title.

In the girls' race, Neenah's Betsy McDonald placed first

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with a time of 14:51. The Rockets' Tara Schraufnagel was sixth and Jill Winkler took seventh.

Waupun Invitational

Fox Valley Lutheran won both the boys' and girls' events in the five-team meet.

FVL's Stephanie Woldt was the girls' winner in 16:49.

In the boys' race, the Foxes' Matt Kasten placed second.

Volleyball

Neenah 4, Menasha 1

At Menasha, Stephanie Thiry had 13 assists and Kirsten Cooper totaled 12 in the Rockets' victory over the Bluejays.

Kaukauna 4,

Oshkosh West 0

At Kaukauna, Maria Schneider had 10 kills and Maria

Miller totaled 12 digs to help the Ghosts sweep the Indians.

Kimberly 3, Oshkosh North 0

At Oshkosh, the Papermakers dominated the Spartans, beating them 15-3, 15-1, 15-2.

Girls' golf

Appleton East 176,

Waupaca 191

At Reid Municipal Golf Course, Erica Gruner shot a 42 to lead the Patriots past the

Comets.

Kaukauna 196,

Oshkosh North 223

At Lakeshore Golf Course in Oshkosh, Maria Lewis carded a 46 to lead the Ghosts past the Spartans.

Appleton West 200,

Neenah/Menasha 235

At Ridgeway Golf Club in Neenah, the Terrors' Elizabeth Lhost shot a 46 to lead all

golfers as West beat Neenah/Menasha.

Girls' tennis

Xavier 4,

Fox Valley Lutheran 3

At FVL, two of the Hawks' three wins went three sets in a victory over the Foxes.

Sara VanHandel won at No. 4 singles and Laura Brisch and Ann Rudolf won at No. 2 doubles.

Cross country

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FOND DU LAC RELAYS

BOYS

Red Division

NEENAH 1:25:52, OSHKOSH WEST 1:25:53, STEVENS POINT 1:25:54, SHEBOYGAN NORTH 1:27:49, MANITOWOC 1:33:11, FOND DU LAC 1:39:00.

White Division

MENOMONEE FALLS 1:27:14, SHEBOYGAN SOUTH 1:28:17, WATERTOWN 1:30:20, APPLETON WEST 1:30:47, APPLETON EAST 1:31:38, GREEN BAY NOTRE DAME 1:34:01.

1, Chris Solinsky SP 15:58; 2, Evan Bosetti N 16:42; 3, Chris Knutson MF 16:46; 4, Jason Miller N 16:53; 5, Dale Kloiber SN 16:55; 6, Max Garza OW 16:57; 7, John Senkbell SS 16:58; 8, James Anderson OW 17:01; 9, Kyle Stangel SN 17:04; 10, Quinn Baumberger SP 17:05.

Neenah: 11, Andrew Schaller 17:09; 19, Justin Michalkiewicz 17:33; 21, Rocky Schafer 17:35.

Oshkosh West: 12, Trevor Johnson 17:13; 13, Ross Martin 17:13; 16, Cody Lundquist 17:29.

Appleton West: 14, Nick Jacobson 17:23; 37, Dan Enger 18:01; 38, Chad Koch 18:02; 56, Paul Bady 18:40; 58, Kyle Kluge 18:41.

Appleton East: 36, Paul Gebheim 18:01; 45, Nate West 18:16; 47, Nate Lynch 18:19; 49, Tim Ryan 18:31; 50, Ryan Baxter 18:31.

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Red Division

NEENAH 1:20:03, FOND DU LAC 1:22:53, SHEBOYGAN NORTH 1:23:30, OSHKOSH WEST 1:26:39.

White Division

APPLETON EAST 1:23:20, GREEN BAY NOTRE DAME 1:23:33, BROOKFIELD CENTRAL 1:23:35, APPLETON WEST 1:25:06, WATERTOWN 1:25:36, SHEBOYGAN SOUTH 1:28:21.

1, Betsy McDonald N 14:45; 2, Tara Hinka FDL 15:17; 3, Briana Petersen SN 15:21; 4, Natalie Brown AW 15:41; 5, Leslie Lawton GBND 15:44; 6, Korah Petrasko AE 15:46; 7, Kristy Giljohann BC 15:53; 8, Rebecca Duley FDL 15:54; 9, Julia Rudd OW 15:56; 10, Katie Bartz W 15:58.

Neenah: 11, Jill Winkler 15:59; 15, Tara Schraufnagel 16:13; 20, Becky Ray 16:25; 22, Heather Wichmar 16:41.

Oshkosh West: 39, Amanda Jaworski 17:31; 40, Steph Minett 17:33; 45, Jesse Langkar 17:39; 56, Sam Kapke 18:00.

Appleton East: 18, Sarah Kaufman 16:21; 19, Elizabeth Schubert 16:22; 33, Lynn Rice 17:14; 42, Darchelle Rueden 17:37.

Appleton West: 21, Claire Koch 16:40; 32, Beth Guilbeault 17:14; 41, Heather Sassman 17:35; 54, Anna Ross 17:55.

Neenah boys and girls win

FOND DU LAC -- Betsy McDonald took medalist honors as the Neenah girls' cross country team beat three other teams to win the Red Division title in the Fond du Lac Relays on Friday.

McDonald was timed in 14 minutes, 45 seconds for the 2 1/2-mile course at Rolling Meadows Golf Course.

Appleton East, led by Korah Petrasko's sixth-place finish,

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took the White Division championship. Natalie Brown of fourth-place Appleton West took fourth overall.

In the boys' race, Neenah's Evan Bosetti took second and Jason Miller was fourth as the Rockets placed first in the Red Division.

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Neenah runs away with championship

By Dick Knapinski
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA - At the start of the prep cross country season, Neenah boys' coach John Morgen figured that the Rockets were a long way behind preseason favorite Oshkosh West.

On Thursday afternoon, the Rockets were behind nobody.

Neenah took four of the top five places on the Countryside Golf Course layout, scoring just 22 points to win the Fox Valley Association title.

"I don't think there was a secret coming into this race as far as what Oshkosh West and we wanted to do," Morgen said. "We knew we had to beat their third and fourth (runners) and they knew they had to do the same."

By putting all five of their scoring runners in the top eight positions, the Rockets left little doubt as to the title. Oshkosh West was second with 37 points with Oshkosh North a distant third with 117.

That decisiveness held true for Kaukauna senior Brooke Novak, who won her third straight FVA championship in a course-record time while leading the Ghosts to their first conference title since 1985.

In the boys' race, however, there was no clear-cut favorite and Oshkosh North's Will McEnroe decided to push the pace by opening a 25-meter lead after one mile.

"I wasn't surprised but I thought he had it all they way," Oshkosh West sophomore Max Garza said of McEnroe's start. "But then he died and we got by him."

McEnroe would eventually finish 16th as Garza, along with Neenah's Jason Miller and Evan Bosetti, then went to the front in the second half of the race. With less than a mile to go, Garza moved up to second then went by Miller in the closing stages to win the title in 16:20.

"I've seen him race from a distance before," Miller said of Garza. "I've seen his kick and he's a tough runner."

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Bosetti was third, followed by teammates Andy Schaller and Rocky Schafer. Sophomore Nick Westphal closed out Neenah's scoring by placing eighth.

Oshkosh West, meanwhile, put four runners in the top 10 with the Indians' fifth runner, Nick Hawley, coming in 13th.

"I thought Oshkosh West would try to stick behind Jason and Evan as long as they could," Morgen said. "I felt Evan and Jason were strong enough to be up front, so the real strategy came in with our third, fourth and fifth runners."

Kaukauna sophomore Mike Mankovecky, who was ninth, was the lone runner in the top 10 who wasn't with Neenah or Oshkosh West.

The Ghosts girls, who were also battling with Neenah for the team title, led all teams with three runners in the top 10. That was an impressive performance considering Kaukauna's No. 2 runner, Christy Cazzola, was weakened by illness and finished 11th.

Lizzie Grube and Jenna Mitchler picked up the slack somewhat, placing eighth and ninth to help the Ghosts finish with 53 points, 11 fewer than the Rockets.

"We're used to having Christy up there at No. 2," Kaukauna coach Jerry Brien said. "It was nice to see Lizzie and Jenna pick up the pace and finish strong."

Novak left no doubts about her dominance, going up by 12 seconds over Neenah's Betsy McDonald after one mile and steadily opening the gap to win in 14:14.

"I've already run against most of the people and I knew where I stood, so I really just tried to push myself and get a PR (personal record), which I did," Novak said.

McDonald also ran a personal best on the course, finishing second in 14:40.

"I got right out but I might have gone a little too fast," McDonald said. "I felt a little weak at the end."

Tara Hinke of Fond du Lac, Appleton North's Alison Hoff and Korah Petrasko of Appleton East completed the top five.

The Neenah girls scored a perfect 15 points to take girls' junior varsity title while the Oshkosh West boys won their JV meet with 29 points.

Appleton North freshman Antonio Martinez, who collapsed after the junior varsity race, was taken from the course by ambulance to Appleton Medical Center, but was released Thursday evening.

BOYS

NEENAH 22, OSHKOSH WEST 37, OSHKOSH NORTH 117, APPLETON EAST 122, APPLETON NORTH 135, KAUKAUNA 137, APPLETON WEST 151, MENASHA 260, FOND DU LAC 269, KIMBERLY 294 1, Max Garza OW 16:20; 2, Jason Miller N 16:33; 3, Evan Bosetti N 16:34; 4, Andy Schaller N 16:42; 5, Rocky Schafer N 16:44; 6, Trevor Johnson OW 16:45; 7, James Anderson OW 16:48; 8, Nick Westphal N 16:48; 9, Mike Mankovecky KAU 17:00; 10, Ross Martin OW 17:03.

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Oshkosh West: 13, Nick Hawley 17:13.

GIRLS

KAUKAUNA 53, NEENAH 64, APPLETON EAST 80, APPLETON NORTH 101, FOND DU LAC 118, APPLETON WEST 151, OSHKOSH WEST 182, OSHKOSH NORTH 222, KIMBERLY 225, MENASHA 242 1, Brooke Novak KAU 14:14 (course record); 2, Betsy McDonald N 14:40; 3, Tara Hinke F 15:04; 4, Alison Hoff AN 15:14; 5, Korah Petrasko AE 15:15; 6, Jill Winkler N 15:33; 7, Julia Rudd OW 15:40; 8, Lizzie Grube KAU 15:42; 9, Jenna Mitchler KAU 15:43; 10, Rebecca Duley F 15:43.

Other top area finishers Appleton East: 13, Elizabeth Schubert 15:54; 14, Nelle Westphal 15:56; 18, Sarah Kaufman 16:09; 30, Darchelle Rueden 17:02.

Appleton North: 16, Sarah Goff 16:05; 22, Stephanie Peters 16:37; 28, Katy Olson 16:54; 31, Morgan Sours 17:04.

Appleton West: 12, Natalie Brown 15:53; 25, Claire Koch 16:45; 35, Beth

Guilbeault 17:12; 36, Amanda Hinkens 17:13; 43, Andrea Kempfer 17:38.

Kaukauna: 11, Christy Cazzola 15:51; 24, Bridgett Hammen 16:40.

Kimberly: 26, Stacy Bogard 16:51; 46, Jenny Anderson 17:54; 48, Katie Rheingans 18:01; 49, Bethany Stowell 18:01; 56, Megan Karr 18:21.

Menasha: 32, Jenny Hartung 17:04; 41, Meghan Quinn 17:36; 51, Hannah Landwehr 18:03; 57, Marisa Howe 18:24; 61, Jenny Hanson 18:31.

Neenah: 17, Tara Schraufnagel 16:09; 19, Becky Ray 16:16; 20, Amanda Smith 16:30.

Oshkosh North: 21, Kristin Leach 16:34; 27, Melissa Minerath 16:52; 53, Meghan Lennon 18:10; 59, Elizabeth Follett 18:26; 62, Erin Lennon 18:32.

Oshkosh West: 39, Steph Minett 17:28; 40, Sam Kapke 17:34; 42, Jesse Langkau 17:36; 54, Jackie Tomaszewski 18:20.

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Neenah boys, Kaukauna girls claim FVA titles

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The Neenah girls' cross country team new it would have to break up a powerful Kaukauna threesome to defend its Fox Valley Association title at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna Thursday.

What they may not have expected is a fourth Ghosts runner to materialize in the top 11 and eliminate their conference chances. Kaukauna gained its first team title since 1985 with 53 team points, while Neenah was runner-up with 64. Fond du Lac was fifth with 116, followed by Oshkosh West in seventh (182), Oshkosh North in eighth (222) and Menasha in 10th (242) to round out area team finishes.



The Neenah boys' broke up a veteran Oshkosh West team to return the conference title to the Rockets, who won their third team title in the last four years. Neenah scored 22 points, with Jason Miller (16:33), Evan Bosetti (16:34), Andy Schaller (16:42) and Rocky Schafer (16:44) finishing consecutively in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Sophomore Max Garza won the boys' 5,000-meter race in 16:20 for the Indians', but Oshkosh West could not keep pace with the Rockets, earning runner-up honors with 37 points. Oshkosh North was third with a distant 117 points, followed by Menasha in eighth (260), and Fond du Lac in ninth (269).

Despite Brooke Novak's third straight conference title in a course record 14 minutes, 14 seconds, the Kaukauna girls' team was pressed by the Rockets, who finished six runners ahead of the Ghosts fifth runner. Kaukauna counteracted the Neenah effort, however, with four runners ahead of the Rockets Nos. 3, 4 and 5 runners.

Betsy McDonald headed the Neenah charge in second (14:40), and teammates Jill Winkler followed in sixth (15:22), Tara Schraufnagel 17th (16:09), Becky Ray 19th (16:16) and Amanda Smith in 20th.

Neenah coach Ron Fedenko said his team was disappointed, but said he was impressed with the effort his top five gave.

"It came down to our third, fourth and fifth and we just picked up too many points there," he said. "Betsy McDonald ran outstanding and Jill Winkler was solid and three, four and five ran well. We just didn't have it."

The Oshkosh West girls' team wasn't in contention for the team title, but got an

impressive effort from senior Julia Rudd. The Indians' senior had never run cross country before this season, but finished seventh overall in 15:40.

"I don't think Rudd had anything left," Oshkosh West coach Russ Hoxtell said. "We thought sixth or seventh would be realistic as a team."

Oshkosh North finished behind the Indians, and were led by senior Kirstin Leach in 21st (16:34) and Missie Minerath in 27th (16:52).

"I think they gave the best effort they could. Unfortunately, I know some aren't happy with how they did," he said.

Tara Hinke guided Fond du Lac winding the course in 15:04, while Jenny Hartung paced Menasha in 34th (17:04).

After beating Oshkosh West by just one second earlier this season, Neenah boys' team got a complete effort to seize the FVA title. Jason Miller and Evan Bosetti held their positions in front of a pack of four Indians' runners, before being joined by Andy Schaller and Rocky Schafer at the finish line.

"It was clear Oshkosh West would be the team to beat, if we were going to win the conference meet," Neenah coach John Morgen said. "We reeled them in just before the second mile."

Oshkosh West ran a stellar race and kept pace with Neenah, but were unable to stay in front in the last half-mile.

"They just beat us, they were a better team," he said. "We didn't run that poorly, but we didn't execute the race plan we talked about. We just didn't get it done up front."

Garza surprised the field, after hanging behind Bosetti and Miller throughout the race. He then caught Bosetti before passing Miller and winning by 13-seconds.

Garza said he was happy with his effort by did not expect it.

"I wasn't feeling that great, but I ran the best I could and everyone ran well," he said. "After the two-mile mark I passed Evan Bosetti and thought I had a good shot at Jason Miller and took it."

Oshkosh North coach Tony Bolz said he was pleased with his team. Will McEnroe placed 16th (17:18) after leading the first half of the race, while Alex Docta was 15th (17:16) and Matt Rego 19th (17:28) for the Spartans.

"We knew Neenah and Oshkosh West were a lot better than everyone else right now," Bolz said. "We weren't out extremely hard, with the exception of Will McEnroe. It was a controlled race the entire way."

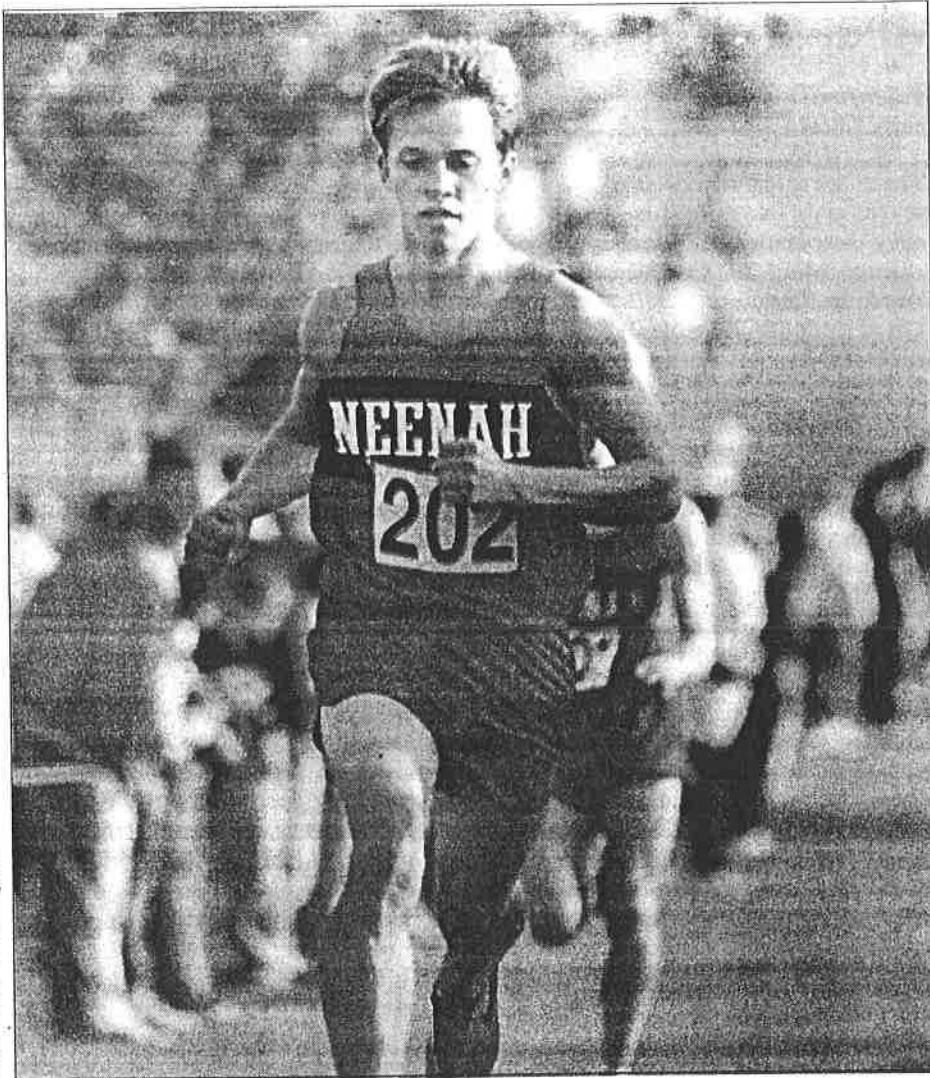


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Neenah junior Jason Miller paces himself to a second place finish overall in the Fox Valley Association conference meet at Countryside Golf Club in Kaukauna. Miller's time of 16:33 was Neenah's best time.

Rocket boys win FVA Cross Country Meet with near perfect results

By Benjamin C. Doeren
Sports Editor

There were plenty of storylines for the Neenah boys in this year's Fox Valley Association Conference Cross Country Meet at Countryside Golf Course in Kaukauna.

On an individual level, all eyes were on senior Evan Bosetti as he looked to continue his hot running of the fall. There was also the question of whether any of his teammates would be able to catch him.

As a team, the Rockets hoped to have enough depth to knock off rival Oshkosh West, which won this championship last year, for the overall title.

After an Indian runner crossed the finish line first, there was nothing but a sea of red as the next four runners were all from Neenah. In a bit of a surprise, it was Jason Miller that was the first Rocket to finish as he earned second, just seconds ahead of third-place Bosetti.

Andy Schaller grabbed fourth and Rocky Shafer placed fifth overall. And although sixth and seventh went to Oshkosh West, Neenah's Nick Westfahl sped his way to an eighth-place finish, which locked up the team title for the Rockets.

"Our biggest goal this season was to win the conference meet," Neenah coach John Morgen said. "When we came into the season, we were a long ways away from Oshkosh West. Coming in, we focused on the fact that everybody had to run well to

beat a quality team like Oshkosh. A conference championship means more when you beat a team as good as West.

"We were really up for the task - the entire team. From Jason running so well to Evan to Andy Schaller, who was way up today. Also Rocky and Nick, who started the year on the junior varsity. Justin Michalkiewicz also did well by finishing 11th. I can't say enough about how they all kept going and didn't quit."

For both Morgen and the runners, a demanding regular season schedule, which saw Neenah compete in places like Milwaukee and Port Washington, was a key ingredient to this championship.

"All season long, we've been running against teams which according to the rankings would have beaten us," Morgen said. "We've been the underdog in almost every race we've run. It really prepared us by running against the best runners in the state from the south and from the north. It makes it more rewarding when you are a quality team and you defeat another quality team.

Miller echoed the thoughts of Morgen.

"We started the season unranked and went down south to a meet where we ran against the fifth-ranked and ninth-ranked teams in the state. We did the best we could and we ended up winning the meet," Miller said. "That was the first step. After

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that, we worked hard and we started beating big-name teams. Our team never quit and we're so proud of ourselves."

The next step is the chance at being able to qualify for the state meet. The first hurdle will come as the Rockets head to Fond du Lac for the sectionals.

"We feel a lot better going into the sectionals this year," Miller said. "Last year, we were so worried about even

just making it to state. This year, we feel confident that we're going to get there, but we can't let ourselves down now. We still have to do a lot of work to get there."

Morgen added, "We accomplished our first goal with conference, now we just want to make it to state. We're going to see a lot of these same teams at sectionals. I think our conference is one of the best in the state and stronger than ones that some of the schools we'll see are in. I feel good about our chances, as long as we stay healthy and run as we should."