

TRE surprises No. 1 Shawnee

By Jim Lambert

Toms River East did it again. For the second time in two weeks, Toms River East, No. 2 in The Star-Ledger Girls' Cross-Country top 15, knocked off the No. 1 team in the state.

On Nov. 2, Toms River East, ranked fifth at the time, beat then No. 1 Red Bank Catholic, 62-76, to win the Shore Conference championship at Holmdel Park.

Yesterday, Toms River East, which lost its three previous meetings with Shawnee this season, shocked Shawnee, the top-ranked and defending Group 4 champion, 65-75, to win the Group 4 trophy at the NJSIAA group championships in Holmdel Park. It was Toms River East's first group title since it took Group 4 in 1988.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals who don't run for one of the top three qualifying teams in each group earned a ticket into Saturday's state Meet of Champions at Holmdel. The M of C boys' race will start at 11 a.m. and the girls' race at 11:45.

Bogota won its second Group 1 title in three years. No. 13 Ramsey averaged 20:20 and received a sizzling 18:57.3 victory from Dana Satir to repeat as Group 2 champion.

In Group 3, Brick overcame the loss of two of its top runners who decided to play soccer this fall to win for the third straight year. No. 3 Red Bank Catholic, which has won the past two M of C titles, averaged 20:16 as it repeated in Parochial B with a 31-59 margin over No. 10 St. Rose. RBC has won eight state titles.

No. 4 Bishop Eustace captured Parochial A with a 34-48 victory over No. 9 Paul VI. Bishop Eustace has won state titles in four divisions, Parochial B in '94, Group 2 in '90 and Group 1 in '88 and '89.

The most impressive team performance belonged to Toms River East, which averaged 20:02. Last week, Shawnee beat Toms River East, 43-53, to win the South Jersey sectional on Kingsway's flat layout. Shawnee also beat Toms River East



PHOTO BY ANDREW MILLS

Ramsey's Dana Satir, Alyson Campbell and Tracy Kirk celebrate following Group 2 race yesterday. Satir finished first, Campbell seventh and Kirk 12th.

at the Shore Coaches meet and the South Jersey Open, both in October.

Shawnee's normal No. 3 runner, Lauren Anders, went down midway through yesterday's race and didn't finish.

Toms River East was led by junior Lauren Dunning, second in 19:11.7. Ocean City's Abbey Hartman, the Group 3 champion last year, won Group 4 in 19:01.3, the second fastest time of the season at Holmdel.

"After being just 10 points away last week, we knew we could win if we just ran a little better than we did last week," said Dunning, who held the lead until a half mile to go. "First we won the county meet, then the conference meet and now this. This is unbe-

lievable. There are so many awesome teams in the state and now we're one of them."

"We're still riding the high from beating RBC," said Toms River East coach Bob Petruski. "Last week, we ran relaxed on their course and couldn't catch them. Today, we go out harder. Every week we have a big race to run and the kids have gotten tougher because of it. And I think we'll keep getting better. If we run the same times next week, I'd like to think we'll be right in the hunt for the title."

"Toms River East's kids ran better than we did today," said Shawnee coach Mike Yurcho, whose team averaged 20:20. "But we'll be back."

Satir's time was the fastest of the year at Holmdel and tied her for 27th on Holmdel's all-time list. In one of the most looked-for races of the day, Satir trailed defending-champion Amy Beykirch of Pinelands by 10 yards in the bowl about half way into the race. Satir made a big surge coming out of the bowl to grab the lead and put the hammer down in the woods before hitting the final straightaway on her way to victory. Beykirch, who ran 19:02 at Holmdel two weeks ago, was second in 19:16.6.

"Breaking 19 was one of my goals," said Satir, a senior who established herself as the favorite to win the M of C title. "I'm very happy with the way I ran and hopefully I can run even better next week. My favorite part of the course is the woods because it's so fast. I always push hard in the woods."

Red Bank Catholic received a big boost from senior Kerry Andrews, running her first race since Oct. 12. Andrews, sidelined with a slight stress fracture to her right ankle, was the Casseys' second runner and fifth overall in 20:08. Junior Meghan Cumniff, All-State last year, ran her best of the season, placing second in 19:24.2. Red Bank Catholic averaged 20:34.

"I'm very encouraged by the way Kerry ran," said coach Mary Banks. "She ran faster than I expected. This was a good tuneup for next week. Shawnee is a strong pack and Toms River East is very young and energetic. They remind me of the way we were a few years ago. It'll take a lot more for us to win next week. It should be interesting."

News 12 Scholar-athlete

News 12 New Jersey is honoring a scholar-athlete of the week on its Wednesday and Sunday night broadcasts. This week's honoree:

Name: Brandon Roth
School: Highland Park
Class: Senior
Sports: Tennis, soccer

17:08.8 14 Craig MacInnes, Brock 17:06.3, 15-Russ Reed, Raritan 17:08.7, 16-Craig MacInnes, Brock 17:09.7, 17-Justin Frenzel, Monticello 17:09.1, 18-Seth Holland, High Point 17:09.7.

GROUP 2

TEAMS: 1-Jefferson 112, 2-Somerville 129, 3-Haddonfield 134, 4-Clevesville 180, 5-Kingsway 187, 6-Westwood 190, 7-Ridge 200, 8-Morris Hills 216, 9-Morris Hills 216, 10-Somerville 222, 11-Newtown 302, 12-Carleton 307, 13-Firethorpe Borough 328, 14-Holmdel 330, 15-Chatham 338, 16-Kittanning 349, 17-Cadwell 356, 18-Ramsey 373, 19-Burns 438, 20-New Milford 458.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Eric Bonnetta, Haddonfield 16:43.6, 2-Steve Roman, Monroe 16:44.0, 3-Jeremy Gibson, Ridge 16:50.0, 4-Adam VanAntwerp, Jefferson 17:02.2, 5-Michael Lee, Dover 17:02.5, 6-Ray Tomczak, Delran 17:03.1, 7-Gary Hawkins, Leonis 17:06.8, 8-Mark Oleczko, Iselin-Kennedy 17:05.3, 9-Jason DeAngelis, Carleton 17:06.9, 10-Mark Caporale, Westwood 17:12.4, 11-Luke Duan, Lodi 17:12.6, 12-Russ Glancio, New Milford 17:14.2.

GROUP 1

TEAMS: 1-Palmdale Park 74, 2-Henry Hudson 84, 3-Melchun 110, 4-Haddon Township 151, 5-Mt. Pleasant 173, 6-Whippoorwill Park 200, 7-Bernards 208, 8-Kearnsburg 217, 9-Montgomery 221, 10-Alex 269, 11-Riverside 316, 12-Point Pleasant Beach 329, 13-A.P. Schick 335, 14-Glen Rock 364, 15-Madison 372, 16-New Providence 375, 17-Bogota 378, 18-Hopewell Memorial 439.

GIRLS GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

GROUP 4

TEAMS: 1-Toms River East 65, 2-Shawnee 75, 3-Ridgewood 148, 4-Hunterdon Central 165, 5-Hackensack 174, 6-Columbia 202, 7-Cicero City 287, 8-Bridgewater-Raritan 277, 9-Westfield 280, 10-Middletown South 283, 11-Randolph 284, 12-Middletown North 287, 13-Cherokee 286, 14-Toms River North 306, 15-Pleasant Kennedy 305, 16-East Brunswick 408, 17-Kearny 412, 18-Vernon-Hor 19, Livingston 521, 20-Venango 536.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Ashley Herman, Ocean City 19:01.3, 2-Lauren Dunning, Toms River East 19:11.7, 3-Nick Thiemens, Shawnee 19:19.7, 4-Jerry Penco, Toms River North 19:28.0, 5-Patty Martin, Hackensack 19:47.7, 6-Jamie Wells, Toms River North 19:48.4, 7-Cristina Sado, Ridgewood 19:54.9, 8-Catherine Casey, Columbia 19:58.1, 9-Lisa Selur, Shawnee 20:01.9, 10-Sarah DeBalt, Toms River East 20:03.5, 11-Taylor Van Acker, Shawnee 20:04.2, 12-Suzanne Simon, Highland Regional 20:04.6, 13-Jessica Murray, Toms River East 20:10.0, 14-Erica Guetz, Hunterdon Central 20:10.5, 15-Cate Guiley, Middletown South 20:10.8, 16-Deviann Sengupta, Bridgewater-Raritan 20:12.0, 17-Megan Goodrich, Toms River East 20:12.6, 18-Natalie Deffenbaugh, Columbia 20:12.6.

GROUP 3

TEAMS: 1-Brick 83, 2-Egg Harbor 137, 3-Toms River South 150, 4-North Hunterdon 159, 5-Northern Highlands 166, 6-Jordan Hills 184, 7-Canaan Township 191, 8-Bancroft Valley 200, 9-Roxbury 262, 10-Abseggen 280, 11-Fort Lee 288, 12-Monticello 329, 13-Wet 329, 14-Peaslee Valley 330, 15-Morris Knolls 359, 16-High Point 369, 17-Sayreville 375, 18-Mt. Olive 401, 19-Scootch Plains 408, 20-Walton Hills 431.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Lorena Adams, Manchester Township 19:54.1, 2-Juan Carranza, Sports 19:58.0, 3-Sarah Chase, Brick 19:46.1, 4-Erica Lacovisa-Schizer, Egg Harbor 19:59.3, 5-Meghan O'Toole, Garfield 19:59.5, 6-K.C. Weathers, Brick 20:08.0, 7-Erica DeBalt, Toms River South 20:21.3, 8-Lisa Anderson, North Hunterdon 20:22.9, 9-Tasha Stryker, North Hunterdon 20:24.3, 10-Joshua Moore, Fort Lee 20:37.5, 11-Christine Collins, Toms River South 20:38.7, 12-Jamie Siegler, Denville 20:44.0, 13-Karen Petrows, Parsippany 20:45.1, 14-Sherry Shink, Roxbury 20:46.7, 15-Kate Hengeler, Manchester Township 20:51.1.

GROUP 2

TEAMS: 1-Ramsey 62, 2-Point Pleasant Boro 109, 3-Ridge 133, 4-Kittanning 187, 5-Westwood 190, 6-Morris Hills 200, 7-Forbes 209, 8-Pleasant 235, 9-Morris Hills 200, 10-Somerville 252, 11-Pompton Lakes 307, 12-Caldwell 308, 13-Chatham 318, 14-Hopewell Valley 355, 15-Depto 367, 16-Delaware Valley 364, 17-Milburn 384, 18-McDonough 406, 19-Dumont 440, 20-Woodstown 440.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Dana Self, Ramsey 18:57.2, 2-Amy Beykirch, Pinelands 18:16.6, 3-Cheryl Bauer, Morris Hills 19:20.5, 4-Meghan Gavey, Ridge 19:54.3, 5-Jamie Ginn, Point Pleasant Boro 19:51.4, 6-Jessica Thomas, Ramsey 20:12.7, 7-Care Nicolas, Ridge 20:12.9, 8-Lauren Kelly, Morris Hills 20:16.5, 9-Michelle Olay, Voorhees 20:20.8, 10-Shira Picher, Pompton Lakes 20:25.9, 11-Tracy Kik, Ramsey 20:29.7, 12-Shari Hewel, Deptford 20:30.8, 13-Nicole Callaghan, Westwood 20:41.5, 14-Megan Harris, Holmdel 20:43.8, 15-Julie Ann Hyde, Chatham 20:46.4, 16-Kym Hyde, Jefferson 20:46.1.

GROUP 1

TEAMS: 1-Bogota 85, 2-Melchun 140, 3-A.P. Schick 142, 4-Glen Rock 144, 5-Mt. Pleasant 145, 6-Whip

17:10.0, 18-Kirk "Zigzag" Papadimitriou, Catholic 17:22.0, 19-Cris More, St. Joseph's (Med.) 17:25.0, 17-Benjamin Schuler, Bishop Eustace 17:23.0, 18-Cory Kunz, St. Joseph (Med.) 17:24.0, 19-Ken Berkey, Bishop Eustace 17:25.0, 20-Cyrus Shy, Bishop Eustace 17:25.0, 21-Jeffrey Fahy, Christian Brothers 17:27.0, 22-Bob Matcicka, St. Joseph's (Med.) 17:27.0, 23-Andrew Reines, Don Bosco Prep 17:29.0.

PAROCHIAL B

TEAMS: 1-Red Bank Catholic 86, 2-Prigry 88, 3-Mater Dei 113, 4-Wildwood Catholic 123, 5-St. Rose 148, 6-Oratory Prep 163, 7-St. Joseph (Hamm) 171, 8-Monksville 177, 9-Union Catholic 194, 10-Kellogg Academy 235, 11-Eastern Christian 270, 12-St. James 294, 13-St. Mary (Rut.) 309.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Rob Dobson, Mater Dei 16:56.8, 2-Kevin Sacco, Sacred Heart 17:00.0, 3-Andrew Guet, Prigry 17:01.1, 4-Martin Kerrigan, Red Bank Catholic 17:20.8, 5-Robert Esposito, St. Joseph (Hamm) 17:23.6, 6-Tim Callinan, Sacred Heart 17:26.4, 7-Jamal Nabert, Monksville 17:23.0, 8-Alex Fowler, Red Bank Catholic 17:34.5, 9-Tim Dwyer, Wildwood Catholic 17:39.5, 10-Jacques Frank, Union Catholic 17:44.4, 11-Eugene Daly, Monksville 17:48.7, 12-Joseph Malowski, St. Mary (S.A.) 17:52.5, 13-Derek Cunningham, Red Bank Catholic 17:53.0, 14-Jamie Avenaro, Mater Dei 17:53.4, 15-Michael Wagner, St. Rose 18:03.1, 16-Justin Marley, Prigry 18:04.4, 17-Daniel Nagler, Prigry 18:06.8, 18-Ryan Strader, Prigry 18:14.9, 19-Dan Reilly, Oratory Prep 18:16.5.

Park 152, 7-Montgomery 181, 8-Bernards 215, 9-Hamilton 237, 10-Whippoorwill Park 242, 11-Ridgely 270, 12-Palmdale Park 297, 13-Palmdale 318, 14-Vernon 359, 15-Buffet 350, 16-Midland Park 366, 17-Pleasant 373, 18-Ars 408.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Laura Nann, Bernards 20:14.4, 2-Tracy Dales, Toms River East 20:16.6, 3-Christa Vagstad, Highland Park 20:16.6, 4-Megan Jordan, Shore Regional 20:17.3, 5-Ambler Hart, Point Pleasant Beach 20:50.0, 6-Erica Caserio, Bogota 21:12.3, 7-Sharon Cook, Hudson Township 21:16.9, 8-Lauren Perry, Whippoorwill Park 21:16.7, 9-Natalie Deffenbaugh, Roselle Park 21:27.9, 10-Jamie Meyers, Bernards 21:32.0, 11-Sandy Ogan, A.P. Schick 21:45.8, 12-Ellaine Cook, Montgomery 21:49.1.

PAROCHIAL A

TEAMS: 1-Bishop Eustace 34, 2-Paul VI 48, 3-St. John Vianney 101, 4-Pope John 127, 5-Notre Dame 168, 6-Holy Angels 178, 7-Immaculate Heart 191, 8-Holy Spirit 200, 9-St. Dominic (U.C.) 219, 10-Bishop Ayr 284, 11-Camden Catholic 274, 12-Roselle Catholic 300, 13-Immaculate 359.

INDIVIDUALS: 1-Amanda Ellingham, Bishop Eustace 19:20.8, 2-Maria Nito, Paul VI 19:38.3, 3-Adrienne deSot, Bishop Eustace 19:45.8, 4-Karen Kocak, Bishop Eustace 20:09.0, 5-Jessica Rodriguez, Notre Dame 20:39.3, 6-Michelle Roloff, Paul VI 20:42.8, 7-Megan Martin, Paul VI 20:47.7, 8-Erin Walker, Paul VI 20:49.0, 9-Julia Clifford, Holy Angels 20:55.3, 10-Lauren Bortolotto, Bishop Eustace 21:02.5, 11-Lenore Kothly, Holy Angels 21:07.8, 12-Susan Ferras, Paul VI 21:09.7, 13-Alexandra Kemerly, Immaculate Heart 21:13.3, 14-Mary Dalia, Paul VI 21:13.3, 15-John Eustace 21:21.8, 17-Karen Deona, St. John Vianney 21:25.5, 18-Megan Bero, St. John Vianney 21:25.5, 19-Suzanne Duane, St. John Vianney 21:30.8, 20-Megan Mansfield, Bishop Eustace 21:32.8, 21-Cullen Kelly, Paul VI 21:43.8, 22-Bridget Ogler, Pope John 21:44.8, 23-Karen Wilho, St. John Vianney 21:56.9, 24-Jody Benedetti, St. John Vianney 21:57.4, 25-Lisa Aquist, Holy Spirit 22:04.0, 26-Luan Sullivan, Holy Cross 22:04.4, 27-Wendy Bloom, St. Dominic (U.C.) 22:05.7.

PAROCHIAL B

TEAMS: 1-Red Bank Catholic 31, 2-St. Rose 59, 3-Prigry 65, 4-Sacred Heart 102, 5-Mater Dei 107, 6-Morris Catholic 174, 7-Villa Walsh 181, 8-Union Catholic 205, 9-Wildwood Catholic 224.

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