

## Ridgewood girls make a statement against North Hunterdon

The only New Jersey team to beat the Ridgewood girls team in the past two seasons has been North Hunterdon. The Lions won the last three state Group 4 and State Meet of Champions titles, with Ridgewood second the last two years in both meets and finished one spot ahead of the Maroons in winning the Nike Northeast Regionals last fall.

On Oct. 6, Ridgewood got a small measure of revenge by routing the Lions, 19-39, in a dual meet held at the Lions' track at the school in Annandale. The meet was run at two miles, instead of the usual 5,000 meters as part of the Hoka One One Postal Nationals, a virtual competition sponsored by the California based shoe company. The schools are the top two ranked teams in the state in preseason rankings.



Olivia Shattuck, Sarah Policano and AnnaMarie Tretola went 1-2-3 for the Maroons, running 11:25, 11:26 and 11:27, respectively, while Lily Williams was fifth in 11:35 and junior newcomer Caroline Deiss was eighth in 11:57, just ahead of Claire Hamlet.

The Maroons' 11:34 five girl average ranks them third in the nation, behind only Mount Prospect, IL and Henderson of West Chester, PA, among the 146 entrants so far. North Hunterdon is now #12 in the national rankings and Lakeland, which was in the top five for more than a month is now #14. The competition runs through the month of October.