

# 3 veteran runners nucleus for '76 Neenah Rocket harrier team

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team is going to have to go some to beat last year's record but this year's harriers are determined to do that very thing.

The 1975 Rockets defeated 86 teams and lost to only three.

They finished third in the state meet and won every other event (duals, triangulars, invitationals, conference, regional and sectional meets) that they entered except the Grafton invitational, where they finished second.

"We only were beaten by three teams through state competition. It's pretty difficult to improve on that record," Coach Tom Jensen said.

But, he has a fine nucleus around which to build this year's entry — seniors Dan Schaller, Rick Schmidt and Steve Verkuilen, all of whom are starting their third seasons as varsity runners.

"I suppose when you've got three boys coming back who were 12th, 13th and 29th in the state meet last year, you have to be a bit optimistic," Jensen declared.

"We lost Paul Gooch and Dave Kiersaad from the first five and we're going to have to have juniors, who are untested, to come through and perform in their place," the Neenah coach added.

They'll get an idea of what the season holds for them in the United States Track and Field Federation Meet Saturday at Madison.

Each school is permitted to enter four runners at each of the four grade levels so 16 Neenah runners will perform. Last year, Verkuilen finished fourth among the 160 juniors.

The first meet in which team scores will count will be in the Hodag Invitational at Rhinelander on Sept. 11.

Although the Rockets only have three lettermen, they have a number of others with running experience, including graduates from a jayvee team that beat 36 of 37 foes and won the conference meet.

Leading candidates, Jensen reported, are senior Steve Blank, juniors Phil Edmonds, Mark Klemm, Tom Martin, Pat Murphy, and Bill Neer, Mark Firary, a junior who lettered at Sun Prairie last year, and Todd Thiede, a sophomore, who has placed well in the time trials.

Other varsity members are Jim Lamb, junior, and Tony Edmonds, Dan Kierstead, Roger Hageman, Terry Emmerich, Fritz Hildebrand and Kevin Schmidt, seniors.

There are 28 candidates, ninth through 12th grade. Seventeen are working at Armstrong and the rest with Glen Severson at Shattuck.

Jensen said the seniors run a lot this

summer, noting that this is their last year and they are serious about making it a good one.

The Rocket mentor sees Appleton East again as the leading challenger with Kaukauna a strong third. He said Oshkosh West has several outstanding individuals but lacks depth.

The Rocket schedule includes only three triangulars or quadrangulars plus six invitationals.

"If you want to have a strong cross country you have to go to the strong meets," Jensen pointed out.

This year, they'll compete in invitationals at Oshkosh North, Rhinelander, Shawano, Milwaukee Marshall, Grafton and Fort Atkinson.

Jensen said the Marshall meet is like a little state meet and for the first time the Rockets will be facing Racine Case, a power in recent years.

The schedule:

Sept. 4 — USTFF meet at Madison; Sept. 11 — Rhinelander Invitational; Sept. 14 — Oshkosh North Invitational; Sept. 21 — Ripon, Menasha or Menasha; Sept. 25 — Milwaukee Marshall Invitational; Sept. 26 — Appleton West there; Oct. 2 — Grafton Invitational; Oct. 5 — Appleton West and Kimberly home; Oct. 9 — Fort Atkinson Invitational; Oct. 12 — FVA meet at Kimberly.

## Neenah cops Shawano meet

SHAWANO — Neenah placed five runners in the top 20 finishers to win the large school varsity race at the Shawano Invitational cross-country meet Saturday.

The Rockets' Dan Schaller posted a time of 15:20 over the three-mile course to place first. Steve Verkuilen was fifth, Rick Schmidt was sixth, Mark Klemm was 13th and Mark Fereari was 19th.

Appleton West placed fifth, with Scott Schuldes the top Terror runner in seventh place. Dennis Weyenberg finished 14th and Steve Wautlet was 38th.

Kaukauna finished ninth, just one point behind Oshkosh West. Steve Pomeroy placed 27th for the Ghosts' top finish.

In the medium school race, won by DePere East, Kimberly finished sixth with a seventh place finish by Randy Welsh and a 19th by Stu Timm the top placings. Hortonville (11th) was led by Mark Kohls in 16th; Wittenberg-Birnamwood (13th) had a strong 11th-place run by Mark Lessor; Seymour (12th) was paced by Ken Van Boxtel in 40th and New London (15th) had Jerry Loughlin in 51st.

Neenah placed second in the large school JV race, with Gary Van-

derhoven in fourth and Bill Near in fifth. Neenah No. 2 was fourth; Wittenberg-Birnamwood was fifth; Kaukauna placed sixth; Appleton West was 10th; Kimberly was 15th; and Kaukauna's No. 2 team was 19th.

Bill Schaefer paced Kaukauna in 18th; Steve Sanderfoot was 66th for Kimberly; and Steve Pankala was 37th for Appleton West.

### VARSITY

#### Large Schools

NEENAH 44, MANITOWOC 67, WAUSAU WEST and ANTIGO 151 (West gets third on tiebreaker), APPLETON WEST 172, STEVENS POINT and RHINELANDER 177 (Stevens Point gets sixth on tiebreaker), OSHKOSH WEST 207, KAUKAUNA 208, WAUSAU EAST 230, GREEN BAY WEST 248, OSHKOSH NORTH 249.

#### Medium Schools

DE PERE EAST 51, MEDFORD 71, LUXEMBERG-CASCO 89, TWO RIVERS 100, GREEN BAY PREMONTE 152, KIMBERLY 154, PULASKI 192, HORTONVILLE 328, SHAWANO 230, WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD 235, SEYMOUR 310, NEW LONDON 338, MARION 359.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

##### Large Schools

MANITOWOC 35, NEENAH 57, WAUSAU WEST 77, NEENAH No. 2 85, WITT-BIRN 140, KAUKAUNA 142, RHINELANDER 194, GREEN BAY PREMONTE 201, STEVENS POINT 274, APPLETON WEST 337, OSHKOSH WEST 347, TWO RIVERS 352, RHINELANDER No. 2 381, OSHKOSH NORTH 411, KIMBERLY 439, WAUSAU EAST 448, WAUSAU WEST No. 2 479, SHAWANO 504, KAUKAUNA No. 2 508.

##### Medium-Small Schools

LUXEMBERG-CASCO 22, PULASKI 113, BRILION 123, LUX-CASCO No. 2 130, LUX-CASCO No. 3 157, WITT-BIRN 106, OCONTO 147, SEYMOUR 220, HORTONVILLE 249, HORTONVILLE No. 2 358.



# East edges NHS runners

APPLETON — Fox Valley Association cross country adversaries Neenah and Appleton East are all even after two meetings.

The Patriots evened the score by shading the Rockets by three points, 29-32, in a five-team meet at Pierce Park Tuesday afternoon.

Neenah had edged the Patriots by a point in the Shawano Invitational.

Two Rivers finished third in Tuesday's meet with 88 points. Appleton West had 93 and Menasha 130.

Neenah's Dan Schaller was the individual winner in 16:02. East's Gene Lefevre was a close second in 16:04.

Other Neenah places were Steve Ver-

kuilen third in 16:31, Rick Schmidt seventh in 16:36, Steve Blank eighth in 16:39, Mark Firary 13th in 16:54, Mark Kleman 15th in 17:01 and Pat Murphy 18th in 17:11.

Menasha's places were Luke Halle 17th, Craig La Count 23rd, Scott Abel 27th, Hans Hesser 31st, Kerry Ruhnke 32nd and Bill Palm 33rd.

Appleton East won the race by place placing Steve Barnett (fourth), Dave Wallace (fifth) and Steve Plote (sixth) ahead of Neenah's third runner.

Rocket coach Coach Tom Jensen said Blank ran well and he was pleased with his performance.

Menasha Coach Russ Lertz said his team hasn't done well since two recent invitationals and hopes to get untracked before the conference meet.

East and Neenah are expected to fight it out for the league crown Oct. 13

at Kimberly.

Appleton East also won the junior varsity meet, 25-30, over Neenah. Two Rivers had 99 and Menasha 115. Appleton West didn't enter a jayvee unit.

Dan Gotte of East was the winner in 17:10. Neenah's Gary Vanevenhoven was runnerup in 17:13.

Todd Ake was fourth, Todd Thede fifth, Tim Shandonay ninth, Tim Thornell 11th, Kevin Gill 15th and Karl Hildebrand 16th.

Finishing places for Menasha were Eric Sell 18th, Jerry Bevers 29th, Don Wojahn 22nd, Len Fox 24th, Tad Dachet 25th and Norm Selle 29th.

The Rockets will compete in the Grafton Invitational Saturday while Menasha's next meet is at Two Rivers Tuesday, where it will go against Kaukauna, Algoma, Sheboygan Falls, Two Rivers and Luxemburg-Casco.

## Rocket harriers cop 2nd invitational

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team garnered its second invitational victory of the week in placing first at Shawano Saturday morning.

The Rockets totaled 44 points to edg-

ing Manitowoc's 67.

Wausau West and Antigo had 101.

Appleton West 172, Stevens Point and Rhinelander 177, Oshkosh West 307, Kaukauna 208, Wausau East 236, Green Bay West 248 and Oshkosh North 249.

Neenah's Dan Schaller won his second straight individual race, touring the course in 15:16, edging Steve Fischer of Rhinelander by five seconds.

Steve Verkuilen was fifth in 15:46, Rick Schmidtt eighth in 15:47, Mark Kleman 13th in 16:04, Mark Firary 19th in 16:16, Steve Blank 28th in 16:23, Pat Murphy 29th in 16:34 and Phil Edmonds 39th in 16:25.

Coach Tom Jensen said he was pleased with the improvement of some of his runners. He said Verkuilen ran his best race of the fall.

One junior varsity team placed second with 52 points and the other was fourth with 85. Manitowoc finished first with 35.

Finishes of the second place team were Bill Neer fifth, Fritz Hildebrand 10th, Tom Martin 12th, Dan Kierstead 13th, Kevin Schmidt 16th, Terry Emmerich 20th, Tony Edmonds 35th and Mike Lamb 40th.

The team finishing fourth included Gary Vanevenhoven fourth, Todd Ake 13th, Tim Shandonay 14th, Kevin Gill 28th, Dan Buchman 28th, Karl Hildebrand 43rd and Tim Neer 70th.

The Rockets will run against Ripon and Menasha at Jefferson Park Tuesday afternoon and compete in the

Milwaukee Marshall Invitational next Saturday.

They were ranked 10th in the first state coaches' poll last week.

## Harriers debut

MENASHA-NEENAH — The Neenah and Menasha High School cross country teams will head out different directions to inaugurate their schedules in United States Track and Field Federation meets Saturday.

The Bluejays will travel to Rhinelander while the Rockets have chosen to compete on the hilly course at Madison.

No team scores are kept and schools are permitted to enter 16 boys, four in each in class in school. Seniors run against each other and the same for juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

The Bluejays will inaugurate their interscholastic schedule in a quadrangular at Oshkosh North next Tuesday, going against the Spartans, Oshkosh West and Lourdes.

Neenah will enter the first of its six invitationals a week from Saturday at Rhinelander.



## Rockets cop 'all-events', in Hodag run

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team was nipped in the varsity race but won the all-events trophy in the Hodag Invitational Cross Country Meet at Rhinelander Saturday.

The Rockets were edged by Milwaukee Thomas More, 60-61, in the varsity run. Rhinelander was third with 73 points, followed by Wausau West 110, Antigo 128, Wisconsin Rapids 161, Schofield 173, Wausau East 183 and Shawano 289.

The Neenah freshman-sophomore team was first with a perfect score of 15 points.

The junior varsity team finished third with 52, trailing Thomas More 39 and Wausau West 47.

However, the 15, 61 and 52 gave the Rockets the lowest overall point total for the all-events award.

"The emphasis is on all events in this meet," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said. "Some teams go out of their way to balance their teams, especially the jayvees."

"We learned a few lessons," Jensen said of the one-point loss in the varsity meet.

Craig Sobocinski of Thomas More was the individual winner in 15 minutes, 2 seconds. Bill Fischer of Rhinelander was second and Dan Schaller of Neenah took third in 15:17.

Other Neenah finishes were Rick Schmidt ninth, Steve Verkuilen 12th, Mark Kleman 18th, Mark Firari 19th, Phil Edmonds 20th, Pat Murphy 39th and Fritz Hildebrand 48th.

Steve Blank took a third place to lead the Rockets in the jayvee meet. Bill Neer finished 10th, Tony Edmonds 11th, Terry Emmerich 13th, Dan Kiernstead 15th, Roy Hageman 18th, Mike Lamb 28th and Kevin Schmidt 31st.

Todd Thede was first in 16:46 in the frosh-soph event. Todd Ake garnered second, Gary Vanevenhoven third, Jeff Morin fourth, Dan Buchman fifth, Karl Hildebrand ninth, Kevin Gill 11th and Tim Neer 23rd.

The Rockets will compete in the Oshkosh North Invitational Tuesday. The varsity meet starts at 5 p.m. and the jayvee test is slated for 5:30, both on the North high course.

Manitowoc and Appleton East are expected to provide the strongest competition for the Red and White in its quest for its first invitational title of the season.

## Schaller fourth in Madison race

MENASHA-NEENAH — Dan Schaller of Neenah garnered a fourth place in the senior class division to lead Twin City cross country runners in weekend United States Track and Field Federation meets.

Schaller, running the hilly Madison course for the first time, posted a 16:31. The winning time was 16:30. There were 141 entries in the division.

Menasha, competing in the USTFF meet at Rhinelander, was led by Craig La Count, who garnered an 11th place in the sophomore division.

The Bluejays were represented by Julie Reiland in the girls' division and she took a 10th place.

Other places for Rocket seniors included Rick Schmidt 28th in 17:41, Steve Verkuilen 36th in 17:54 and Terry Emmerich 77th in 18:57.

Phil Edmonds led the Rocket juniors by placing 12th in a field of 147. His time was 17:32.

Mark Farari was 23rd in 17:54, Mark Kleman 42nd in 18:36 and Pat Murphy 67th in 19:12.

Todd Ake led Neenah's freshmen with an 18th place in 19:08. Tim Thorpe was 20th, Tim Shandonay 24th and

Dan Buchman 36th. There were 150 entries.

Of the 158 sophomores, Neenah's Scott Palmer was 75th, Kevin Gill 85th and Karl Hildebrand 105th.

Hans Hesser, with a 31st place, led the Bluejay seniors at Rhinelander. Scott Abel was 32nd, Bill Palm 34th and Bill Wojahn 44th.

Kerry Ruhnke was 38th among the juniors. Tracy Mayer, the only other Menasha entry, was tripped during the race and didn't finish.

Trailing La Count among the sophomores were Luke Halle 15th, Al Flanders 34th and Tom Jankowski 54th.

Don Wojahn picked up a 14th place to head the Menasha ninth graders. Todd Dachelet was 32nd, Eric Sell 33rd and Len Fox 34th.

First place in the senior race went to Jay Heldt of Merrill in 15:01.

The Bluejays were scheduled to open their interscholastic schedule this afternoon in a quadrangular against Ripon, Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West on the North course. Ripon is a late entry, replacing Lourdes.

Neenah doesn't see action again until Saturday when it defends its title in the Hodag Invitational at Rhinelander.

## Neenah harriers win triangular

MENASHA — Neenah High School's cross country team claimed the first seven places in winning a triangular hosted by Menasha Tuesday afternoon in Jefferson Park.

The Rockets racked up a perfect score of 15 points. The Bluejays were second with 56 and Ripon garnered third with 69.

The victory was the third straight for the Red and White, who won invitations in their previous two starts.

Neenah's Dan Schaller set a new course record in winning the event in 15:19. The old mark of 15:45 was held by Appleton East's Bruce McKenzie.

Mark Kleman garnered second place with Steve Verkuilen third, Steve Blank fourth, Rick Schmidt fifth, Pat Murphy sixth and Mary Firary seventh.

Luke Halle led Menasha with an eighth place finish.

Tracy Mayer was ninth, Scott Abel 11th, Craig La Count 13th, Hans Hesser 15th, Kerry Ruhnke 18th and Bill Palm 19th.

Ripon's finishes included Wade Kaiser 10th, Dave Anderson 12th, Tim Lyke 14th, Bob Meyer 16th, Andy Lyke 17th, Don Norris 20th and Steve Henning 21st.

Neenah also registered a grand slam in the junior varsity meet with 15 points. Ripon had 60 and Menasha 63.

Todd Thede won the event in 16:46 and was followed by teammates Todd Ake, Gary Vanevenhoven, Tim Thorpe, Tim Shandonay and Karl Hildebrandt. Kevin Gill was ninth.

Menasha finishes were Don Wojahn eighth, Al Flanders 10th, Eric Sell 12th, Lenny Fox 16th, Tad Dachelet 17th, Norm Selle 19th and Marv Kersten 21st.

Menasha will run against St. Mary and Kimberly at Thursday afternoon at Jefferson. The jayvee race will start at 4 p.m.



## Neenah High cross country team bids for third straight

NEENAH — Its third straight invitational triumph will be the goal of the Neenah High School cross country team when it competes in the Milwaukee Marshall meet Saturday.

The Rockets, in their last two big meet outings, won at Oshkosh and Shawano. They were edged by a point at Rhinelander in their opener.

Neenah, which is making its first start in the Milwaukee event, will go up against Milwaukee Custer, Marshall and South, defending state champion Racine Case, Nicolet, St. Lawrence of Oaklawn, Ill., Milwaukee Plus, Wauwatosa West, West Allis Hale and Central and Janesville Craig.

Coach Tom Jensen expects Case and Nicolet to be strong contenders.

Neenah was ranked eighth in this week's large school poll in the state. Case is fourth and Menomonee Falls North is No. 1.

## Rockets, Patriots again battle for harrier title

NEENAH-MENASHA — Neenah High School guns for its third straight Fox Valley Association cross country championship in the circuit's seventh annual meet at Oakwood Hills Wednesday afternoon.

Kimberly High School is host to the

meet, which begins with the junior varsity run at 4:30 p.m. The varsity test will start about 5 o'clock.

The Rockets and Appleton East have been the circuit's only champions.

Neenah took the first title in 1970 and shared first place with the Patriots the next year. The Patriots won in 1972 and 1973 and the Rockets edged them by four points in 1974 and by 10 at High Cliff last fall.

They've only faced each other twice this year and each team holds a victory.

Neenah won the Oshkosh Invitational with 67 points, one less than the Pats. Then in a five-team meet at Appleton, East was first with 29 points and the Rockets tallied 32.

"It's going to be close. East has a lot of momentum. They've won some nice meets," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Jensen pointed out that the Patriots have been unbeaten since edging the Rockets by three points and that his team will have to run well to beat them.

Neenah's leading runners are Dan Schaller, Steve Verkuilen and Rick Schmidt while Gene LeFevre, Steve Barnett and Dave Wallace pace the Pats.

Verkuilen was third and Schaller fifth in last year's meet. Oshkosh West's Kelly Green, who finished second, also returns.

Menasha placed third last year for its best finish ever and the Bluejays will be battling with just about every other entry for that spot again.

The Jays haven't come around as well as Coach Russ Leitz had expected and he hopes they'll be able to put everything together for this meet.

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Sophomore Luke Halle has been the Jays' most consistent performer. He finished among the top 10 in several multi-school meets.

## Runners compete in invitational meets

MENASHA-NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team bids for its second invitational victory of the week and its second in three starts at Shawano Saturday.

The Rockets are defending champions in the meet, which is held on the high school campus. Rhinelander and Wausau West are expected to be their most serious challengers.

Thus far, Neenah lost the Rhinelander meet by a point and took the Oshkosh North Invitational by the same margin.

Menasha and St. Mary will run in the Manitowoc Roncalli Invitational Saturday, the Bluejays in Class A and the Zephyrs in the smaller school division.

## Preble edges Neenah for first at Grafton

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team tied for first place with Green Bay Preble in the Blackhawk Invitational at Grafton Saturday Saturday but lost in the tie-breaker.

Both teams accumulated 55 points but Preble won because its fourth place runner finished ahead of Neenah's.

Brookfield Central was third with 72, followed by Racine Horlick 121, Waukesha South 131, West Allis Central 140, Milwaukee Pulaski 145 and Kenosha Bradford 220.

Jeff Learned of Preble won the race in 15:33, 12 seconds ahead of the Rockets' Dan Schaller.

Rick Schmidt was 12th in 16:31, Mark Firary 13th in 16:32, Mark Kleman 15th in 16:37, Steve Verkuilen 17th in 16:42, Pat Murphy 20th in 16:51 and Steve Blank 21st in 18:52.

Verkuilen sprained an ankle on the first turn but got up and finished the race.

"He ran in pain for three miles. It took a lot of courage. At 200 yards, he was 50 yards in back of the last man in the race," Coach Tom Jensen said. "I give him a lot of credit. He finished ahead of Preble's fifth man."

Preble also won the junior varsity race with 25 points. The Rockets were

second with 41 while Brookfield Central had 55, Pulaski 134, West Allis Central 140, Waukesha South 160 and Kenosha Bradford 170.

Todd Thede of Neenah was the individual winner in 16:59.

Gary Vanevenhoven was eighth, Todd Ake ninth, Tim Thornell 11th, Tim Shandonay 12th, Fritz Hildebrand 28th, 29th and Kevin Gill 32nd.

The Rockets will host their only home meet Tuesday afternoon when Appleton West and Kimberly will pay a visit. The meet will be run on the Armstrong Campus with the jayvees beginning to run at 4:30 and the varsity test set for 5 o'clock.



# Rockets capture FVA harrier meet

KIMBERLY — Neenah High School's cross country team ran a superb race to capture its third straight Fox Valley Association championship at Oakwood Hills Wednesday afternoon.

The Rockets scored 39 points to Appleton East's 45. Oshkosh West had 107, Appleton West 122, Oshkosh North 127, Kimberly 157, Menasha 160 and Kaukauna 168.

Neenah's Dan Schaller was the individual winner in 15:28 and teammate Steve Verkuilen finished second in 15:41.

Mark Klerman was 11th in 16:08, Rick Schmidt 12th and Steve Blank 13th, both in 16:13, Bill Neer 17th in 16:24 and Mark Firary 19th in 16:39.

"Blank passed three Appleton East kids in the last 200 yards. That was the six-point difference," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Schaller and Verkuilen have been running for three years and they did what they had to," Jensen said.

He was especially pleased with Verkuilen, whom he said didn't have a good meet at Fort Atkinson last week.

Jensen pointed out that Neer and Klerman also ran well and that Firary has been hampered by injuries.

The Neenah mentor also noted that fourth and fifth place finishes by Kelly Green and John McCormick of Oshkosh West also helped the Rockets in that they beat out East runners.

The Patriots gained third, sixth and seventh places but then slipped to 14th, 15th, 16th and 20th for the last four.

"We've had our ups and downs but haven't had any easy meets," Jensen explained.

He added that in future years the runners won't remember how they did at Rhinelander or Fort Atkinson but always will remember winning the conference meet.

It was the Rockets' fifth championship in the seven-year history of the circuit.

Menasha sophomore Luke Halle finished 10th, which Coach Russ Leitz said was the highest finish ever by a Bluejay harrier in a FVA meet.

Craig La Count was 27th, Scott Abel 34th, Bill Palm 40th, Kerrie Ruhnke 49th and Don Wojahn 50th.

Appleton East No. 1 took the junior varsity championship with 25 points. Neenah No. 1 was second with 33.

Other totals were Appleton East No. 2 115, Kaukauna 140, Neenah No. 2 142, Oshkosh North No. 1 179, Oshkosh West 182, Appleton West 187, Menasha 210, Oshkosh North No. 2 292 and Kimberly 303.

Todd Grunert of Appleton East was the individual winner.

Neenah places include Gary Van-evenhoven second, Todd Thede fourth, Todd Ake sixth, Tim Thornell eighth, Tim Shandonay 13th, Karl Hildebrand 14th, Kevin Gill 17th, Dave Terry 20th, Dan Buchanan 21st, Tim Neer 27th, Brian Jacques 62nd and Paul Kranner 69th.

For Menasha, Dale Danielson was 35th, Norm Selle 38th, Jerry Bevers 43rd, Tad Dachelet 45th, Eric Seil 49th, Len Fox 50th and Al Flanders 53rd.

The Bluejays and Rockets make their next outings in the WIAA regional at Fond du Lac Tuesday.

## Rocket harriers 5th

NEENAH — Neenah High School's cross country team a garnered fifth place in the weekend Milwaukee Marshall Invitational, ending its string of victories at three.

Racine Case, the No. 1 ranked team in the state, placed first with 50 points. Milwaukee Tech was second with 82, Nicolet third with 91, Wauwatosa East fourth with 92 and the Rockets fifth with 101.

Other totals were West Allis Hale 183, St. Lawrence 190, Milwaukee Custer 234, Milwaukee Pulaski 267, West Allis Central 272, Milwaukee Pius 286 and Milwaukee Marshall 286.

Wauwatosa East's Rehberger finished first in 15:16.

Neenah's Dan Schaller was third in 15:34. Steve Verkuilen finished 11th in 16:01, Rick Schmidt 21st in 16:19, Mark Firary 28th in 16:27, Steve Blank 38th in 16:44, Mark Klerman 44th in 16:50, Pat Murphy 50th in 16:58 and Bill Neer 60th in 17:05.

"We didn't run a very aggressive

race. It was pretty much over at the mile mark," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Neenah's junior varsity team finished first in the 12-school race with 33 points. Milwaukee Boys' Tech was second with 61.

Neenah's places were Todd Ake fourth, Todd Thede fifth, Gary Van-evenhoven sixth, Tim Shandonay seventh, Tim Thornell 11th, Karl Hildebrand 48th and Kevin Gill 48th.

There also was an open division, in which no team scores were kept.

Tom Martin was second, Fritz Hildebrand third, Terry Emmerich fifth, Roy Hageman sixth, Dan Kierstead seventh, Dan Buchanan 54th, Dave Terry 55th, Tim Neer 70th, Brian Jacques 84th and Paul Kranner 88th.

Kevin Schmidt and Mike Lamb also ran but their places weren't listed.

The Rockets will compete in a five-team meet at Appleton's Pierce Park Tuesday. It will be their second confrontation against Appleton East.



# Harriers enter regional

**NEENAH-MENASHA** — Neenah High School's cross country team guns for the WIAA regional championship at Fond du Lac Tuesday afternoon.

Menasha's Bluejays also are in the field along with Fondy, Manitowoc, New Holstein, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West and Two Rivers.

The three lowest-scoring teams and first five individual finishers will qualify for the sectional at Mishicot next Saturday.

Other regionals will be held Tuesday at Green Bay West and Kaukauna.

The West field includes Ashwaubenon, Green Bay Southwest and West, Bayport, Marinette, New London, Pulaskee, Seymour and Shawano.

Running at Kaukauna will be Appleton East and West, De Pere and West De Pere, Green Bay East and Preble, Kaukauna and Kimberly.

The Rockets move into the meet with momentum gained from winning the Fox Valley Association championship last Wednesday.

They'll be looking for their third straight regional championship. They won by 34 points over Manitowoc last year and by 24 over the Ships the preceding fall.

Manitowoc was second and Fond du Lac third in the Fox River Valley Conference meet last weekend. The top finisher among from the two teams was Tom Uhrich of Manti, who took third place.

Two Rivers has run an independent schedule and is led by Fran and Chris Taddy.

## NHS runners in state meet for 7th year

**NEENAH** — The Neenah cross country team, by finishing second in the Mishicot Class A Sectional Saturday, qualified for the state meet for the seventh straight year.

Appleton East won the meet with 65 points. The Rockets totaled 81, Green Bay Preble 109, Manitowoc 117, Green Bay Southwest 121, Two Rivers 124, De Pere 168 and Green Bay West and Ashwaubenon 190.

Neenah's Dan Schaller was the individual winner in 15:19. He beat Jim Hlava of Green Bay Southwest by from 15 to 20 yards.

Jeff Learned of Preble, who bested Schaller in the Grafton Invitational, was third. It was Learned's first loss of the season. He and Hlava both qualified for the state meet.

Coach Tom Jensen pointed out that Schaller and Steve Verkuilen, who finished fifth, ran excellent races. He said Verkuilen's time was 15:37 and last year he ran the same course in 16 minutes.

Other Neenah places were Mark Kleman 23rd in 16:19, Steve Blank 24th in 16:30, Rick Schmidt 26th in 16:29, Mark Fliray 31st in 16:33 and Phil Edmonds 37th in 16:45.

Jensen noted that Neenah's first two runners finished ahead of Appleton East's first finisher but then the Patriots came home in a bunch.

East was 15th, 16th and 17th after its first two runners were sixth and 11th.

"We weren't that far behind them," Jensen said, noting that the Neenah's third, fourth and fifth runners were 23rd, 24th and 26th and that a lot of boys reached the finishing chute at the same time.

"I'm happy to go to the state meet for the seventh year," Jensen said, pointing out he was pleased for the seniors. It will be the third straight state meet for Schaller, Verkuilen and Schmidt.

The state test will be held at Wausau Saturday.

**OSHKOSH** — The Neenah High School cross country team had another tight meet — but this time it was the victor.

The Rocket harriers collected 67 points to edge Appleton East by one in the Oshkosh North Invitational Tuesday afternoon.

Last weekend, the Red and White was edged by Milwaukee-Thomson More by a point at Rhinelander.

Wausau West was third with 105, followed by Manitowoc 116, Two Rivers 127, Sheboygan South 199, Appleton West 207, Sheboygan North 225, Green Bay East 225, Oshkosh West 249, Kaukauna 256, Green Bay Premonre 293, Kimberly 301 and Oshkosh North 348.

Neenah's Dan Schaller was the individual winner in 14:26 over the 2.8 mile course. He ran a "super race," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said.

Other Neenah finishers and their times were Phil Edmonds ninth 15:03, Steve Verkuilen 16th 15:15, Steve Blank 19th 15:16, Rick Schmidt 20th 15:17, Mark Kleman 31st 15:28 and Mark Farrell 43rd 15:40.

Bruce McKenzie of Appleton East was second to Schaller, finishing 15 seconds behind the Neenah runner.

John McCormick, Oshkosh West, took third with Fran Taddy, Two Rivers, fourth, John Raader, Manitowoc, fifth, Gene LeFevre, Appleton East, sixth, Andy Coulter, Wausau West,

seventh, Chris Taddy, Two Rivers, eighth, and Dave Wallace, Appleton East, 10th.

East's other runners placed 21st, 28th, 33rd and 37th.

"We have a lot of room for improvement," Jensen said.

The Rockets entered two teams in the junior varsity meet. The No. 2 team finished fourth and the No. 1 squad was seventh.

Wausau West finished first with 58 points, Appleton East Red has 66, Manitowoc 70, Neenah No. 2 103, Sheboygan South 150, Green Bay East No. 1 152, Neenah No. 1 183, Appleton East Blue 228, Kaukauna 241, Two Rivers 271, Green Bay Premonre 284, Osh-

kosh West 342, Oshkosh North 348, Green Bay East No. 2 398, Kimberly 478, Manitowoc No. 2 480 and Appleton West 494.

Finishers of the Neenah No. 2 team were Pat Murphy second, Bill Neer 11th, Tom Martin 22nd, Fritz Hildebrand 27th, Dan Kierstead 41st, Terry Emmerich 43rd and Tony Edmonds 45th.

The No. 1 team's places were Todd Thede eighth, Todd Ake 10th, Tim Shandaway 47th, Jeff Martin 51st, Dan Buchanan 67th, Karl Hildebrand 70th and Kevin Gill 77th.

The Rockets' next start will be in the Shawano Invitational Saturday.

# Neenah runners capture Oshkosh meet

# Rockets place third in last invitational

**NEENAH-MENASHA** — Neenah High School's cross country team garnered a third place in the weekend Fort Atkinson Invitational meet.

Menasha finished eighth in the large school division of the Ashwaubenon Invitational and St. Mary Central tied for fifth place in the small enrollment school class at Ashwaubenon.

Monroe won the Fort Atkinson meet with 55 points. Milwaukee Thomas More had 58, Neenah 63, Madison Memorial 104, Homestead 126, Janesville Craig 128, Menomonee Falls East 210, Beloit Memorial 237 and Janesville Parker 257.

Mark Glessner of Monroe finished first with in 15:11.2. The Rockets' Dan Schaller was runnerup in 15:28.

Other Neenah places were Steve Verkuilen sixth in 15:49, Rick Schmidt 16th in 16:18, Mark Firary 17th in 16:20, Mark Kleman 24th, Bill Neer 29th, Steve Blank 31st and Pat Murphy 45th.

"We ran well. The two teams that beat us were ranked above us," Neenah Coach Tom Jensen said. "Anything

less than 10 points is pretty close. We were in good position the whole race," Jensen pointed out.

Green Bay Preble won the large-school race at Ashwaubenon with 36 points.

Ashwaubenon had 96, Green Bay East 97, Luxemburg-Casco 127, Green Bay Premontre 129, Kimberly 135, Kaukauna 158, Menasha 165, Pennings 215, New London 294, Clintonville 303 and Marinette 316.

Jeff Learned of Preble was the winner over the 2.8 mile course in 13:51.

Menasha's Luke Halle was sixth in 14:45. Tracy Mayer finished 23rd, Scott Abel 42nd, Bill Palm 45th and Kerrie Ruhnke 49th.

Brillion won the small school event with 70 points.

Algoma had 71, Little Chute 93, St. Lawrence 141, Lourdes and St. Mary 156, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 168, Oconto 178, Xavier 187, Valdres 201, Hilbert 280, Denmark 2nd ad Rockets place 305, Reedsville 349 and Shiocton 354.

Zephyr places were Jim Ropella ninth, John Miller 30th, Paul Gollner 31st, Mark Hohelsel 35th, Ted Miller 51st, Charlie McCarty 64th and Greg Socha 74th.

Menasha's Don Wojahn won the freshman race in 14:08.

Other places were Eric Sell fifth, Jerry Bowers eighth, Norm Selle 10th, Ted Dachelet 20th, Len Fox 21st and Marv Kersten 35th.

Preble won with 44 points. Luxemburg-Casco and Menasha tied for second with 53.

St. Mary entered two runners and Marty Lotzer was 32nd and Andy Kemps 33rd.

Jayvee scores included Oconto 44, Brillion 62, Algoma 103, Little Chute 106, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 113, St. Lawrence 125 and St. Mary 174.

Zephyr places were Paul Miller 14th, Dan Peterson 21st, Mike Reinhardt 28th, Bob Grapentine 32nd and Luke Hoffman 61st.

Menasha only had two jayvee runners. Al Flanders was 40th and Dale Danielson 48th.

A jayvee race was held at Fort Atkinson but no team totals were kept.

There were 120 runners and Neenah's places included Fritz Hildebrand seventh, Todd Ake eighth, Terry Emerich ninth, Tom Martin 11th, Gary Vaneranhoven 14th, Tim Thornell 18th, Todd Thede 23rd, Kevin Schmidt 29th, Ray Hagomun 33rd, Tony Edmonds 48th and Dan Buchman 52nd.



# Rocket harriers capture regional

FOND DU LAC — Sweeping the first two places and four of the first eight, Neenah High School's cross country team outdistanced the field in the Fond du Lac WIAA Regional here Tuesday afternoon.

The Rockets collected 30 points to Manitowoc's 73 and 82 by Two Rivers.

All three teams qualified for Saturday's sectional at Mishicot.

Fond du Lac was third with 84 points, followed by Oshkosh West 135, Oshkosh North 130, Menasha 180 and New Holstein 222.

Neenah's Dan Schaller won the race in 15:53, finishing four seconds ahead of teammate Steve Verkuilen.

Rick Schmidt was sixth in 16:08, Mark Kleman eighth in 16:19, Steve Blank 13th in 16:30, Phil Edmonds 15th in 16:34 and Bill Neer 19th in 16:40. 1

The race was the first for Edmonds since the Shawano Invitational on Sept. 18. Since then he has been sidelined with mononucleosis.

Manitowoc's Mike Uhrich was third, John McCormick, Oshkosh West, fourth, and Chris Taddy, Two Rivers, fifth.

Menasha's finishers were Luke Halle 22nd, Craig La Count 33rd, Hans Hesser 40th, Kerrie Ruhnke 42nd, Bill Palm 43rd, Scott Abel 49th and Don Wajahn 52nd.

Neenah Coach Tom Jensen was pleased with his team's effort, noting that Schmidt ran his best race of the season, which was the high point of the meet for the Rockets.

He also cited Edmonds for running well after missing a month of competition, adding that Schaller and Verkuilen came through again.

The regional championship was the third straight for the Rockets, who now go against the qualifiers from the Green Bay West and Kaukauna regionals.

Appleton East was the winner at Kaukauna with 35 points. De Pere had 60 and Green Bay Preble, Fox River Valley champion, a surprising third with 86.

Jeff Learned of Preble was the individual winner. Gene LeFevre, Appleton East, took second; Scott Schuldes, Appleton West, third; Keith McDonough, De Pere, fourth; and Bruce McKenzie, Appleton East, fifth.

Green Bay Southwest was the winner in the Green Bay Regional with 36 points. Ashwaubenon had 59 and Green Bay West 63.

Jim Halava, Southwest, placed first with Marty Schroeder, West, second; Rod Buchholtz, Southwest, third; Bob Rausch, Ashwaubenon, fourth; and Larry Hager, Ashwaubenon, fifth.

Tuesday's meet concluded the season for the Bluejays although Julie Reiland, who practices with the team, will compete in the WIAA girls' sectional at Madison Memorial Saturday.

## East, Neenah, LC, Brillion advance

MISHICOT — Appleton East, Neenah, Little Chute and Brillion will all send full teams to next week's state cross-country championships. All (except Neenah) won team titles at the WIAA cross-country sectional meet here Saturday.

East downed Neenah for the class A title, 65-51, followed by Green Bay Preble with 100. The Rockets' Dan Schaller won the race with a time of 15:19.4.

Steve Verkuilen of Neenah placed fifth, while Gene LeFevre of Appleton East was sixth.

Appleton West's Scott Schuldes, running as an individual, finished 12th. Paul Berg (11th), Bruce McKenzie (15th), Dave Wallace (16th), Steve Burnett (17th), Steve Piser (18th) and Greg Nelson (21st) completed the Partridge lineup, while Neenah's other runners were Mark Kammann (23rd), Steve Blank (24th), Rick Schmidt (28th), Mark Piracy (31st) and Phil Edmonds (37th).

Little Chute dominated in class B, scoring only 76 points, while Luxemburg-Casco edged Campbelloport for the other state berth, 88-59. Tim DeJardin of the Spartans finished third, two spots ahead of Campbelloport's Earl Meyer to give Luxemburg-Casco the advantage.

Little Chute was led by Joe Van Gennepel (8th), Phil Schumacher (11th) and Phil Lamers (15th). John Novak of Appleton won the race with a time of 15:35.0.

Jim Brice of Wrightstown, the defending state class C champion, tied the best time of the day over the three-mile course by winning the class C race. Brice's time of 15:14.0 was just

seven-tenths of a second off the course record.

Brothers Rich and Willie Giacchino of Amherst finished fourth and fifth, respectively, to gain the final two state spots.

Brillion easily defeated Gretnah, 44-61, for the team title. The Lions were led by Dennis Hider, who placed seventh. Shiocton's Wayne Mettenbelder placed 28th.

Class A  
Appleton East 65, Neenah 51, Green Bay Preble 100, Manitowoc 117, Green Bay Southwest 121, Two Rivers 135, De Pere 160, Green Bay West and Ashwaubenon 191.  
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# Rocket runners defeat 2 foes; Jays fourth at TR

**NEENAH-MENASHA** — Dan Schaller set a new course record to lead the Neenah High School cross country team to a victory in a triangular meet with a pair of Fox Valley Association rivals Tuesday afternoon on the Armstrong Campus.

The Rockets totaled 22 points while Appleton West had 43 and Kimberly 68.

Menasha's Bluejays, running in a six-team meet at Two Rivers, garnered fourth place.

Luxemburg-Casco was the winner in

with 39 points. Two Rivers had 56, Algoma 83, Menasha 96, Kaukauna 108 and Sheboygan Falls 142.

Schaller's time on the three-mile course through Memorial Park and the Armstrong Campus was 15:15. The old standard of 18:03 was established by Paul Gooch last fall in a meet with Menasha.

Scott Schuldes of Appleton West was runnerup in 15:38.

Other Neenah placers and their times were Rick Schmidt third in

15:40, Mark Kleman fifth in 15:43, Steve Blank sixth in 16:11, Mark Firary seventh in 16:13, Pat Murphy ninth in 16:25 and Tom Martin 11th in 16:29.

Steve Verkuilen didn't compete because of an ankle injury incurred in the Grafton Invitational last weekend.

Appleton West's Dennis Weyenberg was fourth, Randy Welsch of Kimberly eighth and Steve Wautlet, Appleton West, 10th.

Tim Des Jardins of Luxemburg-Casco was the winner on the 2.8 mile course at Two Rivers in 15:56. He edged past Kim Novak of Algoma at the finish.

Menasha sophomore Luke Halle finished fourth in 16:12. Coach Russ Leitz said Halle ran a "terrific race."

Craig La Count was 17th, Scott Abel 18th, Bill Palm 28th and Kerry Ruhnke 31st.

Neenah chalked up a perfect score of 15 points in its junior varsity victory. West totaled 59 and Kimberly had 64.

Neenah's Todd Thede was first in 16:31, followed by Gary Vanevenhoven second in 16:46, Todd Ake third, Tim Shandonay fourth, Kevin Gill fifth, Karl Hildebrand eighth and Tim Neer ninth.

Junior varsity scores at Two Rivers were Luxemburg-Casco 26, Two Rivers 44, Kaukauna 101, Menasha 110, Algoma 131 and Sheboygan Falls 193.

Two Rivers' Buivid placed first in 17:31.

Menasha's finishers were Don Wojahn 12th, Eric Sell 13th, Jerry Bevers 24th, Dale Danielson 28th, Norm Selle 33rd, Len Fox 34th and Al Flanders 36th.

The Rockets will defend their championship in the Fort Atkinson Invitational Saturday on the Koshkonong Mounds Golf Course.

The varsity race will start at 10:40 a.m. and the jayvees at 11.

Menasha will compete in the Ashwaubenon Invitational's large school division.

There also will be freshman and junior varsity divisions. Leitz plans to enter a full team in the frosh meet with several entries in the jayvee test.

The weekend meets will be the last before the local entries embark on conference and state tourney level competition.

## Harriers eye state meet

**NEENAH-MENASHA** — Neenah High School's cross country team tries for its seventh straight state meet berth and its third sectional championship in a row in the Mishicot Class A Sectional Saturday.

The meet, on the Fox Hills Country Club Course, will begin at noon and will be preceded by Class B and C runs.

Neenah's strongest challenges are expected to come from Green Bay Preble and Appleton East.

East is ranked seventh in this week's large school poll although it was defeated by the Rockets in the conference meet last week. The Rockets and Preble are unranked.

The Patriots were first, De Pere second and Preble third in the Kaukauna Regional.

Other qualifiers are Green Bay West, Green Bay Southwest, Ashwaubenon, Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Oshkosh

West has one qualified runner.

The first and second place teams and the five first five runners will qualify for the state meet at Wausau Oct. 30.

Neenah's runners are Dan Schaller, Steve Verkuilen, Rick Schmidt, Mark Kleman, Phil Edmonds, Steve Blank and Bill Neer.

The individual race is expected to be a battle between Neenah's Dan Schaller and Jeff Learned of Preble. Learned defeated Schaller by 12 seconds in the Grafton Invitational.

The Rockets won last year's meet at Mishicot with 30 points. Preble was second with 72.

Menasha's Julie Reiland will run in the WIAA girls' cross country sectional at Madison Saturday.

## NHS ranked 10th in cross country poll; Grafton meet next

**NEENAH** — The Neenah High School cross country team slipped from eighth to 10th place in the weekly ratings compiled by the high school cross country coaches association.

Menomonee Falls North again is rated No. 1 with Milwaukee Thomas More second and Racine Case third.

The Rockets will participate in their fifth invitational at Grafton Saturday. Other entries are Brookfield Central, Green Bay Preble, West Allis Central, Kenosha Bradford, Waukesha South, Racine Horlick and Milwaukee Pulaski.

Preble is ranked ninth in the poll but was defeated by Manitowoc earlier this week. The Rockets have defeated the Ships handily.

St. Mary Central's harriers are slated to compete in the annual Wayland Academy Invitational at Beaver Dam Saturday.



# Rocket harriers headed to state

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Northwestern Sports Writer

NEENAH — Several Neenah High School athletic teams have participated in Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association state tournaments, and some with notable success, but no Neenah team has participated in the state tournament as regularly as the Rocket varsity cross country team.

Coach Tom Jensen will lead his harriers to the state finals at the American Legion Golf Course in Wausau Saturday, and the trip will mark the seventh year in a row that the Neenah cross country team has earned a berth in the tournament.

Neenah's most recent outing was at Mishicot Saturday when the Rockets won another sectional championship, qualifying the entire seven-man team for the state meet.

Making the trip for Armstrong High School will

be seniors Dan Schaller, Rick Schmidt, Steve Verkuilen, Steven Blank, and juniors Mark Kleman, Mark Firary and Bill Neer.

"It's always a thrill to go to the state meet," said Jensen this week during the final countdown. "It's such a competitive meet that you just never know what's going to happen. It's hard to tell how to approach it, because it is so unpredictable."

In its previous six appearances, Neenah has never finished below fifth, but by the same token never higher than third. In 1971, the Rockets apparently had a lock on the team title, but were disqualified for a wrong turn on the part of a runner.

"That's the kind of thing that makes it difficult to predict how any one team is going to do," said Jensen. "That plus the fact that you run against teams that you've never run against before. It's

impossible to compare times because every course is different.

"This year, we've only met two of the other teams in the meet, so I can't begin to guess how we might do. I just hope that when the kids are getting back on the bus after the meet they can say, 'I ran the best race I could,' in their last race of the year."

Other teams competing will be Appleton East, La Crosse Central, Madison West, Menomonee Falls North, Monroe, Oak Creek, Racine Case, Superior, Waukesha North, Wauwatosa East and West Bend East, in Class A. Jensen picked Oak Creek and Menomonee Falls North as two of the favorites, again adding that it is difficult to pick favorites.

Last year, Neenah finished third. Jensen was hesitant about offering any sort of prediction about how the Rockets might fare this time around.

## NHS takes seventh in state run

NEENAH — The Neenah High School cross country team concluded a successful season by finishing in seventh place in the Class A division of the WIAA state meet at Wausau Saturday.

Menomonee Falls North won the championship with 73 points. Oak Creek had 76 and defending champion Racine Case 125.

Other totals were Madison West 127, La Crosse Central 144, Monroe 156, Neenah 186, Appleton East 188, Waukesha North 208, Superior 210, Wauwatosa East 225 and West Bend East 250.

Because there were both teams and individual runners in the meet, there were two places for each boy.

Neenah's Dan Schaller led the Rockets with a ninth place overall finish in 15:31 and he was fifth among the team finishers.

Jeff Hacker of Menomonee Falls North was the winner in 14:59 over the three-mile course.

Other Neenah finishers were Steve Verkuilen, 15th team and 31st overall in 15:55; Rick Schmidt, 52nd team and 72nd overall in 16:35; Mark Firary, 56th team and 76th overall in 16:37; Mark Kleman, 58th team and 78th overall in 16:41; Bill Neer, 60th team and 80th overall in 16:42; and Steve Blank, 67th team and 87th overall in 16:54.

Coach Tom Jensen was generally pleased with the result. "We weren't ranked in the top 10 and we had to beat a couple of ranked teams to finish seventh," Jensen said.

"We had to run a good race to beat Waukesha North. It was nice to beat Appleton East. We had split with them in four previous meetings," Jensen said.

He also was pleased that the Rockets finished ahead of Wauwatosa East, which beat them in the Milwaukee Marshall Invitational. "I'm pretty happy about that," the Rocket coach pointed out.