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Garret Mountain again will be the scene of many a major girls cross-country meet this season.

Ridgewood harriers loom as Bergen's best

By Ann Erelina
Correspondent

Just one word sums up the upcoming 1980 girls high school cross-country season — Ridgewood.

The Maroons, second in Bergen County last year, have all their top runners back and it wouldn't be surprising if Ridgewood's best prove to be the best in the state.

Jock Brown's dream team is composed of twins Mary Ellen and Patricia Mileski, Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy, Barbara Remmers, Colleen Wright, and Chris Speranza. And Brown adds, "Every year I get surprised [by incoming freshmen.]"

Ridgewood is the deepest team, but it is not the only team in the County with talented runners. Two girls to watch closely are Pascack Valley's Mary Ellen McGowan and Ramsey's Kathy Jones. Other All-County first- and second-team selections returning include: Laura Falci of Saddle Brook; Sue Ellen McSweeney of Old Tappan; Pam Okolita of Cliffside Park, and Cheryl Wagner of Pascack Valley.

The leading teams figure to be Pascack Valley, Saddle Brook, Ramsey, Old Tappan, and Dumont.

A closer look at the leagues and individuals follows:

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Ridgewood's top six are back. In addition, Patty Mileski, who last year ran on the junior high team, joins the squad.

Ridgewood won't be the only team in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League to watch. Bergenfield, Hackensack, and Teaneck have separate girls programs and should be competitive.

Bergenfield lost three top runners but coach Frank Schorling still has a pair of sophomores, Maria Nordberg and Wendy Korn, and senior Cathy Martin to lead the team.

There are four seniors on Ed Church's Hackensack team, and for the first time, the Comets have a full team. Only one, Renita Terry, has any cross-country experience, however. Church looks to Jenny Osborne to be a big help.

"I expect that Ridgewood will destroy us," says Church, "but we should be respectable. We won't be lousy."

Teaneck coach Betsy Lehner is looking to Melissa Cohen, Judy Palmer, and



Mary Ellen Mileski

Adrian Brown to help her team. Lehner says she feels lucky just to have a team. The Board of Education reinstated on Sept. 2 the program that had been cut in the spring.

Both Clifton and Wayne Valley should field competitive squads. So far Russ DeVries, the Wayne Valley coach, has only four runners, but one of them is Hanna Herman, a junior. Clifton is led by three experienced runners: senior Lauren Bakelaar; and juniors Dagmar Schmidt and Kay Magome.

Passaic Valley also will field a full team for the first time. Twelve girls showed up for the preseason meeting. Fair Lawn, although it lost some of its best runners, has Sue Liebeskind, a senior, to lead the team. Bloomfield has Nancy Deneka returning and Paramus has no team.

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Whereas Ridgewood fields the area's best team, the Northern Bergen Interscholastic League is the most competitive. Last year's league and County champion Old Tappan has lost Colleen Dunn, Debbie Meberg, and Megan Murtaugh to graduation, making Pascack Valley a threat to the Knights' reign.

Pascack Valley's Bill Henshaw's tone, however, is a conservative one in discussing his team's prospects. "They're [Old Tappan] the defending champs, and they're the only ones to win the league championship since we started. But we'll close the gap on them."

BCSL American

Dumont is the preseason favorite in the Bergen County Scholastic League American Division. Coach Norm Fink says he has a "solid five" in Pattie McCluskey,

PV's Mary Ellen McGowan is easily one of the County's top harriers. Backing up McGowan, on a team that Henshaw refers to as "the best girls team I've coached," are juniors Cheryl Wagner, Kelly Luther, and Sue Parker, senior Kate Veraldo, and sophomores Pam Farrell and Stephanie Witt.

Old Tappan, coached by Bruce Hyde, won't be a pushover. Sue Ellen McSweeney, a sophomore, should lead the Knights to another winning season.

Numerous individuals should have outstanding seasons. River Dell has a freshman, Michele Denning, who already has impressed some observers. The Golden Hawks suffered no major graduation

losses and returning are cocaptains Corinne Linardic and Carol Ann Denning, Michele's older sister. Nonetheless, coach Bob Stevenson admits only to, "I'll be very happy with third."

Westwood and Northern Highlands will give everyone a good run. Westwood's nucleus is Barbara Gradley, Ann Ruiz, Dawn Melie, and Carole Grisoni. The Highlanders are paced by underclasswomen Julie Craig, Cathy Curran, Alison Farbaniec, Liz Kadel, Carol Ann Alvarez, Pam Bruce, and Jane Newett.

Demarest lost all but Ann Marie Ulrich to graduation and is rebuilding. Coach John Scullion was encouraged by the Nrseswomen turnout, but realizes his league is a tough one. "If you get past the NBIL, you're OK in the Group 3 anywhere," he says.

Trish Papale and Karen Fields, both juniors, are the experienced members on the Wayne Hills squad.

This is the first season Indian Hills has fielded a girls team. Neither Ramapo nor Pascack Hills will field a full team. But Ramapo coach Rich Mullins adds, "I'm working my tail off trying to get one together."

No depth is the problem Rutherford's Jay Cuny expects to have. Bianca O'Connell leads the Bulldogs with Helen Quinn and Rose Marie Delvesco other experienced runners.

The rest of the National Division is thin. Individuals who could have fine seasons are: Pat Turczynski and Claudia Schs of Becton, Ruth Winkler and Carol Colborn of Hasbrouck Heights, Pam Mul-

meier of Leonia, and Nina Binetti of Jamie Vauchan and Sharon Funk of Palisades Park.

Most of the schools in the Olympic Division lack full teams. The top runners figure to be Dawn Pavlu and Eve Adair of Ridgefield, Joann Cox and Nora Mesa of Harrison, Christine Fitzgerald of Bogota, and Meredith Murphy of Park Ridge.

Ramsey and Passaic Tech appear to be the front-runners in the Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League. Elmwood Park and Midland Park also should have good teams.

Kathy Jones, along with Colleen and Erin Murphy, lead the Ramsey team. Lou Mlino, whose team finished in the top five of the County last year, has reason for his optimism. He didn't lose any top runners to graduation.

Passaic Tech again is led by Rhonda Crawley. The Bulldogs have one gap to fill — Claudia Moodie has moved to Westwood. But coach Charles Weinpahl is optimistic he has four runners who will offset Moodie's loss, Annette Gonzalez; Margaret Bugg; Stacey Pierce; and Donna Ponzio.

Midland Park's top three are Courtney and Tracy Huntzinger, and Karen Pincoe. Elmwood Park has six returning lettermen, led by Karen and Sue Kazenmayer.

Questions rather than predictions surround the other B-PSL teams. Several will even have trouble fielding a team.



Mary Ellen McGowan

NNJPC

Paul VI enters the Northern New Jersey Parochial Conference season looking like the strongest team with seniors Pam Farinella and Joan Profita returning. Coach Roger McNeill considers them to be among the top runners in Passaic County.

Darla Wisse returns to Eastern Christian as do Sharon DeVries and Karen Dykman. But coach Bob Reith says he is unsure about his team's prospects. "It's really hard to say who else we'll get."

Pope Pius is counting on Eileen Oleiak, who finished second in the State sectional meet last year.

Independents

Immaculate Heart has three returning runners including senior Aimee Larrat, sophomore Jackie Hafner, and sophomore Tracy Wood.

To most coaches in Passaic County, Kennedy appears unbeatable. Karen Kirkland and Stephanie Jackson lead the team along with Shirley Daniel, a promising freshman.

Eastside will feel the absence of the graduated Natalie Jordan. In her place is younger sister Tonya. Other Eastsiders include Pam Lewis, an All-County selection in 1979, and Kim Rousseau.

Mary Anne Gallagher is Paramus Catholic's No. 1 runner as coach Randy Krakower's team rebuilds.

Skyline

Based on past performances, Pequannock, again looks like the Skyline Conference's top team. The 18 girls who turned out are led by twins Laura and Barbara Forsythe, Debbie Herkstroter, and Lynn Blomberg. Coach Ted Kosko says, "This should be the best team I've had in four years."

West Milford, DePaul, and Jefferson offer the stiffest competition for the Panthers. Julie Ott and Ann Rogers lead West Milford, Colleen Murphy returns for DePaul, and Jefferson's mainstays are Sue Hollister, Karen Koslowski, and Tracy Hutchins.

Other individuals to watch are Debbie Smith and Debby Franco of Morris Catholic, Nancy Schmidt and Inge Schuurmans of Kinnelon, Jill Ball and Jeanette Crowley of Butler, and Maria Sullivan and Lisa Sihelmick of Pompton Lakes.

Chodnicki sixth in New York race

NEW YORK — Kristen Banks of Reading, Pa., 23, won the Women's Half-Marathon in Central Park yesterday in a meet-record time of 1 hour, 16 minutes, and 38 seconds.

The area's top finisher was Saddle Brook's Jean Chodnicki, 21, who finished sixth in 1:22.05. Other top finishers were

Sue Kroosted, 22, of Allendale, 15th (1:26.50); Toshiko D'Elia, 50, of Ridge-wood, 26th (1:29.19); Helen Bedrock, 45, of Cliffside Park, 35th (1:30.12); and Susan Pollard, 34, of Hasbrouck Heights, 52nd (1:34.19). D'Elia won the 50-59 age-group category while Bedrock was third in the 40-49 category.

Cross Country

by Ellen Mackey

Once again, Ridgewood had an outstanding cross country season. The Girls' Varsity won every major league championship they entered and placed second in the States Championship, losing first to North Hunterdon. In the Boys' Varsity, Tom Hughes finished 12th as the top Bergen individual.

Tom Hughes, Paul O'Leary, Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy, Sue Hart, Mary Ellen and Pat Mileski, are all on the First Team All League (composite of the best runners in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League). Jim Ketterson, Kevin Murphy, Doug Smith, and Chris McKenna, are on the Second Team. Mike Jones and Anya Kannengeiser have Honorable Mention in the League Standing.

Here are the results of the First Team members from Ridgewood (in alphabetical order):

Carol Dickstein (Sr.) – Placed 3rd in NBIL (Northern Bergen Interscholastic League) championship (19:56), placed 3rd in state Group Four sectionals (19:43), took 6th in Bergen Meet of Champions (19:39), 8th in Manhattan Invitational (15:29.8), was 11th in state Group Four championships (19:55), and finished 50th in the State Championship. In the States, she was bothered by a sinus infection.

Kathy Duffy (Sr.) – Was 4th in Bergen Meet of Champions (19:33), was 4th in NNJIL Championship (19:44), was 12th in Group Four State Championships (19:58), took 15th in Manhattan Invitational (16:00.7), was 19th in State Group Four Sectionals (20:56). She suffered an injury during the state championship and did not come in the top 50.

Sue Hart (Jr.) – Ran 4th in State Group Four sectional championships (19:55), took 5th in NNJIL championships (19:45), ran 14th in state Group Four championships (20:08), placed 23rd in Manhattan Invitational (16:13.2), and came in 32nd in the State Championship.

Tom Hughes (Sr.) – Won NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) Group Four sectional championship (16:00.3), won Bergen Meet of Champions (16:02.7), won NNJIL (Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League) championship (16:07), placed fifth in Manhattan "A" Invitational (12:59.7), was 9th in NJSIAA Group Four championships (16:26), and finished 12th in the State Championship.

Mike Jones (Sr.) – Placed 10th in State Group Four sectionals (16:50), was 33rd in State Group Four championships (17:07).

Mary Ellen Mileski (Soph.) – Winner of the State Group Four sectional championship (18:51), winner of the NNJIL championship (19:21), placed 3rd in the state Group Four championships (19:24), ran 7th in the Bergen Meet of Champions (19:40), was 16th in the Manhattan Invitational (16:01.5), and finished 14th in the State Championship.

Pat Mileski (Soph.) – Three times runnerup in championship meets – the Bergen Meet of Champions (19:12), the state Group Four sectionals (19:21), and the NNJIL Group Four championships (19:24), was 9th in the Manhattan Invitational (15:33.6), and finished 15th in the State Championship.

Kevin Murphy (Sr.) – Was 49th in state Group Four championships (17:28).

Paul O'Leary (Jr.) – took 11th in Bergen Meet of Champions (16:44).



Kathy Duffy, Mary Ellen Mileski, Carol Dickstein, Pat Mileski, and Sue Hart practicing.

Dumont junior gains victory in Girls B run

By Paul Schwartz

Correspondent

WEST PATERSON — Patti McCluskey wasn't an outstanding cross-country runner last year. McCluskey finished sixth in the Bergen County Scholastic League American Division race last year, and didn't even place in the top 15 of the State sectional meet.

However, McCluskey had a sensational season in track, finishing third at 1,500 meters in the All-Groups meet, and she began this cross-country season with a more positive attitude. "I finally caught on to cross-country and I know what I'm doing," said the Dumont junior after winning the Varsity B girls race at the Passaic County Coaches Invitational meet yesterday.

"I'm working harder, and I like the longer races better because you get to

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see more things on the course. I'm a lot better runner this year."

McCluskey outkicked Ramsey junior Kathy Jones up the final hill at Garret Mountain yesterday to become the only area runner to win in the three varsity girls races over the new 5,000-meter course.

Pequannock won the B race. The perennially powerful Skyline team, led by newcomer Wendy Gilman in fourth place, took six of the first 26 places. The Panthers scored 69 points to 102 for Ramsey. Passaic County had some very good performances in the A and C races. Hunterdon Central, the 1979 all-groups champion, used a 1-2 finish by Lorrie Butterfield and Cricket Batz to win the A race.

But Kennedy, which got a boost this week when frosh whiz Shirley Daniel, believed sidelined for the season, was given the clearance to run, had a third place from Stephanie Jackson that helped push the Knights into second place overall. Passaic County champ Karen Kirkland, fighting a slump, was 18th.

Julie Ott of West Milford was an impressive sixth in the A race, followed by Eastside's Sonia McKnight and ninth-place finisher Caroline Roos.

Joan Profita and Pam Farinella were third and sixth, respectively, in the C race, leading Paul VI to a close sixth-place finish. The Patriots were Group 1 sectional champs in 1978 but fought injuries all last season.

Tiny Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong established the course record in the C race, winning in 18:56, just ahead of freshman

Stacey Aromando, who led Whippany Park to the team title.

Colleen Murphy of DePaul had the top Passaic time of the day, finishing third in the B race and seventh overall. She was followed by Profita (10th overall), Farinella (15th), Jackson (16th), Ott, McKnight, Roos, Chris Steiner of West Milford, Kirkland and Colleen Cooks of Kennedy.

McCluskey and Jones were 1-2 for Bergen and 4-6 overall. Eileen Keyes of Tenafly (11th overall), Colleen Murphy of Ramsey (17th), Kathy Kreusch of Ramapo, Judy Palmer of Teaneck, Dawn Breen of Demarest, Cathy Marilyn of Bergenfield, freshman Michele Denning of River Dell, and Linda Rahal of Old Tappan were the other leading Bergen runners.

Some of the better area teams were at other invitationals throughout the Metropolitan area. Ridgewood's boys took the Varsity A-1 race at the St. Anthony's Invitational in Smithtown, N.Y. Tom Hughes ran 16:26.9 to finish second pacing the Maroons to a 94-95 margin over Pearl River.

The Maroons got an 18th place finish from Mike Jones and good races from Kevin Murphy (20th), Paul O'Leary (24th), Jim Ketterson (30th) and Doug Smith (34th).

The Ridgewood girls didn't fare as well. With Patty Mileski passing out 150 yards from the finish, Barbara Remmers and Colleen Wright missing the race with illness and Bergen 3-4 champ Mary Ellen Mileski running an uncharacteristically poor 29th, the Maroon girls were second behind awesome Valley Stream Central, 33-98.

Carol Dickstein ran eighth, followed by steady Cathy Duffy (12th), transfer Sue Hart (17th) and Chris McKenna (32nd).

Pascack Valley's girls took seventh in a strong Varsity A field at the Shore Invitational, State Group 3 defending champ Mary Ellen McGowan of PV was second to Mary Beth Hogan of Cranford on the state course at Holmdel. Sue Parker was 20th.

Ernie Lugo's fourth place (in 13:17) in the championship race helped St. Joseph's to seventh place in the Iona Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park. Don Bosco was fifth in the Catholic race with ninth place finisher Tom McGiveny running ninth. Ron Weiss of Hackensack was 21st in the Public schools race with a 13:30.

Ridgewood girls take team title

Ridgewood's girls stamped themselves as the team to beat, not only in New Jersey, but in the East yesterday, by winning the Eastern championship cross-country race of the Manhattan Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park. The Maroons placed five runners in the first 23 spots against a class field to cruise to a 71-99 win over Valley Stream Central. Pearl River was third with 109 points.

Carol Dickstein led the Ridgewood finishers, running 15:29.8 for eighth place, followed by Patti Mileski, who ran ninth in 15:33.6 on the 2.5 mile course. Kathy Duffy (15th-16:00.7), Mary Ellen Mileski (16th-16:01.5) and Sue Hart (23rd-16:13.2) completed the stellar performance. Pascack Valley was eighth in the championship race, helped by a 15:18.4 fourth-place finish by Mary Ellen McGowan.

Paul VI's Pam Farinella and Joan Profita were 9th and 14th respectively, in the Girls B race. Ridgewood's Tom Hughes was fifth in the Boys A race in 12:59.7, leading the Maroon boys to a fifth place finish with 147 points. DeWitt Clinton won the race with 97 points, and Ridgewood finished just 13 points out of third. Doug Smith was 28th in 13:48.2

Don Neubert of Ridgefield ran an impressive 13:26.2 to take ninth in the Boys B race. Bergen Catholic was fourth with 144 points on the strength of a tight pack and the 21-22 finish of Bill Fletcher (13:38.4) and Brian Daly (13:39.3). Rich DeFillipis' 19th-place finish (13:36.5) helped Paramus Catholic to an eighth place finish.

Ernie Lugo of St. Joseph was third in 13:08.6 as the Green Knights were seventh in the D race. Ridgefield Park's Rich Byrne was fifth in 13:21.6 and Marty Doherty of St. Joseph ran 13:53.4 for 30th place.

At Bernards, Queen of Peace won the Group D race, 33-49 over Mountain Lakes as John Pedati, Pat Fogarty, Joe DuBoyce and Frank Smigelski were 3-4-6-7. Bill Valderis was 13th.

Saddle Brook was sixth in the C race with 152 points, led by George Gusciora and Joe Barno who finished 11th and 17th. John Boyle of Rutherford was 21st in that race.

River Dell was fourth in the Boys B race with 153 points. Junior Pat McGlynn was ninth while teammate Mike Whitaker ran 18th. River Dell's girls were sixth in the Girls A race, paced by freshman Michele Denning, who was 20th. Laura Falci of Saddle Brook was 12th in the Girls B race.

Pequannock and Morris Catholic, as expected romped to easy wins at the Skyline Festival at the old Garret Mountain course. Greg Noll led a 1-2-6-10-12 finish for Morris Catholic, beating teammate Mike Thomson by 11 seconds. Morris Catholic outran Butler 31-66. Sal Falletta of West Milford was third in the race.

Pequannock took 2-4-5-8-18 in the girls race to defeat Kinnelon, 37-78. Sue Hol Lester of Jefferson beat Wendy Gilman of Pequannock by 21 seconds. Julie Ott of West Milford was third.

McGlynn, Denning pace River Dell in Cumberland Run

ORADELL — Pat McGlynn led the boys team and freshman Michele Denning paced the girls as host River Dell won both team titles yesterday at the Cumberland Run.

McGlynn covered the 3¼-mile distance in 17:39, 15 seconds ahead of runner-up Tim Healy of Teaneck. McGlynn was one of five Golden Hawks to place in the top 10. Mike Whittaker ran third at 17:58, Chris Hummler sixth at 18:47, Jim McGlynn seventh at 18:52, and George Marge 10th at 19:08.

The Highwaymen had four runners in the top 10 — Healy, Randy Barenburg fifth at 18:37, Joe Jackson eighth at 18:58, and Damion Romney ninth at 19:05. Palisades Park's Sal Ferrante ran fourth at 18:19.

Teaneck finished second and Don

Bosco third in the boys team standings.

Denning, who was clocked in 21:56 over 3¼ miles, and Kathy Moore, who was timed in 22:08, ran 1-2 for River Dell in the girls division. The Golden Hawks took five of the first six places and seven of nine to outdistance runner-up Paramus Catholic and third-place Immaculate Heart Academy.

Maureen Berry finished fourth at 22:39 for River Dell, Corinne Linardic fifth at 22:45, Jodi Jerlinski sixth at 22:50, Carol Ann Denning eighth at 23:00, and Sue Tuong ninth at 23:18.

Mary Anne Gallagher of Paramus Catholic was third in 22:29, Colleen McGinnity of Palisades Park seventh in 22:54, and IMA's Kari Hurd 10th at 23:20.

Sean Butler, also from River Dell, was the top freshman runner among the boys with a time of 20:40.

Pat Mleski - 4TH 15:59
Carol Dickstein - 7TH 16:07
Kathy Duffy - 13 - 16:26
Sue Hart - 14 - 16:33
M.E. Mleski - 16 - 16:39
Chris McKenna - 39 17:29
Colleen Wright - 66 19:34

Ridgewood girls run 2nd

Downpour, mud produce bad times

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NEW YORK — No, that wasn't Mark Spitz winning the Eastern States Cross-Country championship at Van Cortlandt Park yesterday, and the Ducks didn't win the team race, either. But Spitz and web-footed creatures would have felt very much at home in the rain-drenched meet held in what most area coaches agreed were the worst conditions they had ever seen for an event.

"About four years ago, there was a worse day on the day of the Manhattan meet," said Paramus Catholic coach Mike Grady. "But they called that one off, even though all the teams were there. Today was the worst day I've ever seen where the race was actually run."

Despite the abominable conditions, Ridgewood and North Hunterdon held a thrilling preview of the State Meet of Champs in the Girls A race, which was reduced to 12 teams from an expected field of 26 because of the weather. The Central Jersey school outran Ridgewood, 50-54, in a race in which each team placed its top five runners in the top 16 of

the field.

Ridgewood's boys team, the favorite in the County Meet of Champions Nov. 4, slogged to a seventh-place finish in the depleted boys championship race, with Tom Hughes running sixth in what was

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still a very impressive field.

"I'm disappointed," girls coach Jock Brown said. "We seemed to be ahead by the bridge [with about ½ mile to go on the 2½-mile course] but we lost it in the stretch."

As the race splashed towards the finish, Ridgewood seemed to have a slight edge as Patty Mleski and Carol Dickstein finished fourth and seventh behind the first North Hunterdon runner, second-place finisher Sharon Greene. But North Hunterdon, odds-on favorite for the Group 3 title Nov. 15, got its threesome of Stacy Bilotta, Marge Demarrais, and Tracy Bigley ahead of Ridgewood's pack of Cathy Duffy, Sue Hart, and Mary Ellen Mleski. The 15th-place finish of Liz Lud-

wigson cemented the four-point win.

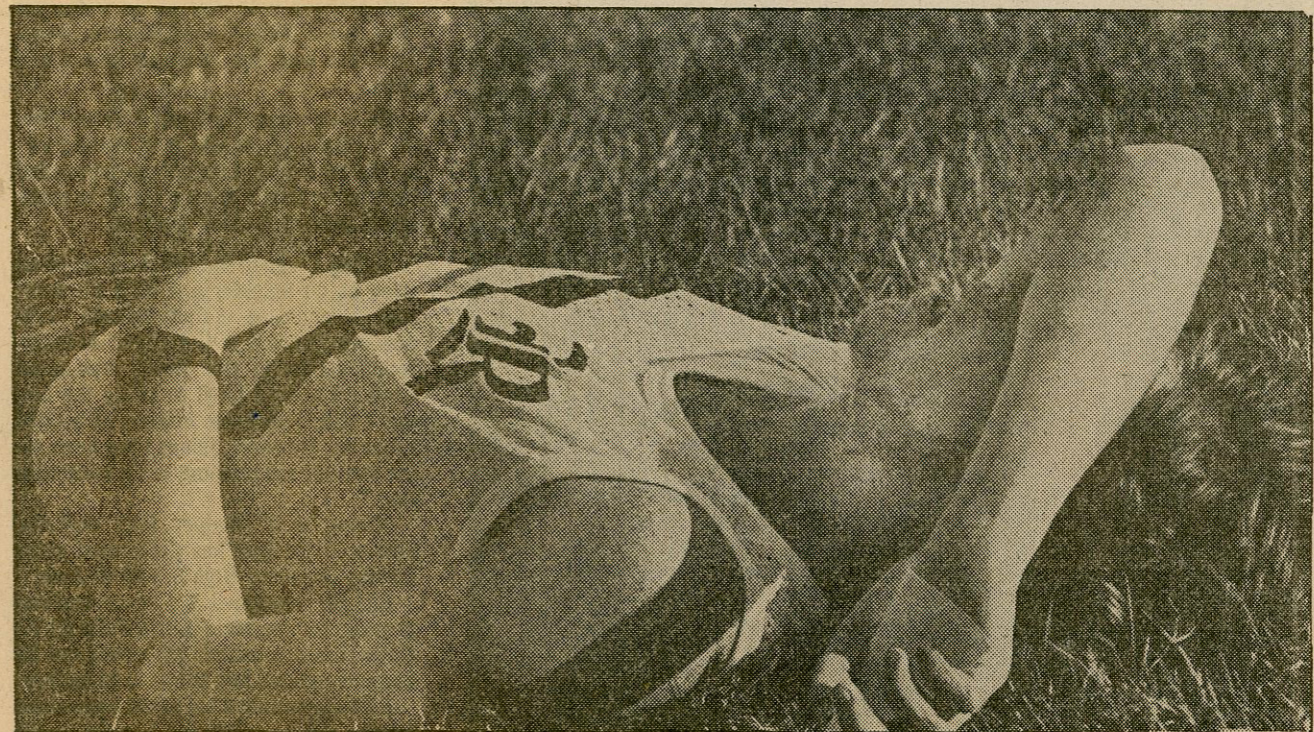
Duffy was 13th, Hart 14th, and Mleski 16th, behind the 10-11-12 finish of North Hunterdon and Mleski, the Group 3-4 County champion, continued to struggle against an inexplicable slump.

"I don't know what it is," said a disappointed Mleski, who was running second in the early going. "The last two weeks I know I gave up a little near the end, and I was certain I wouldn't quit today. I didn't, but after two miles I reached for some more and it wasn't there."

Patti Mleski ran 15:59 and Dickstein 16:07 to pace the girls. Hackensack's Alison Fennell and Maritza Alvarez also placed in the top 50 and earned medals.

In the boys race, Hughes slogged across in 13:19, 24 seconds behind winner Cliff Sheehan of Westfield, and his coach bemoaned the elements. "We were hoping to get him into the low 12:30's today," said Larry Coyle, "but I guess that was impossible today."

Mike Jones ran 13:45 for 27th place, the only other time under 14 minutes by a Bergen runner. Hackensack made the best showing by a local team, finishing second in the D race [to Shore Wading



Staff photo by Steve Auchard

Matt Hannafin sprawls on the grass winded after finishing 22nd in Wednesday's B-PSL meet.

High School, naturally], while Paramus Catholic was third in the C race and Bogota fourth in the F race.

In Hackensack's second-place finish, Rich Hubbard ran a strong sixth, while Ron Weiss finished 11th. Walter Trues-

dale was 12th. Jim DeFilippis was seventh, Mark North 12th, Rob Kinnier 16th, and Pete DaPorte 21st for Paramus Catholic, while John Dolan's 14th-place finish paced Bogota. John Mueller was 17th for Midland Park in the F race.

Larry McGiveny of Don Bosco was 14th in the E race.

Of more than 180 teams scheduled to run, about 80 competed. Only six of 18 local boys teams competed and two of nine girls teams.

Kennedy, Ramsey girls win

By Ann Erelino

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RIDGEWOOD — Meet director Jock Brown, whose own Ridgewood girls team was running on the other side of the Hudson, calls the Ridgewood Cross-Country Invitational a low-keyed alternative to the Manhattan Invitational.

But to the winners — Eastside's Leon Finney, Ramsey's Kathy Jones, Dumont's Pattie McCluskey, and the girls teams of Kennedy and Ramsey — the meet was neither low-key nor lackluster.

Finney had won a race and lost one to archrival Tony Williams of Kennedy. Having failed to catch up with Williams in last week's Passaic Invitational, Finney kept ahead of Williams from the start of this race, a strategy that led to his other win over Williams.

"Leon's strides are too large for Williams [to overcome]" said Don Bornstein, the Eastside coach. "He demoralized Williams by not letting him get by."

There was no head-to-head contest between Jones and McCluskey yesterday. But Jones ended up the nominal winner, based on time, by taking the girls varsity B race in 19:03.4, while McCluskey won the A race in 19:17.5.

Both, however, would have liked to see a one-on-one match. "I was really looking forward to it [racing against McCluskey]," said Jones, who was expecting a rematch until the meet was split into groups.

The junior placed behind McCluskey at

the Passaic Coaches Meet by six seconds, a loss that left her feeling like "I beat myself."

On the sidelines of this race, McCluskey encouraged Jones to a good time. That somehow surprised Ramsey's No. 1 runner.

"Sportsmanship only goes so far," said Jones as she awaited to be awarded a pewter bowl for fastest time.

The girls B race started as the rain began to stop. Jones rather liked the rain. "It's an advantage not to mind it [the

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weather]," Jones said. "We'll like it even more if we come in first."

Ramsey did win by a slim margin of seven points. Ramsey's strength against the Metuchen team was its depth. The Rams took first, fifth, 13th, 15th, and 16th places while Metuchen runners placed third, sixth, eighth, 10th, and 30th.

Lou Molino, the Ramsey coach, was quick to say that there was less than a minute difference between the Rams' fifth-place finisher and their 16th-place runner.

A turning point is what Kennedy coach Ken Samra saw in his team's girls varsity A win. "It was an important win for our girls now that they're staring to gain confidence," he said. "It's a different feeling when they think they've got a chance."

Even with Ridgewood absent, Kennedy's showing was impressive, as the Paterson team placed third, sixth, 12th, 15th, and 21st. Stephanie Jackson led Kennedy with a 19:49.9 finish, and Karen Kirkland showed she's getting back into form by placing sixth with 20:15.4.

The big question mark in the boys races came in the A race. Edison, an unknown factor, won with 98 points, its highest finisher placing 12th in a real dogfight.

Old Tappan finished second with 100 points, with third-place and fifth-place finishers. Coach Bruce Hyde said, "I had no idea about Edison, but we're real happy to be in the top two." The Knights are still running without Rick Kuerzi, one of their best runners.

"Today we really put it together," said Hackensack coach James Zaccone of the Comets' third-place finish with 103 points. A point back of Hackensack was Kennedy, and behind the Knights came Eastside with 107.

Seeking coaches

Indian Hills is seeking a varsity girls basketball coach, a junior varsity girls basketball coach, and an assistant girls track coach for the upcoming seasons. Interested coaches should contact athletic director Everett Wilson at school (337-0100) or at home (337-7184).

Ridgewood registers sweep in NNJIL cross-country meets

John Clements of Northern Highlands and Tom Hughes of Ridgewood led their teams to victories in the Northern Bergen Interscholastic League and Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League cross-country meets, respectively.

Clements edged Mark Dabasco of Old Tappan for individual honors as his team won handily over Old Tappan, 35-67. He led throughout the race, but he barely held off Debasco at the tape. It marked the first time Northern Highlands won the league meet as well as all its dual meets.

"You have to be scared going into a race like this because there are many good runners in the league," Northern Highlands coach Jim Sok said. "It's a great feeling to win everything this year. The kids ran well the whole year."

¼Ridgewood had a tough battle with Wayne Valley and Hackensack in the NNJIL. The Maroons finished with 52 points while Wayne Valley had 63 and Hackensack 65. Hughes, who is considered one of the top runners in the State, clearly outdistanced the field as he

crossed the finish line at Garret Mountain in 16:07, 26 seconds better than second-place finisher Tim Healy of Teaneck.

"I was not pleased with our performance today," Ridgewood coach Larry Coyle said. "Our second and third runners, who are usually about 30 seconds behind Hughes, finished over a minute behind him. I was just happy that the other runners picked up the slack."

¼It was the fourth straight league championship for the Maroons and the third straight individual championship for Hughes. "Tom has an excellent sense of pacing himself," Coyle said. Jeff Van Horn of Wayne Valley finished third in 16:47.

Mary Ellen McGowan led Pascaek Valley to victory in the NBIL girls championship. Her time of 19:11 was 27 seconds better than that of teammate Sue Parker. Pascaek Valley finished with 36 points to 60 for Old Tappan. Cathy Curren and Julie Craig of Northern Highlands finished third and fourth.

Ridgewood had only 15 points, the cross-country equivalent of a shutout, as

it took the first five places in the NNJIL girls championship. Sisters Mary Ellen and Patricia Mileski crossed the finish line one second apart and Carol Dickstein finished another second back. Kathy Duffy and Sue Hart placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Hackensack was the closest competitor with 80 points.

"They [the Ridgewood girls] have an awesome team," Coyle said. "They have to be one of the best in the State."

NNJIL meet

Boys

TEAM SCORING

Ridgewood 52, Wayne Valley 43, Hackensack 65, Passaic Valley 145, Teaneck 147, Clifton 159, Bloomfield 165, Bergenfield 212, Fair Lawn and Paramus 231.

At Garret Mtn; Course distance: 5,000 meters.

1. Tom Hughes (R)	16:07
2. Tim Healy (T)	16:43
3. Jeff Van Horn (MV)	16:47
4. Mike Smurla (C)	16:54
5. Lenny Hilliard (H)	16:59
6. Paul O'Leary (R)	17:01
7. Steve DeBoer (MV)	17:05
8. Doug Troast (C)	17:09
9. Ron Weiss (H)	17:10
10. Yancy Garrido (B)	
11. Keith DeVisser (PV)	17:24
12. Doug Smith (R)	17:27
13. Rich Hubbard (H)	17:32
14. Jim Kellerson (R)	17:33
15. Dave Laubscher (WV)	17:35

NNJIL

Girls

TEAM SCORING

Ridgewood 15, Hackensack 80, Passaic Valley 1345, Clifton 155, Bloomfield 186, Bergenfield 199

1. Mary Ellen Mileski (R)	19:21
2. Patricia Mileski (R)	19:22
3. Carol Dickstein (R)	19:23
4. Kathy Daffy (R)	19:44
5. Sue Hart (R)	19:45
6. Nancy Deneka (B)	20:03
7. Hannah Hermann (WV)	20:32
8. Judy Palmer (T)	20:47
9. Allison Fennel (R)	20:54
10. Cathy Martin (B)	20:55

17	Janet Panek
18	Pat Carroll
19	Diana Less
20	Sue Engels
21	Kay Magon
22	Alice Block
23	Judy Olsen
24	Patty Malsping
25	Evel Mackey
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96	Diana Less
97	Sue Engels
98	Kay Magon
99	Alice Block
100	Judy Olsen

Ridgewood, Rutherford girls win

WEST PATERSON — Jock Brown and Jay Cuny couldn't help beaming after yesterday's Bergen County Girls Group Cross-Country races at Garret Mountain. Ridgewood and Rutherford were favored to win their respective group titles and did so, but it was the manner in which they achieved their goals that brought the smiles to the faces of their coaches.

Cross-country

Ridgewood put on an awesome display in rolling to the Group 3-4 title. The Maroons had just 19 points against a fairly strong field, placing 1-2-4-5-7 and also placed seven runners in the top 21. The Maroons were so strong that if their top three runners had not competed, they still would have defeated second-place Pascack Valley if their eighth runner had finished 45th or better.

"I can't say enough about these kids," said Brown. "We lose our seventh runner and put in a freshman named Anya Kannegeiser and she runs 21st in her first varsity race."

Of course, the Ridgewood stars, Mary Ellen Mileski, Pat Mileski, Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy, and Sue Hart performed at their usual high level. Pat Mileski gained the win over sister Mary Ellen as both crossed the finish line in 18:57, just a second off the course record. Ridgewood's often-overlooked sixth runner, Chris McKenna, ran 12th in a time good enough for second in the Group 1-2 race.

"We were running together the whole race," said Mary Ellen Mileski, "and then [Dumont's] Pattie McCluskey went by us. I said to Patti, 'Let's go,' and we went by her and held the lead the rest of the way."

Defending Group 3 State champion

Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley, hampered by a cold, finished sixth, in helping the Indians to a distant second with 88 points, followed by Old Tappan, Ramsey, and first-year varsity team Hackensack.

Rutherford's win in Group 1-2 was much tougher, but just as satisfying for Cuny. "We figured Bianca O'Connell would be our No. 1 runner, but she's been hurt most of the year and has run only three of the last 12 days. Mary Breitweiser's run well for us all year and Helen Quinn and Rosemary del Vescovo have been consistent. But it was freshman Inga Manskopf who finished off our team."

The Bulldogs scored 58 points to outrun Saddle Brook by six, but Laura Falci of the Falcons ran very comfortably in defeating Eileen Keyes of Tenafly for the

1-2 individual title by 45 seconds. She had been second and third in her previous tries.

"I'm running much better this year," said Falci, who had a disappointing junior year after being named second-team all-Bergen as a sophomore. "I'm confident again, and running with the boys has helped. I was really pointing for this race."

Defending champion Cresskill was never a factor, finishing eighth in the 10-team field. The qualifiers for Tuesday's Meet of Champions race in addition to Rutherford and Saddle Brook were Midland Park, Garfield, and North Arlington. Thirteen other runners qualified as individuals.

The initial race for freshman girls will be on Tuesday at 3:15 at Garret. Post entries are being accepted Tuesday afternoon.

Ridgewood breezes

By GRANT EDWARDS

North Hunterdon and Ridgewood cleared the way for a classic duel for the NJSIAA girls all-group cross-country title when they scored easy victories in their respective group races yesterday in Holmdel County Park.

North Hunterdon, the state's No. 1 ranked team, had all five of its girls run under 20:00 as it won the Group 3 title, 27-

Girls' X-country

140, from Randolph. Ridgewood put its first four runners under that time when it defeated defending-champion Hunterdon Central in Group 4, 35-113.

The other two team races were much closer. Mater Dei ended a three-year string of state titles for Bernards, 45-66, in Group 1 and Whippany Park took its first group championship, 75-76, over defending St. John Vianney in Group 2.

There were no surprises in the individual races. Freshman Janet Smith of North Edison won in Group 4 in 18:56, Theresa Gschwind of Summit ran away with the Group 3 title in 18:58, Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong defended her Group 2 crown in 18:56 and Meg Waldron of Bernards had the day's fastest time in Group 1—18:48. None of the races was close.

North Hunterdon took five of the first 13 places in the Group 3 race, led by Sharon Greene and Tracey Bigley in third and fourth positions. Liz Ludwigson finished ninth, freshman Stacy Bilotta 10th and Kim Borin 13th. For insurance, coach Bob McGivney had Marge DeMarraais in 20th position.

Ridgewood was only slightly less impressive in Group 4. Ellen Mileski led the way in third place in 19:24 with twin Patty seventh in 19:41. Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy and Sue Hart finished 11th, 12th and 14th, respectively.

Sue Minogue and Maria Miele led the Mater Dei victory, placing second and third behind Waldron in 19:04 and 19:30. Sue Ashmore, Kathy McAuliffe and Joanne Gannon were also in the first 20 as Mater Dei finished with 45 points to 66 for Kinnelon and 77 for Bernards.

Roxanne Polo led the Whippany Park victory in third place at 19:36, with teammates Stacey Aromando and Linda D'Addario taking seventh and 18th. Last week, Whippany Park, minus Aromando, lost the North Jersey, Section 2 race to Mount Olive, which placed third yesterday.

With the times of the four winners only 10 seconds apart, no clear favorite emerged for Saturday's all-group race. Waldron had the closest margin of victory yesterday, a comfortable 16 seconds over Minogue.



Photo by Joan Schoebel

Meg Waldron of Bernards is on her way to first place in the girls Group 1 race yesterday. Waldron's 18:48 effort was the fastest for the four girls' races

ristown 178 7-Brick 228 8-Hamilton East 246 9-Paterson Kennedy 251 10-Paul VI (Haddonfield) 275 11-West Milford 307 12-Kearny 323 13-Highland 341 14-Vineland 349 15-Matawan 349 16-West Essex 385 17-Westfield 396 18-Columbia 398 19-Hackensack 429 20-East Brunswick 430.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Janet Smith, North Edison, 18:56 2-Lori Butterfield, Hunterdon Central, 19:18 3-Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood, 19:24 4-Michelle Rowen, Washington Township, 19:24 5-Lisa Szymanski, Toms River East, 19:29 6-Cricket Batz, Hunterdon Central, 19:34 7-Patty Mileski, Ridgewood, 19:41 8-Dawn Cody, Paul VI (Haddonfield), 19:50 9-Linda King, Roxbury, 19:52 10-Pam Gray, Morrisstown, 19:53 11-Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood, 19:55 12-Kathy Duffy, Ridgewood, 19:58 13-Pat Mulvaney, Plainfield, 20:01 14-Sue Hart, Ridgewood, 20:08 15-Wendy Westphal, Highland, 20:09 16-Michelle Sanfillippo, Raritan, 20:14 17-Alyson Hendricks, Matawan, 20:18 18-Sally Carei, Vineland, 20:18 19-Denise Barreft, Raritan, 20:18 20-Diane Anderson, Toms River East, 20:19.

GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES: 1-North Hunterdon 27 2-Randolph 140 3-Holy Cross 143 4-Pequanock 173 5-Pascack Valley 198 6-Old Tappan 208 7-Manalapan 219 8-Ramsey 220 9-Cranford 251 10-Lakewood 300 11-Freehold Township 311 12-Franklin Township 318 13-Morris Hills 319 14-Point Pleasant Borough 327 15-Caldwell 334 16-Dumont 343 17-Red Bank Catholic 416 18-River Dell 429 19-Absegami 464 20-Toms River South 468.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Theresa Gschwind, Summit, 18:58 2-Patti McCluskey, Dumont, 19:20 3-Sharon Greene, North Hunterdon, 19:24 4-Tracey Bigley, North Hunterdon, 19:30 5-Kim Wampler, Long Branch, 19:32 6-Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascack Valley, 19:36 7-Mickey Reimbold, Holy Cross, 19:41 8-Laura Fieldler, Madison Central, 19:42 9-Liz Ludwigson, North Hunterdon, 19:45 10-Stacy Bilotta, North Hunterdon, 19:45 11-Mary Beth Hogan, Cranford, 19:48 12-Debbie Holden, Ocean City, 19:48 13-Kim Borin, North Hunterdon, 19:55 14-Nancy Staudt, Lakewood, 19:57 15-Wendy Gilman, Pequannock, 20:01 16-Barbara Forsyth, Pequannock, 20:01 17-Patty Kromjorg, Randolph, 20:03 18-Karen Fileshter, Holy Cross, 20:10 19-Laura Riebold, Lakeland, 20:11 20-Marge DeMarraais, North Hunterdon, 20:12.

GROUP 2

TEAM SCORES: 1-Whippany Park 75 2-St. John Vianney 76 3-Mount Olive 98 4-Brick Memorial 137 5-Holmdel 155 6-St. Joseph's (Toms River) 176 7-Haddonfield 204 8-Hopatcong 234 9-Kittatinny 270 10-Dover 301 11-Sparta 311 12-Rumson 321 13-Rutherford 331 14-Carteret 347 15-Springfield 348 16-Saddle Brook 348 17-Butler 418 18-Sterling 430 19-Delaware Valley 463 20-Haddon Township 480.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Lisa Pakutka, Hopatcong, 18:56 2-Melinda Holm, Mendham, 19:29 3-Roxanne Polo, Whippany Park,

19:36 4-Kathy Tisdale, Williamstown, 19:43 5-Fran Coughlin, St. John Vianney, 19:52 6-Eileen Keyes, Tenafly, 19:56 7-Stacey Aromando, Whippany Park, 19:59 8-Sabina Certa, Mount Olive, 19:59 9-Kathy Wherry, Brick Memorial, 20:08 10-Sheila O'Brien, South Brunswick, 20:09 11-Jennifer King, Hawthorne, 20:14 12-Sue Hollister, Jefferson, 20:18 13-Camille Certa, Mount Olive, 20:19 14-Laura Falci, Saddle Brook, 20:20 15-Kathy Salmon, St. Dominic, 20:21 16-Cammy Kelly, St. John Vianney, 20:22 17-Ann LaMura, St. John Vianney, 20:23 18-Linda D'Addario, Whippany Park, 20:25 19-Cathy Ezell, Sterling, 20:27 20-Gae Romano, Kittatinny, 20:29.

GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES: 1-Mater Dei 45 2-Kinnelon 66 3-Bernards 77 4-Metuchen 45 5-Manchester Township 155 6-Immaculata 223 7-Verona 229 8-Paul VI (Clifton) 239 9-Bound Brook 241 10-North Arlington 244 11-Midland Park 266 12-Audubon 271 13-Woodbury 278 14-Morris Catholic 314 15-Bayley-Ellard 359 16-Paterson Catholic 384.

INDIVIDUAL: 1-Meg Waldron, Bernards, 18:48 2-Sue Minogue, Mater Dei, 19:04 3-Maria Miele, Mater Dei, 19:30 4-Amy Meyer, Bernards, 20:02 5-Pat Eletto, Bernards, 20:02 6-Inge Schuurmans, Kinnelon, 20:15 7-Nancy Schmidt, Kinnelon, 20:17 8-Kelly O'Hara, Verona, 20:23 9-Jane Armstrong, Bernards, 20:30 10-Gina Boderck, Kinnelon, 20:40 11-Sue Ashmore, Mater Dei, 20:44 12-Kathy McAuliffe, Mater Dei, 20:47 13-Joan Profita, Paul VI (Clifton), 20:50 14-Pam Farinella, Paul VI (Clifton), 20:53 15-Carol Oberschmidt, Immaculata, 20:58 16-Tricia Madden, Cresskill, 21:06 17-Sue Lambertson, Bernards, 21:08 18-Joanne Gannon, Mater Dei, 21:08 19-Sue Gill, Metuchen, 21:13 20-Debbly Franco, Morris Catholic, 21:14.



Photo by Joan Schoebel

Mendham coach Frank Vintschler provides his daughter Danielle with a better vantage point during yesterday's state meet

GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES: 1-Ridgewood 35 2-Hunterdon Central 113 3-Toms River East 157 4-Plainfield 159 5-Raritan 163 6-Mor-

Ridgewood could sweep

WEST PATERSON — It could be a clean sweep for Ridgewood this afternoon at the Bergen Cross-Country Meet of Champions at Garret Mountain.

Tom Hughes is expected to win the boys race and lead Ridgewood to its second title in three years, while Patti and Mary Ellen Mileski are the individual favorites in the girls race. The Ridgewood girls are strong favorites for the team title, after scoring 19 points in Saturday's Group 3-4 race.

Hughes won Saturday's Group 4 boys race in a very strong 16:06 on the new 5,000-meter course at Garret. It was the second-fastest time of the year, and with a little push from a very balanced field, Hughes might get under the 15:58 record set by John Murphy of Monroe-Woodbury earlier this year.

While Hughes figures to be by himself at the finish, at least 20 other runners have a chance to finish in the top 10. Those finishing in the top five were surprise

Cross-country

Group 1 winner Don Neubert of Ridgefield, John Clements of Northern Highlands, and Rich Byrne of Ridgefield Park. They waged a tremendous duel down the stretch, with Clements winning the Group 3 race, and John Pedati of Queen of Peace, the Group 2.

But Cresskill's Mike Fezza, River Dell's Pat McGlynn, St. Joseph's Ernie Lugo, and Mark Tabasco of Old Tappan are others who could crack the top five.

Ridgewood is favored over Group 4 runner-up Bergen Catholic and Group 3 winner Northern Highlands in the team race. The Crusaders placed three runners between Ridgewood's second and third runners on Saturday, but can't afford to let the Maroons put two runners in ahead of their first. St. Joseph, Queen of Peace and Cresskill also hope to crack the top five.

Only five girls have a chance at individual honors, and three of them are from Ridgewood. Both Pat and Mary Ellen Mileski were timed at 18:57 Saturday, one second off the course record set by Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong. Dumont's Patti McCluskey and Ridgewood's Carol Dickstein also have run impressive races. But the one to watch remains veteran Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley. McGowan won the race as a sophomore, and despite a sixth-place finish Saturday, is a major threat in today's race.

In the girls team race, it is not likely anyone will catch the Ridgewood top five of the Mileski twins, Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy, and Sue Hart. They finished in the top seven Saturday and there's no reason to suspect that they won't repeat. Pascack Valley, Old Tappan, and either Hackensack or Rutherford should roundout the top five.

Ridgewood's Hughes, Dumont's McCluskey shine

By Ann Erelina
Correspondent

WEST PATERSON — Tom Hughes seemed to have vanished, or so it must have appeared to the other runners in the final half mile of the Bergen County Meet of Champions Varsity Boys race at Garret Mountain yesterday. Approaching the base of the hill, Hughes had a lead of more than 25 yards, and he kept it.

With his 16:02 winning time, the Ridgewood senior established once and for all that for 1980, he is the best runner in the County. That reputation exhilarates rather than pressures Hughes: "I don't mind the buildup that you're supposed to win. It makes me run faster."

The girls race established another fact:

Girls polls on Page D-7.

Dumont's Pattie McCluskey is not a runner to be dismissed. A group of coaches predicted she would finish in the top seven, but not first, and that helped her.

"I hate when they underestimate me," said McCluskey, who finished third in the groups meet Saturday. "It [groups meet] made me the underdog, so, I guess, I got to work on my own [without pressure]."

Bergen Catholic won its sixth team championship in eight years by 26 points over Northern Highlands and 27 over Ridgewood. "It's a nice feeling. We've been chasing them all year," said Bergen Catholic coach Dave Faherty of Ridgewood. He gave credit to two of his runners, seniors Brian McVeigh and Bob Daly. "They got the team together. They really worked hard."

The Ridgewood girls eased into first spot with 20 points. Second place Pascack Valley had 65.

Hughes, who likes a quick pace, didn't set the tone of the race. He took control from Ridgefield Park's Rich Byrne on the reservoir's bridge, midway through the race.



Pattie McCluskey

The pace thereafter was too hard for Byrne, who finished 16 seconds behind Hughes. "Tom's tough," said the junior. "He's too strong for me. I'm happy with what I did."

Both runners said they didn't feel they'd reached their peaks. "I'm still coming on," said the winner. "I feel I'm getting stronger." The runner-up echoed that with, "I haven't peaked yet." Both get their chance at the State sectionals Saturday, where they'll be entered in separate races.

McCluskey wasn't in control of her race, midway through it, although she was in the top three. Instead, she waited for the approach of the hill.

"I didn't think McCluskey had anything left at the hill," said Patty Mileski of Ridgewood, who finished second. "But she was really strong."

McCluskey had plenty left at the bottom of the final hill, her favorite hill on her favorite course. She wrested control from Pascack Valley's Mary Ellen McGowan there.

Mileski, who is the County Group 3-4 champion, overtook McGowan in the last 20 yards of the race. The runner-up spot disappointed Mileski.

"I never take the pace," said Mileski. Her coach, Jock Brown felt that that indeed was the problem in the race for Ridgewood.

"Our pack let her go," said Brown. Other problems plagued Brown's team as well. The most notable was when Patty's twin, Mary Ellen, fell to the center of the pack with abdominal cramps. "It was really nice that she rebounded," he said. She eventually took seventh by passing Ramsey's Kathy Jones in the same spot her sister overtook McGowan.

Brown was pleased, overall, with his team, especially with Kathy Duffy, who finished fourth. "I'm really happy for her. She deserved to run well. She means a lot to the team."



Staff photo by Rich Gigli

Ridgewood's Tom Hughes wins the varsity boys race at the Bergen County Meet of Champions.

Bergen Meet of Champions summaries

Varsity Boys

TEAM SCORES

Bergen Catholic 71, Northern Highlands 97, Ridgewood 98, St. Joseph 106, Cresskill 131, Hackensack 132, Queen of Peace 143, Old Tappan 173, Mahwah 195, Saddle Brook 277, Rutherford 296, Bogota 301

1. Tom Hughes, Ridgewood	16:02.7
2. Rich Byrne, Ridgefield Park	16:18
3. Ernie Lugo, St. Joseph	16:22
4. Mark Tabasco, Old Tappan	16:30
5. John Pedali, Queen of Peace	16:31
6. John McVeigh, Bergen Catholic	16:32
7. Pat McGlynn, River Dell	16:32
8. John Clements, Northern Highlands	16:42
9. Dave Marshall, Northern Highlands	16:42
10. Don Neubert, Ridgefield	16:43
11. Paul O'Leary, Ridgewood	16:44
12. Mike Fezza, Cresskill	16:46
13. Mike Whittaker, River Dell	16:46
14. Phil Hammersstrom, Cresskill	16:47
15. Lenny Hilliard, Hackensack	16:48

16. Brian Daly, Bergen Catholic	16:48
17. Lary McGivney, Don Bosco	NA
18. Bill Fletcher, Bergen Cath	NA
19. John McCarthy, St. Joseph	NA
20. Robert Schwartz, Demarest	NA
21. Jim Kaine, Dumont	NA
22. Marly Dougherty, St. Joseph	NA
23. Frank Lambert, Mahwah	NA
24. Rich Harfish, Northern Highlands	NA

4. Kathy Duffy, Ridgewood	19:33
5. Eileen Keyes, Tenafly	19:35
6. Carol Dickstein, Ridgewood	19:39
7. Mary Ellen Mileski, Ridgewood	19:40
8. Kathy Jones, Ramsey	19:43
9. Sue Hart, Pascack Valley	19:48
10. Laura Falci, Saddle Brook	19:53
11. Sue Parker, Pascack Valley	19:54
12. Julie Craig, Northern Highlands	20:25
13. Katie Curran, Northern Highlands	20:27
14. Tricia Madden, Cresskill	20:31
15. Cheryl Wagner, Pascack Valley	20:34
16. Colleen Murphy, Ramsey	20:38
17. Pam Okallita, Cliffside Park	20:43
18. Judy Palmer, Teaneck	20:48
19. Courtney Huntzinger, Midland Park	20:50
20. Cindy Cilwick, Garfield	20:52
21. Noreen O'Connor, Dumont	20:56
22. Siobhan Spillane, Old Tappan	20:57
23. Linda Rahal, Old Tappan	21:01
24. Anna Kennengeiser, Ridgewood	21:014
25. Allison Fennel, Hackensack	21:07

Varsity Girls

TEAM SCORES

Ridgewood 20, Pascack Valley 65, Ramsey 84, Old Tappan 88, Rutherford 131, Hackensack 148, North Arlington 182, Garfield 191.

1. Pattie McCluskey, Dumont	19:06
2. Patty Mileski, Ridgewood	19:12
3. Mary Ellen McGowan, Pascack Valley	19:13

BC to watch scoreboard

By Paul Schwartz
Correspondent

Bergen Catholic will not be competing in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association sectional cross-country championships this weekend, which are limited to public schools. Instead, the Crusaders will be competing in the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference meet at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

BC, however, will be following what happens in the races at Garret Mountain, West Paterson. The Crusaders are interested in preserving the No. 1 status in Bergen County that they earned Tuesday by winning the Bergen County Meet of Champions.

"I was so happy when Ridgewood collapsed in the Meet of Champs," said Crusader coach Dave Faherty, whose team won its sixth championship in eight years. "Then my feelings inside were mixed. I like Larry Coyle [Ridgewood coach], and I like his kids. I knew the turmoil they were going through.

"I'm impressed with our kids, and I want to see them run against the top County schools again in the State Meet of

Champions," said Faherty. "Our seniors got the team moving Tuesday, and I'd like to see how we would do in the State Meet of Champions, a very emotional race just like the Bergen meet was."

Bergen's road to the Meet of Champs starts in the Parochial A race next week at Holmdel. "We're not going after CBA [Christian Brothers Academy]. There's no way to beat them unless they make a wrong turn, but we want to make a strong showing."

One team that hopes to make a strong showing Saturday is Ridgewood, the tri-favorite in Group 4 with Kennedy and five-time defending champion Memorial. The Maroons may be without No. 2 runner Kevin Murphy, who suffered a recurrence of the mysterious ailment that led to his withdrawal in the Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League championships two weeks ago.

Ridgewood's Tom Hughes is the favorite in the individual race, along with Kennedy's Tony Williams, Eastside's Leon Finney, Snyder's Tony Hoyrd, and Francisco Lugo of Memorial. Wayne Valley, Hackensack, and North Bergen are also

strong contenders to finish among the top five teams and qualify for the Holmdel meet.

In Group 3, Northern Highlands, a surprising second in the Bergen Meet of Champs, must hold off Hudson County champion Emerson of Union City. The twosome of Dave Marshall and John Clements should enable the Highlanders to outrun Emerson and junior Sergio dela Vega. Ridgefield Park's Rich Byrne, Old Tappan's Mark Tabasco, and River Dell's Pat McGlynn should help their teams threaten for the top five, with Byrne the slight individual favorite. Dumont is another potential Holmdel qualifier.

Sussex County schools should dominate in Group 2, with Kittatinny, Hopatcong, and Sussex Tech evenly matched. Hopatcong's Scott DeRidder is the individual favorite, along with Fort Lee's Mark Costello and Wilton Adams Newton's Danny Reynolds is also a threat. Rutherford and Saddle Brook may be local qualifiers.

In Group 1, Cresskill, which finished a strong fifth in the Meet of Champs, should win by more than the three points it won by in the County Group meet. Mahwah, a close second in the Group meet, had some problems in the Meet of Champs. Individually, Don Neubert of Ridgefield has assumed the favorite's role held all season by Cresskill's Mike Fezza. Fezza, who ran superbly in the first month of the season, may struggle to hold off teammate Bill Hammarstrom if his puzzling slump continues.

Record's boys cross-country polls

BERGEN GROUP 1-2

	Pts.
1 Cresskill (8)	40
2 Queen of Peace	32
3 Mahwah	24
4 Saddle Brook	12
5 Rutherford	8

Also-ran: Harrison 4

BERGEN 3-4

1 Bergen Catholic (5)	37
2 Ridgewood (3)	32
3 Northern Highlands	27
4 St. Joseph	15
5 Hackensack	8

Also-ran: Old Tappan 1

PASSAIC COUNTY

1 Kennedy (5)	25
2 Wayne Valley	20
3 West Milford	13
4 Eastside	9
5 Paul VI	7

Also-ran: Passaic Valley 1

Selection Committee: Bergen coaches Ray Jones (North Arlington), Dave Radway (Mahwah), Tom Francese (Cresskill), Norm Fink (Dumont), Bob Stevenson (River Dell), Mike Grady (Paramus Catholic), Tom Zaccone (Hackensack), and Paul Schwartz of The Record. Passaic coaches Art Riemer (Manchester), Dick Shulte (Lakeland), Bernie Bender (Passaic Valley), Don Boirstein (Eastside). The Record Paul Schwartz Voting is on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. First-place votes in parentheses.

Should be no contest for tough Ridgewood

Ridgewood should win the girls cross-country Group 4 Sectional race on Garret Mountain Saturday, though a few girls from Kennedy or Kearny could break into the top spots.

The other three races at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic League North Section 1 are not as decided.

¼ Pascack Valley, second to Ridgewood in the Bergen County Groups and Meet of Champions-races, appears to be the favorite in the Group 3 race. It's bested the next best, Ramsey, three times, and their Northern Bergen Interscholastic League rivals, Old Tappan and River Dell, with ease.

Pascack coach Bill Henshaw is cautious. He is concerned and even worried about Ramsey. "They've got the momentum. I'm worried about them," Henshaw said. "When you're dealing with Lou Molino [Ramsey coach], you never know. He's a master of psych."

"This is the one meet we really pride ourselves in," Molino said. "He's [Henshaw] got a better team, but we are close enough to beat them one time. We're going to need a break."

Mary Ellen McGowan leads Pascack Valley, and Kathy Jones heads Ramsey. Pascack Valley has Sue Parker and

Cheryl Wagner. Ramsey has Colleen Murphy and Bonnie Koole.

Meet of Champions winner Pattie McCluskey of Dumont is a favorite. Other top runners are Lakeland's Laura Riebold, who won the Passaic County Meet, and Katie Curran and Julie Craig of Northern Highlands.

"I haven't really seen anyone outside this area that was really impressive," Henshaw said.

Henshaw's right about Group 3. That isn't the case in Group 2. Sussex County seems to breed top distance runners. Lisa Pakutka leads a strong Hopatcong team, which has been beaten by Sparta.

It has the edge, but Rutherford has a good shot at the title. Rutherford is solid, having taken spots 6, 14, 16, 17, and 19 at the Bergen Groups Meet to win the Varsity Groups 1-2 race.

Paul VI of Passaic County and Midland Park of Bergen are the top contenders in Group 1. Joan Profita and Pam Farinella lead Paul VI, which placed seventh in the the Passaic Meet, behind a conglomerate of Group 4 and 3 schools.

Midland Park has four strong runners in Courtney and Tracey Huntzinger, Karen Timcoe, and Lisa Allain.

— ANN ERELINE

Ridgewood runs to sectional title

By Ann Erelina

Correspondent

WEST PATERSON — Four Ridgewood girls had crossed the finish line before a runner in a uniform that was not maroon and white did the same in the Group 4, Section 1 girls cross-country championships yesterday. The sixth finisher was from Ridgewood, too.

"I want North Hunterdon to read that and shake," said Ridgewood coach Jock Brown after his team's 16-point victory. Kennedy finished second with 73 points,

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aided by Shirley Daniel's fifth-place finish.

Two other Bergen County teams took group titles. Pascack Valley edged Ramsey by five points for the Group 3 championship and Midland Park beat Paul VI by four points to win Group 1.

Ridgewood was not peaking for yesterday's race, since the Maroons have been looking ahead to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association all-groups meet all year. North Hunterdon, a Group 3 Central power, edged Ridgewood by four points in the Eastern States Meet two weeks ago and will meet the Maroons in two weeks in the all-groups meet. "We weren't really psyching for it," Brown said. "I told them we don't want to get hurt." They didn't.

Sophomore Mary Ellen Mileski ran her best race at Garret Mountain this year to set up Ridgewood's romp and to defend her title. She ran an 18:51 to set a course record that Hopatcong's Lisa Pakutka broke in the Group 2 race with an 18:37.8.

"I felt good. I got tired going around the lake [midpoint of the course]," Mileski said. "I have to get warmed up. I felt good coming up the hill.

"I felt a lot of pressure from things," she said. The pressure stems partly from her twin Patty's emergence on the team, although Mary Ellen said, "We like tying." Patty, who didn't run for the Ridge-

wood varsity, was second yesterday. Some of it came from last year, when a great freshman season by Mary Ellen was concluded by a poor performance in Holmdel at the State groups meet.

Mary Ellen and Patty conferred as they rounded the lake. Patty didn't feel good, so she told Mary Ellen to take off.

Ridgewood's Carol Dickstein was third, and Sue Hart finished fourth. Dickstein, who hates the Garret course, is looking forward to the Holmdel course, a favorite, and the State groups meet Saturday. "It's like a roller coaster," she said. "The whole last mile is downhill." Garret's last mile is uphill.

Depth favored Ridgewood and saved Pascack Valley. Cowgirls Donna Smith (26th) and Kathy Ryan (30th) earned the win. "They were the race," coach Bill Henshaw said. "The thing that really saved us this week was Kathy Ryan. She's only a sophomore." Ryan was the only PV runner to better her time of the County groups meet.

Lou Molino, Ramsey coach, had another theory. "We balanced their top two, and their bottom two," he said. "Cheryl Wagner is just too much for Bonnie [Koole]." Koole, a sophomore, finished 19th, and Wagner, a junior, was 13th.

Mary Ellen McGowan and Sue Parker were the top finishers for Pascack Valley, second and ninth, respectively.

Dumont's Pattie McCluskey won the Group 3 race with a 19:10. "It felt so slow. I felt like I was just jogging."

The sweetest victory was Midland Park's in Group 1. "We ran as a team and it worked," said first-year coach Jack Gardner. Courtney Huntzinger, fourth, led the Panthers, who finished with 59 points.

Rutherford's day was frustrating. The Bulldogs took third, without Bianca O'Connell, out for the season with shin splints. Jay Cuny, the coach, could only say, "I still thought we had a chance without Bianca." Rutherford finished third, missing second by two points.

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crack the top five.

Individuals who qualified for next week's races at Holmdel were Sal Ferrante of Palisades Park [second in Group 1], Adams and Mark Costello of Fort Lee [fourth in Group 2], Rich Byrne of Ridgefield Park [third in Group 3], Joe D'Costa of Englewood [fifth in Group 3], and Leon Finney of Eastside, Sal Falletta of West Milford, Denys Falcon of Passaic, and Kennedy's Vazquez and Williams [five through nine in Group 4].

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Pattie McCluskey of Dumont, left, Mary Ellen Mileski of Ridgewood, center, and Tom Hughes of Ridgewood, above, win their respective sectional races.

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Twins are doubly good

Mileskis almost one even when they're different

Christina Rossetti

By Ann Erelino

Correspondent

Patty Mileski never used to be nauseous the morning of a big meet, but her twin Mary Ellen was. Their cross-country coach at Ridgewood, Jock Brown, chalks up Patty's new nervousness to sisterly empathy.

"The more I get to know them, the more they really are twins. They have a kind of oneness, even if [in other ways] they are so obviously different," he said. "Their emotional states fluctuate together."

"We talk to each other during the races," said Mary Ellen, who added that they push one another. They prefer to tie, which they had hoped to do at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's North Jersey Section 1 Group 4 championship Saturday. At the midpoint, however, they conferred and

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Patty encouraged Mary Ellen to take off because she wasn't feeling well enough to keep up. Mary Ellen won in 18:51 and Patty was second in 19:21.

The sophomores, who are Brown's Nos. 1 and 2 runners, are two of five high-caliber runners for the Ridgewood girls cross-country team. Seniors Carol Dickstein and Kathy Duffy and junior transfer student Sue Hart round out this awesome team.

Ridgewood easily won the Bergen County Group 3-4 and Meet of Champions teams titles. The Maroons routed runner-up Kennedy, 16-73, in the sectional championships and are favored to win the State Group 4 championship Saturday at Holmdel. Ridgewood has the best chance of any area school to get into the State

Meet of Champions, which will be run on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Carl Mileski moved into Ridgewood five years ago. The oil company he works for transferred him back to the United States from Bahrain, a group of islands in the Persian Gulf. It was in the desert heat that daughter Mary Ellen began to excel as a sprinter.

"Ever since I was little, I did sprints," said Mary Ellen, the more animated of the two. "I always had to run."

"I hated it [running] in the beginning," said Patty, who is quiet. Instead of running, Patty played for her junior high tennis team a year ago. Like Mary Ellen, she started distance running two years ago, but unlike her sister she quit for a year. When she began running again, it was as if she had never quit. She won the Ridgewood Memorial Day Run last spring.

Mary Ellen had already made an impressive start as a Ridgewood runner when she won the sectional championship last year.

"When we found out Mary Ellen had a twin, we started working on her," said Brown, who is convinced that Patty flipped a coin in June to decide whether to run or play tennis.

Having twins on a competitive team worried Brown at first. But Mary Ellen and Patty have not shown any jealousy. "You can usually tell if there's jealousy between runners, because they compete during workouts," Brown said. "But there's hardly a step apart between these two."

"I guess if I was always beating her or if Pat was always beating me, we'd be jealous," said sectional champ Mary Ellen. A week earlier Patty had won the Bergen County groups meet.

Ridgewood choice 11/14/80 to win Group 4 title

Healy's time best in meet at Garret

WEST PATERSON — Tim Healy of Teaneck had the best time of the day in the North Jersey Section 1 nonqualifiers cross-country meet yesterday at Garret Mountain. Healy was timed in 16:55 in Group 4 with Clifton's Mike Smurla his closest competitor in 17:07.

Peter Ludwit of Park Ridge did 17:39 for a first in Group 1, and Passaic Valley's Mike Zanini (17:57) finished second behind Lazaro Reyes (17:48) of Hoboken in Group 3. There was no Group 2 meet.

Park Ridge's Mimi Murphy had a winning time of 22:58 in the girls Group 1 race. Carole Ann Alverez (21:43) of Northern Highlands ran fourth behind three runners from Union Hill in Group 3. Ridgewood was the team winner in girls Group 4.

Non-qualifier meet

BOYS GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES
Midland Park 39, Park Ridge, 87, Mahwah, 90, Secaucus and Palisades Park 108, North Arlington 109, Emerson 120.

1. Peter Ludwit, Park Ridge 17:39
2. John Mueller, Midland Park 17:43
3. Jim Roberts, Midland Park 17:50
4. Jim Kelley, Midland Park 17:54
5. Bill Beattie, Park Ridge 18:02
6. Walt Eckart, North Arlington 18:05
7. Brian Peterson, Palisades Park 18:23
8. Keith Hart, North Arlington 18:25
9. Mike James, Midland Park 18:26
10. Kevin Mislav, Park Ridge 18:33

GIRLS GROUP 1

TEAM SCORES
Ridgefield 29, Palisades Park 37.

1. Mimi Murphy, Park Ridge 22:58

2. Dawn Pavlu, Ridgefield 23:18
3. Roseann Schlovack, Palisades Park 23:29
4. Beth Fairlough, Ridgefield 23:40
5. Jamie Vaughan, Palisades Park 23:57
6. Allison Ruggeri, Ridgefield 24:13
7. Randi Maione, Ridgefield 24:26
8. Kathy Gehler, Palisades Park 25:00
9. Nina Binetti, Palisades Park 25:30
10. Debbie Neubert, Ridgefield 26:06

BOYS GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES
Passaic Valley 40, River Dell 59, Dumont 76, Hoboken 85.

1. Lazaro Reyes, Hoboken 7:48
2. Mike Zanini, Passaic Valley 7:57
3. Lou Amorali, Passaic Valley 7:58
4. David Marmora, Union Hill 7:59
5. Mike Shee, River Dell 8:07
6. Jim McGlynn, River Dell 8:22
7. Andy Feltes, Passaic Valley 8:31
8. Scott Allmers, Dumont 8:47
9. Fran Hughes, Passaic Valley 8:50

GIRLS GROUP 3

TEAM SCORES
Union Hill 20, Passaic Valley 43.

1. Doris Marrero, Union Hill 20:45
2. Daisy Marrero, Union Hill 21:17
3. Magda Martinez, Union Hill 21:37
4. Carole Ann Alverez, Northern Highlands 21:43
5. Yolanda Perez, Union Hill 22:32
6. Paddy Kelley, Passaic Valley 22:40
7. Terry Ryan, Passaic Valley 22:40.1
8. Jennv Miles, Passaic Valley 22:48
9. Edna Terie, Union Hill 24:25
10. Kate Zeraldo, Passaic, Valley 24:50

BOYS GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES
Kearny 46, Hackensack 54, Ridgewood 75, Bayonne 82.

1. Tim Healy, Teaneck 6:55
2. Mike Smurla, Clifton 7:07
3. George Vielleite, Bayonne 7:12
4. Russ McMannamy, Kearny 7:15
5. Brian Ferguson, Kearny 7:40
6. Bill O'Leary, Ridgewood 7:56
7. Scott MacFie, Kearny 8:07
8. John Prince, Hackensack 8:08
9. Clayton McLean, Hackensack 8:09
10. Jesus Lima, Kearny 8:10

GIRLS GROUP 4

TEAM SCORES
Ridgewood 34.

By Ann Erelene
Correspondent

HOLMDEL — Upsets aren't likely to occur tomorrow at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association girls cross-country championships. Ridgewood is a heavy favorite in Group 4 and North Hunterdon is the dominant Group 3 team.

Midland Park and Paul VI, the Bergen-Passaic area's Group 1 leaders, shouldn't threaten Bernards and Mater Dei. St. John Vianney of Holmdel is the favorite in Group 2.

Ridgewood coach Jock Brown says he will check the Group 3 results as intensely as he will his own race, focusing on how well Dumont's Pattie McCluskey and sectional team winner Pascack Valley fare against powerhouse North Hunterdon. He is thinking beyond Saturday to the State all-groups meet on Nov. 22 and a rematch with North Hunterdon. The Annandale school beat Ridgewood by four points at the Eastern States meet on Oct. 25.

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Sharon Greene leads North Hunterdon, the Central champ, and she should be contesting for the No. 2 individual spot with McCluskey and Pascack Valley's Mary Ellen McGowan. Summit's Teresa Gschwind is favored.

The consistent McCluskey won the Bergen Meet of Champions and North Jersey Section 1 titles. McCluskey has excelled on the Garret Mountain course, where McGowan has struggled in finishing 10 seconds behind McCluskey in both races. However, McGowan likes the Holmdel

course. "It's a rugged course, but the whole last mile is a straightaway," said McGowan, who won the Group 3 race last year.

The Group 4 race will be run first. Defending champion Hunterdon Central, which is led by Lori Butterfield, Cricket Batz, and Liese Shaff, has a chance of upsetting Ridgewood.

Ridgewood must have good races from all five runners. Patty Mileski and Carol Dickstein placed fourth and seventh at the Eastern States, but Kathy Duffy, Sue Hart, and Mary Ellen Mileski finished behind the North Hunterdon pack.

Mary Ellen has made no secret of her dislike for the Holmdel course, where she finished 10th in the 1979 group meet. Dickstein, however, says she likes the course where she finished fourth in 1979. "It's 3.1 miles, but it seems a lot shorter because the last mile is all downhill," she says.

Midland Park defeated Paul VI by four points for the Group 1 sectional title. If their schools do not qualify for the Meet of Champions, seniors Courtney and Tracey Huntzinger of Midland Park and Joan Profita and Pam Farinella of Paul VI could be running in their last high-school race.

KELLY KIEBART - 21:58
JOANN CASEY - 24:00
ELLEN MACKEY - 25:02
LIZ NITTI - 25:43
MINDY LAVALLE - 26:33
CAROL LOMBAERDE - 28:18
JULIE BARBITT - 28:27

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Garrett Mt.

Area champion not likely

By Paul Schwartz
Correspondent

HOLMDEL — Ridgewood High School's boys are not expected to match the school's girls team in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association cross-country championships Saturday. Also, it's unlikely that anyone will win an individual championship, as Ian Leasley of Mahwah did last season.

Ridgewood is favored to win the Group 4 girls championship, and is the only area team so highly rated.

Cross-country

But as many as six area teams may qualify for the State Meet of Champions here a week from Saturday, and several area runners should qualify as individuals. Mahwah overtook Cresskill last week to win the Group 1 sectional championship, and coach Dave Radway's team is coming on strong. No one will touch perennial champion Bernards, but Mahwah and Mountain Lakes should battle for second. Cresskill, without the injured Mike Fezza, could qualify as one of the top three teams in the group. The Cougars had very good races from Bill Ham-

marstrom and Rob Ryan last week. Ridgefield's Don Neubert stands a good chance to place as an individual. Bogota and Wood-Ridge have also qualified.

No area team will place in the wide-open Group 2 race, although Saddle Brook and Rutherford are entered. Fort Lee's Wilton Adams won the sectional individual title last week and another good race will land him in the top 10 this week.

Sergio dela Vega led Emerson of Union City to an upset of Northern Highlands in last week's Group 3 sectional, but the Highlanders have the depth to avenge the defeat and qualify for the Meet of Champions. John Clements of Highlands, Ridgefield Park's Rich Byrne, and Old Tappan's Mark Tabasco could make the top 10. Sophomore Joe D'Costa of Englewood will gain needed experience this week. Old Tappan, Dumont, and River Dell also are entered.

Ridgewood finally took its first sectional title, and should have momentum into the Group 4 meet. But Westfield and Cliff Sheehan are too much for Ridgewood and Tom Hughes, although the Maroons and Hughes could both finish second. Brick and Toms River East are also Group 4 powers. Wayne Valley and Hackensack are also entered. Eastside's Leon Finney leads a collection of five Passaic County individuals in the race.

In Parochial A, Bergen Catholic's solid third-place

The Record's boys cross-country polls

BERGEN GROUP 1-2

1. Mahwah (6)	36
2. Cresskill (1)	31
3. Queen of Peace (1)	27
4. Rutherford	13
5. Saddle Brook	11

BERGEN 3-4

1. Bergen Catholic (4)	36
Ridgewood (4)	36
3. Northern Highlands	24
4. St. Joseph	15
5. Hackensack	5 1/3

Also-ran: Old Tappan 3 1/3; Dumont 1/3.

PASSAIC COUNTY

Pts.		
1.	Kennedy (4)	24
2.	Wayne Valley (1)	21
3.	West Milford	15
4.	Eastside	8
5.	Paul VI	7

Selection Committee: Bergen: coaches Ray Jones (North Arlington), Dave Radway (Mahwah), Tom Francese (Cresskill), Norm Fink (Dumont), Bob Stevenson (River Dell), Mike Grady (Paramus Catholic), Tom Zaccone (Hackensack), and Paul Schwartz of The Record. Passaic: coaches Art Riemer (Manchester), Dick Shulte (Lakeland), Bernie Bender (Passaic Valley), Don Bornstein (Eastside). The Record: Paul Schwartz. Voting is on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. First-place votes in parentheses.

finish in the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference race is a good omen in its attempt to beat out a class field for runner-up honors behind prohibitive favorite Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft. The Crusaders' Joe McVeagh is running better every week, and St. Joseph's Ernie Lugo helps to make the Green Knights a darkhorse possibility for a Meet of Champs slot. John Pedati of Queen of Peace should also be in the individual battle.

Andre Hardy of Paterson Catholic and Jose Rubbiani of Pope Pius are the best hopes in the Parochial B race, which starts at 9:30 a.m. Group 4 runs at 10, Group 1 at 11, Group 2 at noon, Group 3 at 1 p.m. and Parochial A is the last to to off at 2 p.m.

Ridgewood girls easily take team

By Ann Erelina
Correspondent

HOLMDEL — Ridgewood outclassed the Group 4 field at the New Jersey State Interscholastic

Girls cross-country

Athletic Association Girls Cross-Country Championships yesterday, becoming the only Bergen-Passaic team to qualify for the State Meet of Champions.

Ridgewood had 35 points while runner-up Hunterdon Central, the defending champion, had 113.

Coach Jock Brown wasn't pleased with his coaching during the race, especially when the sub-

ject was third-place finisher Mary Ellen Mileski. "I really blew it with Mary Ellen," he said. "She wanted to go a little faster, but I told her to take it slower in the beginning."

Mileski had too much left at the end of the race. Brown had encouraged the sophomore to stay 10 to 20 yards behind Hunterdon Central's top runner, Lorrie Butterfield. That distance proved too much for Mileski to make up in the stretch.

"I'll have to go right to the front the next time," said the sophomore, who will again meet Butterfield here Saturday in the Meet of Champions.

Ridgewood placed five runners in the top 15. Trailing Mary Ellen were Patty Mileski, seventh; Carol Dickstein, 11th; Kathy Duffy, 12th; and Sue Hart, 14th. Dickstein, Duffy, and Hart will have to equal or better their performances next week

when they run against Group 3 champion North Hunterdon if Ridgewood is to win the meet title. North Hunterdon won with 27 points against runner-up Randolph's 140.

Two Bergen Group 3 runners, Dumont's Pattie McCluskey and Pascack Valley's Mary Ellen McGowan, qualified as individuals for the final meet.

McCluskey's second-place finish in Group 3 wasn't surprising, nor was the first-place finish of Summit's Theresa Gschwind. McCluskey tried to keep pace with Gschwind through the first half of the race, but the Dumont junior conceded that she realized by the midpoint that she couldn't.

McCluskey, whose time was 19:20, said she had some trouble holding off North Hunterdon's leader Sharon Greene, who finished third. "I took Greene

crown in Group 4

on the hills, but she surprised me with her strength at the end," said McCluskey, who finished four seconds ahead of Greene. Defending champion McGowan finished sixth in 19:36.

Tenafly's Eileen Keyes had one of her better

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paces of the season as she finished sixth (19:56) in Group 2 and became Bergen's third individual qualifier for the Meet of Champions. Like Mary Ellen Mileski, Keyes felt that she had too much left at the end.

"What I wanted to do was keep up with Laura Falci [of Saddle Brook], and then pass her in the

middle," said Keyes, who had to key off a runner she knew because she had not run the course before. Falci finished 14th in 20:20. Keyes added that she felt she could have placed higher and run a faster time if she hadn't been so conservative.

But coach Bob Waterman was happy for Keyes. "She ran a bad race in the sectionals," Waterman said of the Garret Mountain race in which Keyes finished a minute slower than her best time on that course. "I really think she overcame the butterflies in her stomach in this race," he said.

Hawthorne's Jennifer King missed the Meet of Champions by one spot and five seconds when she placed 11th in Group 2.

Joan Profita and Pam Farinella of Paul VI finished 13th and 14th in the Group 1 race. Eastern Christian's Darla Wisse was 26th.

In Group 3, Lakeland's Laura Riebold finished 19th and Ramsey's Colleen Murphy came in 23rd.

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Maroons, Kinnelon girls lead locals at state harriers' meet

By RICH WHITBY

Staff Writer

HOLMDEL — The girls' teams proved to be the stronger of the local entries running in the state cross country group championships on Saturday. Both the Ridgewood and Kinnelon girls qualified for the Meet of Champions, to be held here next week, with strong first and second-place finishes respectively in their groups.

On the boys' side, only two individual runners, Tom Hughes of Ridgewood and Jose Rubiani of Pope Pius, were able to place high enough to run next week.

The Ridgewood girls were by far the most impressive victors, scoring 37 points in the Group IV race. The Maroons were led by the Mileski twins, Mary Ellen (19:24) and Pat (19:41), who finished third and seventh. The two sophomores were followed by Carol Dickstein (19:55), Kathy Duffy (19:58) and Sue Hart (20:08), in 11th, 12th and 14th, to rout the nearest competition, Hunterdon Central, by 76 points.

"We've had some good luck, like getting a transfer student, and I'd like to think we train right, plus we have a couple of seniors. It's a little of everything," said Jock Brown, the Ridgewood girls' coach. "The Mileskis are so good in that the other two kids, the seniors, are such good role models."

The extent of the Maroons' victory would seem to make them the favorites in the overall girls' championship in the Meet of Champions. "The only team we're worried about (next week) is North Hunterdon. They might do the same thing in their race today, as we did in ours," Brown said.

North Hunterdon did better in the Group III race, finishing 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9, for an almost invisible 27 points. The next team was Randolph of Morris

County with 140 points, and comparing times, the Lions would actually be the slight favorites.

In Group I girls, Kinnelon placed second, primarily on the strength of sixth and seventh-place finishes by Inge Shuurmans (20:15) and Nancy Schmidt (20:17).

"We've been coming along, getting better every week," said Colt coach Ado Bolls. Kinnelon was first in the Section 2 finals last week, and in addition to Schuurmans and Schmidt, it will be taking Gina Boderck (20:40, 10th), Bonnie Keenan (21:28, 22nd) and Judi Strebinger (21:35, 25th) to Holmdel next week.

Tom Hughes of Ridgewood finished ninth in the boys' Group IV race and will run next week, but his effort was not enough to put his team into the finals. Ridgewood took fourth in that race, just out of the running. The first three teams, and the first 10 individuals in each group qualified.

"Hughes ran a decent race," said Ridgewood coach Larry Coyle. "We ran a good team race, but the competition was the toughest it's been in years, and Kevin Murphy (Ridgewood's fourth runner) has been sick."

The competition was indeed strong in the Group IV race, with the eventual winner, Cliff Sheehan (15:50) of Westfield, shaving 18 seconds off the course record. Sheehan also became the first scholastic runner to break the 16-minute mark on the 5000-meter circuit.

Ridgewood's unfortunate experience of just missing a Meet of Champions berth was repeated by some other local runners and teams. Jennifer King (20:14) of Hawthorne just missed a bid by finishing 11th in the girls' Group II race. Lisa Patkka (18:56), who breezed to victory in the Group II sectionals last week, repeated her performance in that race, winning by 33 seconds.

Ridgewood girls face challenge

By Paul Schwartz

Correspondent

HOLMDEL — Only one Bergen County cross-country team ever has earned New Jersey State Meet of Champions honors — the Bergen Catholic boys team of 1977. But Bergen County girls champion Ridgewood could be the second if the Maroons can overcome the strong challenge of North Hunterdon in Saturday's 11:30 a.m. championship race at Holmdel County Park.

The Maroons and their southern rivals have met once earlier this year at the Eastern States race in the rain and North Hunterdon edged the Ridgewood team, 50-54. But both teams have improved since then and last week prepped for this

end-of-season battle with awesome group championship victories.

Ridgewood overwhelmed their Group 4 rivals in an easy 35-113 win over defending State champion Hunterdon Central and placed their top five runners in the top 14. Mary Ellen Mileski and twin sister Patty finished 3-7 and Carol Dickstein, Kathy Duffy, and Sue Hart were 11-12-14, leading Duffy to say: "I can't believe that there can be anyone better than us."

But North Hunterdon may be. The two-some of Sharon Greene and Tracey Bigley took 3-4, and Liz Ludwigson and Stacy Bilotta were 9-10 and Kim Borim was 12th in a 27-140 Group 3 rout of Randolph. On times, North Hunterdon has the edge with five runners under 20 minutes to Ridgewood's four.

Mary Ellen Mileski should be in the top 10 and Bergen County champion Pattie McCluskey of Dumont should be fifth behind Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, Janet Smith of J.P. Stevens, Terri Gschwind of Summit, and Meg Waldron of Bernards, the pre-race favorites. Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley always runs well at Holmdel, and individual qualifier Eileen Keyes of Tenafly should finish in the top 30.

The boys picture isn't as rosy. Bergen Catholic, the only boys team entered, could get fourth behind Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft, Bernards, and Westfield, but they must improve on last week's excellent effort to do so. Tom Hughes of Ridgewood is potentially one of the best five runners in the State, but he had a subpar race last week and must improve by 15 seconds to break into the top five.

The Record's boys cross-country polls

BERGEN GROUP 1-2

	Pts.
1. Mahwah (6) _____	38
2. Cresskill (1) _____	32
3. Queen of Peace(1) _____	26
4. Rutherford _____	15
5. Saddle Brook _____	6

Also-rans: Tenafly 2, Bogota 1.

BERGEN 3-4

1. Bergen Catholic (5) _____	37
2. Ridgewood (3) _____	35
3. Northern Highlands _____	23
4. St. Joseph _____	16
5. Old Tappan _____	5

Also-ran: Hackensack 3; Dumont 1.

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Ridgewood girls aim for NJ sweep

By BILL SARNO

HOLMDEL — Cathy Duffy's smile and composure were no indication that she had just completed a 5000-meter race over a grueling cross country course.

The Ridgewood High School senior was happy because the girls team, of which she is captain, had just won the state Group IV title. Duffy was also looking forward to returning to Holmdel County Park the following Saturday for the state-Meet of Champions.

The Group IV race had been one of the earliest last Saturday. The team that is expected to battle Ridgewood for the Meet of Champions crown, North Hunterdon, would run later in the day in the Group III race.

Duffy said, she and her team would not be able to stay to witness their rival's race. If the Maroons had seen North Hunterdon, a squad which had beaten them earlier this season in New York race, compete Saturday they would have been impressed. The Central Jersey champions beat the Group III field even more easily than Ridgewood had vanquished the Group IV competition.

Ridgewood had placed five runners in the top 14 and four posted times under 20 minutes for the hilly course. North Hunterdon's fifth runner placed 13th and was timed in 19:55. Marge DeMarruis, the Group III champs No. 6, finisher (only five count in the team score) was only 12 seconds over 20 minutes and she would go on the next day to

capture the N. J. Athletic Congress Junior Olympic cross country championship.

Ridgewood's girls know they will have to be at their best this Saturday. They also expected a tough competition last Saturday but the end result was virtually a run-away for the Maroons.

The Ridgewood runners were not at the front of the pack as it reached the top of the hill, about three-fourths of a mile into the 3.1 mile race.

Duffy explained that the Maroons, who had made a special training trip to Holmdel the previous Saturday, knew that the first portion of the course was a tough hill so they saved their strength.

"We made our move at the bowl," said Duffy. The bowl is a grassy downhill and then uphill section at the middle of the course.

While the Ridgewood runners bided their time, Janet Smith a ninth grader at J. P. Stevens High School of Edison and junior Liza Szymanski of Toms River East fought for the lead. Smith dominated and Szymanski fell back as Lori Butterfield of Hunterdon Central took up the chase.

With a mile to go Smith had a 30-yard lead on Butterfield and Ridgewood sophomore Mary Ellen Mileski was in hot pursuit another 80 yards back. There was no catching the leaders on the final downhill run and the Ridgewood runner settled for third.

Back in the pack, twin sister Pat Mileski was also moving up and she finished seventh. Maroons Carol Dickstein and Duffy improved their positions and they, respectively, placed 11th and 12th. Sue Hart completed the Ridgewood scoring, sprinting home in 14th place.

Non scoring finishers were Coach Jock Brown's Maroons were Chris Mc Kenna in 30th and ninth grader Anja Kannengieser, 70th. More than 130 girls finished the race.

Although North Hunterdon would have won Saturday if only times were compared, the head-to-head matchup this Saturday is rated too close to call. For instance, both No. 1 runners, Mary Ellen Mileski, who had a lot left at the end of her run, and North Hunterdon's Sharon Green, who faded from second to third in the stretch, were timed in 19:24.

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Group IV's best — The Ridgewood High School girls country team was all smiles after it won its state title Saturday in Holmdel. In front are (from left): Anja Kannengeiser, Mary Ellen and Pat

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Ridgewood

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In the previous eight years that state high school cross country championships for girls have been contested, no team, not even the once-dominant Red Bank Catholic, has possessed quality runners in the quantity that characterizes both the North Hunterdon and Ridgewood contingents.

ON Saturday, the team battle is expected to even draw attention from a first rate race for the individual crown. Battling for first will be Janet Smith, Theresa Gschwind of Summit, Lisa Pakutka of Hopatcong, and Meg Waldron of Bernards, who had the fastest time Saturday, 18:48.

Both Mileski sisters could finish in the top ten and Duffy, Dickstein and Hart have a shot at being in the top 25. How their placings compare with the North Hunterdon finishes will decide the team crown.

Ridgewood second in girls race

By Ann Erelina

Correspondent

HOLMDEL — Mary Ellen McGowan of Pascack Valley was ready to celebrate her sixth-place finish in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's girls cross-country Meet of Champions, but Ridgewood felt like mourning its 38-point loss to North Hunterdon.

McGowan's 19:16 bettered her NJSIAA groups meet time by 20 seconds. But for Ridgewood, it again finished second to a team that it had lost to by four points earlier this year.

Christian Brothers Academy won the boys race. Improved performances from

its runners enabled Bergen Catholic to take the No. 4 spot. Bill Fletcher and Kevin Gormley finished Nos. 21 and 28. "Fletcher and Gormley ran better than they have all year," said a gratified coach Dave Faherty.

Ridgewood's Tom Hughes was the top

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Bergen individual, finishing 12th in 16:31. Maroons' coach Larry Coyle said, "He ran a good race, but it was a much more crowded race [than last Saturday], and the field was extremely strong." Fort Lee's Wilton Adams was 37th and Ridgewood's Don Neubert 44th.

McGowan, the Ridgewood girls, Dumont's Pattie McCluskey, and Tenafly's Eileen Keyes also faced tough competition. It was tough for everyone but winner Janet Smith of J.P. Stevens of North Edison, who was 20 seconds ahead of the next runner.

McGowan said she felt vindicated after having what had to be considered an off-season. She had won the State Groups meet last season. Her races at Garret Mountain against the Bergen runners — the ones she stuck close to yesterday — were erratic.

"Because I was the underdog, I didn't feel any pressure," said McGowan of her attitude going into the race. McCluskey,

who has been the County's most consistent runner, finished 21st. Keyes was 45.

For Ridgewood, Mary Ellen and Patty Mileski finished 14th and 15th, but they were the only Maroons to break into the top 25. The No. 3 runner, Carol Dickstein, was bothered by a sinus infection and finished 50th. No. 4 Kathy Duffy was injured during the race and didn't finish in the top 50. Sue Hart and Chris McKenna were 32nd and 39th. Four North Hunterdon girls were in the top 25 in the Nos. 9, 11, 19, and 25 spots.

Ridgewood coach Jock Brown said pressure was a factor, but he added that everyone felt it, even the winners. "Maybe it wasn't in the cards," Brown said.

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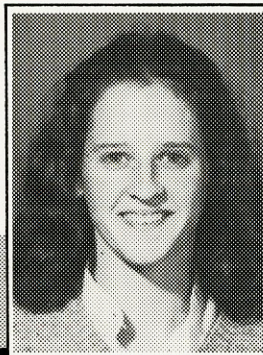
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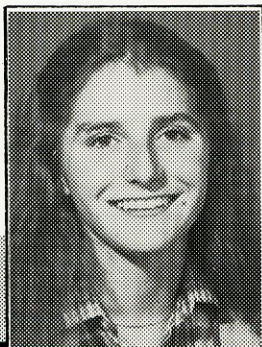


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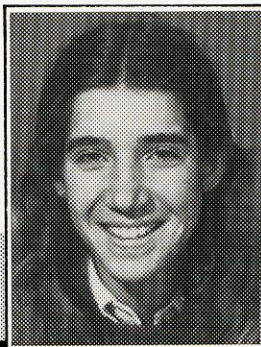


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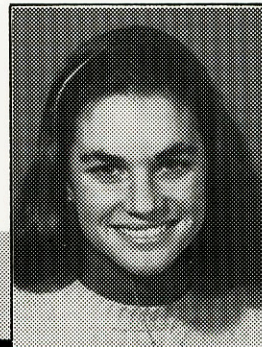
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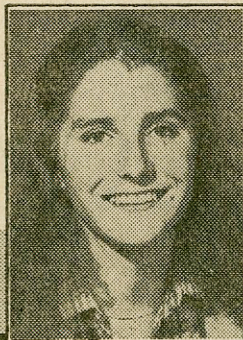


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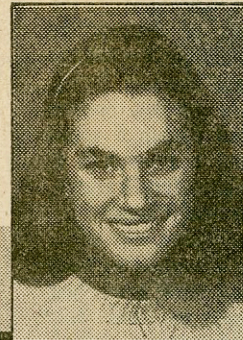
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