

BOYS

<u>RUNNER</u>	<u>1 MILE</u>	<u>2 MILE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1. Eric Oakley	5:20	11:03	16:35	3
2. Tom Schaper	5:20	11:09	16:50	8
3. Erik Scribner	5:20	11:16	17:06	14
4. Jim Lamb	5:29	11:39	17:42	22
5. Bryan LeGault	5:36	11:49	17:45	23
6. Todd Napiwocki	5:38	11:53	17:48	25
7. Scott Meulemans	5:37	11:49	17:53	27

<u>VARSIITY TOP TEN</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. Brett Burt	Appleotn West	16:06
2. Dan Grogan	Appleton East	16:23
3. Eric Oakley	Neenah	16:35
4. Shannon Voss	Oshkosh West	16:38
5. Jim DuBord	Appleton East	16:40
6. Hugh Sanders	Oshkosh North	16:45
7. Kevin Brice	Appleton East	16:48
8. Tom Schaper	Neenah	16:50
9. Tom Harron	Oshkosh West	17:00
10. Mike Miller	Appleton East	17:01

<u>VARSIITY TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1. Appleton East	39
2. Oshkosh West	69
3. Neenah	70
4. Appleton West	100
5. Oshkosh North	109
6. Menasha	153
7. Kaukauna	175
8. Kimberly	176

<u>OPEN RACE</u>	<u>1 MILE</u>	<u>2 MILE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. Rob Witson	5:43	12:24	18:47
2. Bill Hammett	6:00	12:47	19:13
3. Darin Schoening	6:25	14:06	21:00
4. Russ Stern	6:45	14:20	21:24

<u>JUNIOR VARSITY RUNNER</u>	<u>1 MILE</u>	<u>2 MILE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1. Al Collins	5:38	12:22	18:31	2
2. Jeff Wheeler	5:59	12:34	18:44	7
3. Glen Smith	5:53	12:34	18:55	12
4. Alex Scribner	6:06	12:50	19:02	15
5. Jeff Enz	5:59	12:46	19:17	21
6. Mike Halverson	6:12	13:03	19:18	22
7. Chris Braun	6:44	-----	-----	--

FVA cross country

East, Neenah capture team crowns

BY GARY SHRIVER
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KAUKAUNA—"Most people don't think of cross country as a team sport," said Ron Fedenko, who coaches Neenah's girls' cross country team. "But you can have the best runner in the world and still not win the big meets. You have to have a team of runners to have a chance at championships."

Both Fedenko and Joe Perez, who coaches the Appleton East boys, received quality team efforts as the Rockets and the Patriots swept to the team championships Thursday in the Fox Valley Association cross country meet at Country Side Golf Course.

"Depth is the key to winning. You have to have quality in at least six runners because you can never tell if something is going to happen to one of your top five," said Perez, who has now coached East to six FVA boys' cross country titles.

The Patriots had four finishers in the top 10. Don Grogan was second, Jim Dubord fifth, Kevin Brice sev-

enth and Mike Miller 10th. Steve Meredith was 15th.

"The only real surprise was Brice," Perez said. "He ran his best race of the season today. We knew that he was capable of doing this and he picked a great time to put it together. Our two sophomores (Miller and Meredith) finished strong to give us the points we needed, and of course our seniors led the way."

For Burr, it was the second straight FVA individual title after he finished 20th as a sophomore. He completed the 5,000-meter course in 16:06, 17 seconds better than Grogan.

"It was wet, very wet," said Burr. "I fell down a couple of times during the race and I had to slow down on the corners. I also took a wrong turn once on the course. This is the first time this season that I've had to run in this much water. The course isn't really that difficult. For example, Fond du Lac has a lot of hills. But the water made it very tough today. If I had to choose between water and hills, I

would take the hills."

Paced by a 1-2-3 finish by Eileen Schaller, Kris Burr and Kathy Monard, Neenah scored 19 points to easily outdistance Appleton East (61) for the girls' crown.

Appleton East withstood an individual first by Appleton West's Brett Burr to take the boys' title with 39 points. Oshkosh West was second with 69.

Schaller, Burr, Monard and Oshkosh North's Meghan McCarthy ran most of the race in that order ahead of the rest of the field. The Rockets' Sue Burr was sixth and Joan Swanson seventh as the team took its second FVA championship in a row.

Schaller, who finished second to her sister Kathy last season, overcame a bronchial infection to take the 3,200-meter race in 11:27.

"I had a cold since track season and I had checkup because a cold isn't supposed to last that long. That's when they found out about the bronchitis," said Schaller. "That

kind of slowed me down a bit, and I got tired towards the end of the race. It was also sloppy out there because of all the water on the course. The footing wasn't very good."

"These girls worked very hard, especially during the summer," said Fedenko. "They really wanted to win. And to repeat as champions is an awfully big thrill for me."

Kaukauna won the boys' junior varsity championship with 54 points; Neenah was second with 57.

Boys (5,000 meters)

APPLETON EAST 39, OSKOSH WEST 49, NEENAH 70, APPLETON WEST 100, OSKOSH NORTH 109, MENASHA 152, KAUKAUNA 175, KIMBERLY 176.

1. Brett Burr AW 16:06; 2. Don Grogan AE; 3. Eric Oakley N; 4. Shannon Voss OW; 5. Jim Dubord AE; 6. Hugh Sanders ON; 7. Kevin Brice AE; 8. Tom Schopper N; 9. Tom Horron OW; 10. Mike Miller AE.

Girls (3,200 meters)

NEENAH 19, APPLETON EAST 61, OSKOSH NORTH 109, MENASHA 115, KAUKAUNA 119, APPLETON WEST 126, OSKOSH WEST 175, KIMBERLY 216.

1. Eileen Schaller N 11:27; 2. Kris Burr N; 3. Kathy Monard N; 4. Ashlan McCarthy ON; 5. Beth Weiland ON; 6. Sue Burr N; 7. Joan Swanson N; 8. Karin Brice AE; 9. Cheryl Miller AE; 10. Tiffany Church AW.

<u>JUNIOR VARSITY TOP TEN</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1. Kevin Galoff	Appleton East	18:30
2. Al Collins	Neenah	18:31
3. Kevin Ritzman	Appleton West	18:35
4. Peter Graves	Appleton West	18:40
5. Ed Kempen	Kaukauna	18:41
6. Terry Schowalter	Appleton West	18:42
7. Jeff Wheeler	Neenah	18:43
8. Jim Lemlcuil	Oshkosh West	18:44
9. John Mack	Kaukauna	18:45
10. Paul Smith	Oshkosh West	18:53

<u>JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1. Kaukauna	54
2. Neenah	57
3. Oshkosh West	70
4. Appleton West	82
5. Appleton East	93
6. Oshkosh North	184

Neenah girls, East boys harrier meet favorites

MENASHA — Neenah is a likely overwhelming favorite in the girls' race and Appleton East rates as a slight edge in the boys' event in the 14th annual Fox Valley Association cross country meet Thursday.

Menasha is the host school for the meet on the Countryside course.

The Neenah girls, who have lost only twice in the last four years (in the state tournament in 1980 and to Stevens Point in the Kettle-Moriane Invitational this fall) easily have outrun all conference foes this fall.

They have won four straight conference titles and six of the first seven. Menasha won the other in 1978. The Bluejays were second the last three years.

Returnees from last year's top 10 include Neenah's Eileen Schaller second (her sister, Kathy, won the race), teammates Kathy Monard fourth, Kris Burr sixth, Sue Burr seventh and Joan Swanson eighth; Oshkosh North's Meghan McCarthy fifth; Menasha's Sara Morawek ninth and Cheri Miller, Appleton East, 10th.

The boys' race figures to be much closer with the defending champion Rockets battling the Patriots for honors.

East has had the edge in meetings

this year, including 28-38 in last week's quadrangular.

Menasha, which finished sixth last fall, is expected to move up in the standings.

Appleton West's outstanding Brett Burt returns as the individual champion. Others from the top 10 returning include Neenah's Eric Oakley fifth and Jim Dubord and Kevin Brice, East, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Neenah bested the Patriots 43-48 in last year's league test at Countryside but Don Grogan, one of the latter's top runners again this fall, was injured early in the race and finished 54th.

The Rockets and Pats have dominated the meet since its inception in 1970, taking all championships except the 1980 title, which went to Kaukauna.

Neenah took the first crown, shared the title with East the next fall and followed with firsts in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978 and the last two years.

The race program will begin with an open race for non-varsity or jayvee boys and girls at 3:30 p.m. The boys' jayvee race is scheduled for 4 o'clock, boys' varsity at 4:30 and girls' varsity at 5 p.m.

Schaller leads Rockets to win

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KAUKAUNA — While bronchitis would cause most of us to become bedridden, for Neenah's Eileen Schaller it's just another hill to climb on the way to state.

Schaller, one of the top girl distance runners in the state, won the girls' division of the Fox Valley Association cross country meet at the Country Side Golf Course here in convincing, if rather tired fashion Thursday.

"I've had it (bronchitis) for about a month, but I didn't go to the doctor until last week," Schaller said. "I knew that it was more than just a cold because I had it so long."

Schaller was only a second ahead of second place finisher Kris Burr, also of Neenah, finishing in a time of 11:27. "It's hard for me to breathe right now, and I feel real



Eileen Schaller

tired and worn out at the end of the race," Schaller said. "Kris (Burr) has been helping while I've been sick, telling me I can do it, and that helps."

With five girls in the top 10 finishers, Neenah won the meet with 19 points. Appleton East took second with 61 points, followed by Oshkosh North with 109, Menasha 115, Kaukauna 119, Appleton West 124, Oshkosh West 175 and Kimberly 214.

Appleton East, behind the predictable first-place finish of Brett Burt (16:06), took first in the boys' division with 39 points.

Oshkosh West took second with 69, Neenah third with 70, Appleton West 100, Oshkosh North 109, Menasha 153, Kaukauna 175 and Kimberly 176.

Kathy Monard took third for Neenah followed by Oshkosh North's Megan McCarthy and Beth Weiland.

The Neenah girls, according to Coach Ron Fedenko, are thinking about the state meet two weeks from now. "That's been their goal all year, and knowing these girls and the way they run I know they'll do well," Fedenko said.

Shannon Voss took fourth place in the boys' meet for Oshkosh West with a time of 16:38, and Tom Harton came in ninth at 17:00, which pleased West Coach Russ Hoxtell. "We could run this course 10 times and we'd never run

it as good as we did today," Hoxtell said. "We hit our peak today."

"Voss ran just a super race, and I'm real happy with the rest of the team too."

"This is the meet as far as I'm concerned. The sectional meet and state are gravy."

Neenah's Eric Oakley, who finished third and was followed in by teammate Tom Schaper who took seventh, is also looking forward to the state meet.

"I'm hoping to qualify for state in cross country and hopefully have a chance to start during the basketball season," Oakley said.

Hugh Sanders took sixth for Oshkosh North, timed at 16:45.

"I'm pleased with all the kids' performances," North Coach Ron Swanson said. "We had some excellent times."

"Megan McCarthy wanted to beat the Neenah girls but it just wasn't in the cards for her today."

In the jaycee meet the Neenah JV team made it a near thing for Kaukauna, taking second place with 57 points to first place Kaukauna's 54.

Oshkosh West finished third with 70 points, Appleton West was fourth with 82 and Appleton East and Oshkosh North followed with 93 and 184 points respectively.

GIRLS

<u>RUNNER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1. Eileen Schaller	11:27	1
2. Kris Burr	11:28	2
3. Kthy Monard	11:33	3
4. Sue Burr	12:05	6
5. Joan Swanson	12:13	7
6. Amy Garlock	12:31	11
7. Jill Camber	12:44	13

COMPLETION OF VARSITY TOP TEN

SCHOOL

TIME

4. Meghan McCarthy	Oshkosh North	12:20
5. Beth Weiland	Oshkosh North	11:52
8. Karin Brice	Appleton East	12:20
9. Cheri Miller	Appleton East	12:27
10. Tiffany Church	Appleton West	12:30

OPEN RACE

1 MILE

TIME

PLACE

1. Cathy Gilmore	6:45	13:31	1
2. Kathy Burr	6:48	13:37	2
3. Jan Schaper	6:55	13:52	3
4. Lyn Moede	6:59	14:23	5
5. Karen Reiden	7:08	14:26	6

VARSIITY TEAM

SCORE

1. Neenah	19
2. Appleton East	61
3. Oshkosh North	109
4. Menasha	115
5. Kaukauna	119
6. Appleton West	124
7. Oshkosh West	175
8. Kimberly	214

Rocket girls win conference again

KAUKAUNA — Sending the first 3 runners through the chute, the Neenah High School girls' cross country team won its fifth straight Fox Valley Association championship at Countryside Thursday afternoon.

The Rockets collected 19 points to outdistance Appleton East, which had 61.

Oshkosh North was third with 109, Menasha fourth with 115 and then Kaukauna 119, Appleton West 124, Oshkosh West 175 and Kimberly 214.

Favored Appleton East took the boys' meet with 39 points. The Rockets finished third with 70, a point behind runnerup Oshkosh West.

Appleton West was fourth with 100, followed by Oshkosh North 109, Menasha 153, Kaukauna 175 and Kimberly 176.

Neenah's Eileen Schaller edged

teammate Kris Burr by a second to take individual honors.

Schaller, who finished second to her sister, Kathy, last year, was clocked in 11:27 and Burr posted 11:28. Schaller was ahead all the way.

Kathy Monard was just a couple of seconds behind the leaders, placing third in 11:33.

Sue Burr was sixth in 12:05, Joan Swanson seventh in 12:20, Amy Garlock 11th in 12:31 and Jill Camber 13th in 12:44.

Others in the first 10 were Meghan McCarthy, Oshkosh North, fourth; Beth Weiland, North, fifth; Karen Brice, Appleton East, eighth; Cheri Miller, East, ninth, and Tiffany Church, Appleton West, 10th.

Sara Morawek led the Bluejay finishers with a 14th place. Mindy Crum was 16th, Jody VanderWielen 21st, Kim Oberstein 27th, Heidi Weingartner 37th, Jenny Van De Hey 40 and Sharon Harp 43rd.

"Considering all that happened this week, the top seven girls ran exceptionally well. They are a close-knit group," Coach Ron Fedenko said.

Eileen (Schaller) ran well although she has bronchitis. She ran with grit and determination," Coach Ron Fedenko said.

"Kris was only a step behind Eileen and Kathy Monard was only a couple of steps behind them," Fedenko said.

The Rocket coach also lauded Joan Swanson, whom he said had an excellent race. Her mother died last weekend.

"It was an outstanding effort by all seven girls, considering everything," Fedenko concluded.

The Neenah boys were thwarted in their bid for a third straight championship by an East team, which placed 4 runners in the top 10.

Appleton West's Brett Burt repeated as the individual winner in 16:06.

Don Grogan of East was second in 16:23 and Eric Oakley of the Rockets placed third in 16:35.

Neenah's Tom Schaper was eighth in 16:50, Erik Scribner 14th, Jim Lamb 22nd, Brian LeGault 23rd, Todd Napiwocki 25th and Scott Meulemans 27th.

Tom Severson led the Bluejays with a 13th place finish in 17:04.

John Rohr was 21st, Jeff Vollmer 38th, Todd Mason 39th, Don Schend 42nd and Tom Van Veen 55th.

Kaukauna won the boys' jayvee race with 54 points, 3 less than the Rockets.

Oshkosh West totaled 70, Appleton West 82, Appleton East 93 and Oshkosh North 184. The Bluejays didn't field a full team.

Kevin Galloff of East was the winner in 18:30, finishing a second ahead of Neenah's Alex Collins.

Jeff Wheeler was seventh, Glen Smith 12th, Alex Scribner 15th, Jeff Enz 21st and Mike Halverson 22nd.

Menasha places were Bill Borchart 25th, Jay Wendt 28th and Kim Doering 31st.

Cathy Gilmore of Neenah was first in the girls' open race in 13:31. Kathy Burr finished second, Jan Schaper third, Lyn Moede fifth and Karen Rieden sixth.

The Twin City teams are idle until Oct. 22 when they will compete in the WIAA sectional at Fond du Lac.



Here's your winner

Neenah's Eileen Schaller heads through the chute to take the first-place tag at the finish line of the girls' race in the Fox Valley Association cross country meet Thursday at Country Side Golf Course near Kaukauna. Schaller fought off a bon-

chial infection to win the 3,200-meter event in 11 minutes, 27 seconds. Following close behind is teammate Kris Burr, who placed second. Neenah swept to the girls' team crown, while Appleton East captured the boys' team title. (Post-Crescent photo by Ralph Acker)

