

Bolock, Dunnigan capture OVAC titles

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• Zanesville boys, Ferry girls capture overall team crowns

By CAL POKAS

BYESVILLE -- Like a pair of thoroughbreds going postward as the favorites, Cambridge sophomore Ashley Dunigan and Buckeye Local junior Ben Bolock lived up to their billing in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross country championships at nearby Meadowbrook High School Saturday.

Dunigan, the defending girls' champion, made it two straight with a convincing victory, while Bolock, the highest returning finisher from last year's meet when he placed sixth, was an equally impressive victor over a well-groomed course that was a bit soft in the early morning from Friday night's rains.

Zanesville, making its conference debut under new head coach Herb Fitzer, won the boys' overall title, while Martins Ferry High's girls ended a three-year Barnesville reign as the girls' overall titlist.

Division team champions in the boys' division are Zanesville, 4-A, Harrison Central, 3-A, Caldwell, 2-A and Shadyside, 1-A. Shadyside entered the meet as the defending overall champion, but had to settle for third overall behind Zanesville and Caldwell.

Division team champions in the girls' division are John Marshall, 4-A, Martins Ferry, 3-A, Barnesville, 2-A and Shadyside, 1-A.

Barnesville finished fifth overall in girls' team scoring. Ferry had a comfortable margin over second-place Shadyside, which finished well ahead of third-place John Marshall.

Veteran Martins Ferry coach Joe Ellis was pleased with his girls' performances.

"I sent our girls in expecting them to challenge for the overall

team," Ellis said. "We knew that Shadyside and Barnesville are very good, but all of our girls experienced their best day. I'm very pleased."

Spearheading the Ferry victory were the performances of junior Mandy Bruney, senior Heather Stewart and sophomore Katrina Jones who finished second through fourth, respectively. Senior Sarah Ellis finished 11th.

"I have a good group of girls," Ellis beamed. "I get them together at the start of practice and tell them what we have to do. I could probably leave because I have enough faith that they would do it. Our two seniors (Ellis and Stewart) and junior co-captain Mandy (Bruney) know how to keep a team together."

Ellis said he hopes that this is the start of the peaking process for his team. "We'll continue to work hard through the district and then start to taper off. I hope that they will fulfill their potential."

The overall title was the first-ever for Ferry High, which had won three division titles previously.

Fitzer made his return to head coaching a successful one. "It was nice to come back and win," said Fitzer, who produced five OVAC track championship teams and four OVAC cross country title teams while at Meadowbrook High.

Zanesville produced third through fifth-place finishers to carry the Blue Devils to the overall title.

Bolock and Dunigan continued their unbeaten status this season and they did so with opposite strategies.

The Buckeye Local junior said he wanted to "pick it up" after the first mile and a half and was content to stay on the heels of early leader Eric Davy of Zanesville who eventually faded to fifth place.

Bolock said he ran the same course last week in the Meadowbrook Invitational and decided that he wanted someone else to lead the first half of the race.

"I got used to the course last week and I felt I would like to be in position to take off after the first mile and a half," added Bolock, who was also a top 20 finisher (All-OVAC) as a freshman before last year's sixth-place effort. "The course was a little damp and you could feel your feet sink in the soft ground. I would have liked a better time, but I just concentrated on winning."

Bolock toured the 3.1-mile course in 16:31.9 and finished about 10 seconds ahead of Barnesville sophomore Chris Perun, who finished about 10 seconds ahead of the first of the three Zanesville runners who were next in line.

Buckeye Local coach Pete Frye was pleased with the performance of his standout. "Ben's a good kid and I know today's race meant a lot for him. This was his first real chance at a major championship. He was focused in going out and running a good second mile and taking it from there. I could see it in his eyes that he would not be denied."

The boys' varsity race attracted a highly-competitive field of 185 runners.

The diminutive Dunigan had her own idea on how she would run in the conference meet.

"I wanted to take command early and let them chase me," she noted. "That's better than me chasing them."

Dunigan felt confident that she had the race under control at about the half-way mark.

"I could sort of see from the side

of my eye that I had a pretty good lead," said Dunigan, who also tested the course a week ago in the invitational. "It was a different kind of day. It was more stressful than a week ago, and the soft ground made my legs cramp up a bit."

Dunigan fashioned a time of 19:28.7, to finish several hundred meters ahead of Bruney who came on strong in the second half of the race to garner runnerup honors with a 20:02.3 clocking.

Ferry teammates Stewart and Jones finished in the next two spots with 20:11.8 and 20:14.0 clockings, respectively.

Leading Mark Brown's Lady Shamrocks to another division title were Rachael Miller who was fifth in 20:36.2, while teammate Jennie Castle was next at 20:43.1.

Two other runners from the immediate Eastern Ohio area posted top 10 finishes. Buckeye Local's Julie Hajny was eighth in 21:00.7 and Shadyside's Jessica Melanko was 10th in 21:14.1.

The girls' varsity race drew a field of 152 runners.

New Shadyside head coach Joel Joseph experienced a double victory with his kids, having taken over the Tiger program that his mother, Donna, had built up over the years.

While the Lady Tigers were runnerup overall, the Shadyside boys were third overall in addition to winning their respective division titles.

"I was excited for our seniors," said Joseph. "I don't feel the kids are satisfied. There are still some goals to be achieved. I'm just glad to be a part of it, but what they achieved in the conference meet is something they should relish and enjoy. They are the ones who put the time and effort into it."

OVAC RESULTS

BOYS

(Top 15 Teams Overall)

1. Zanesville, 62; 2. Caldwell, 124; 3. Shadyside, 156; 4. Buckeye Local, 174; 5. East Liverpool, 176; 6. Barnesville, 197; 7. Wheeling Park, 211; 8. Harrison Central, 219; 9. Martins Ferry, 222; 10. Weir, 265; 11. Brooke, 283; 12. St. John, 336; 13. Bellaire, 348; 14. Meadowbrook, 372; 15. Union Local, 396.

Class 4-A Team Scoring

1. Zanesville, 62; 2. Buckeye Local, 174; 3. East Liverpool, 176; 4. Wheeling Park, 211; 5. Weir, 265; 6. Brooke, 282; 7. John Marshall, 415; 8. Edison, 421; 9. Cambridge, 433; 10. Steubenville, 619.

Class 3-A Team Scoring

1. Harrison Central, 219; 2. Martins Ferry, 222; 3. Bellaire, 348; 4. Meadowbrook, 372; 5. Union Local, 396; 6. St. Clairsville, 434; 7. Oak Glen, 499.

Class 2-A Team Scoring

1. Caldwell, 124; 2. Barnesville, 197; 3. Wheeling Central, 429; 4. Monroe Central, 636.

Class 1-A Team Scoring

1. Shadyside, 156; 2. St. John, 336; 3. Linsly, 594; 4. Bishop Donahue, 775.

Top 20 All-OVAC

1. Ben Bolock (BL), 16:31.90; 2. Chris Perun (Barnes), 16:41.60; 3. Adam Brookover (Zanes), 16:50.20; 4. Kyle Brookover (Zanes), 16:54.80; 5. Eric Davy (Zanes), 16:56.40; 6. Ryan Smith (Brooke), 16:56.70; 7. Mark Montgomery (EL), 16:59.80; 8. Ryan Larrick (Cald), 17:15.50; 9. Corey Neal (JM), 17:19.80; 10. Todd Casey (Meadow), 17:29.70; 11. Matt McConnell (Cald), 17:27.20; 12. Andrew Lewis (Shadys), 17:29.00; 13. John Tierney (MF), 17:32.30; 14. Jed Perko (Bell), 17:33.50; 15. Kirk Roth (MF), 17:34.10; 16. Travis Taylor (Barnes), 17:37.60; 17. Matt Kidd (Harrison C), 17:38.70; 18. Josh Paeltz (Zanes), 17:42.60; 19. David Jack (Shadys), 17:44.00; 20. Dustin Meeker (BL), 17:53.60.

CLASS 4-A TOP 10

1. Ben Bolock (BL), 16:31.90; 2. Adam Brookover (Zanes), 16:50.20; 3. Kyle Brookover (Zanes), 16:54.80; 4. Eric Davy (Zanes), 16:56.40; 5. Ryan Smith (Brooke), 16:56.70; 6. Mark Montgomery (EL), 16:59.80; 7. Corey Neal (JM), 17:19.80; 8. Josh Paeltz (Zanes), 17:42.60; 9. Dustin Meeker (BL), 17:53.60; 10. John Burke (WP), 17:54.60.

CLASS 3-A TOP 10

1. Todd Casey (Meadow), 17:29.70; 2. John Tierney (MF), 17:32.30; 3. Jed Perko (Bell), 17:33.50; 4. Kirk Roth (MF), 17:34.10; 5. Matt Kidd (Harrison C), 17:38.70; 6. Justin Simpson (Oak Glen), 18:05.50; 7. Drew Turner (St. C), 18:12.90; 8. Frank Wiley (Harrison C), 18:13.20; 9. Matt Wise (Bell), 18:24.00; 10. Matt Abel (UL), 18:26.50.

CLASS 2-A TOP 10

1. Chris Perun (Barnes), 16:41.60; 2. Ryan Larrick (Cald), 17:15.50; 3. Matt McConnell (Cald), 17:27.20; 4. Travis Taylor (Barnes), 17:37.60; 5. David Hesson (Cald), 17:55.30; 6. Bryan Tilton (Cald), 18:29.50; 7. Ben Fisher (Barnes), 18:37.70; 8. Brian Hill (Cald), 18:40.50; 9. Derek Allar (Barnes), 18:41.50; 10. Chris Stephens (Whg. C), 18:58.90.

CLASS 1-A TOP 10

1. Andrew Lewis (Shadys), 17:29.00; 2. David Jack (Shadys), 17:44.00; 3. Dane Runyon (Shadys), 17:58.90; 4. Eddie Sargus (St. J), 18:02.80; 5. Zac Suto (St. J), 18:12.70; 6. Mark Mayer (St. J), 18:39.80; 7. Thomas Brauntain (Shadys), 18:42.10; 8. Bobby Holmes (Cameron), 18:48.60; 9. Willie Talbert (Shadys), 18:51.10; 10. Donald Wood (Cameron), no

time available.

GRLS

(Top 15 Teams Overall)

1. Martins Ferry, 50; 2. Shadyside, 105; 3. John Marshall, 144; 4. Wheeling Park, 172; 5. Barnesville, 180; 6. East Liverpool, 188; 7. Brooke, 194; 8. Bellaire, 208; 9. Caldwell, 221; 10. St. John, 262; 11. Meadowbrook, 263; 12. Magnolia, 276; 13. Zanesville, 321; 14. St. Clairsville, 329; 15. Linsly, 356.

CLASS 4-A TEAM SCORING

1. John Marshall, 144; 2. Wheeling Park, 172; 3. East Liverpool, 188; 4. Brooke, 194; 5. Zanesville, 321; 6. Buckeye Local, 404.

CLASS 3-A TEAM SCORING

1. Martins Ferry, 50; 2. Bellaire, 208; 3. Meadowbrook, 263; 4. Magnolia, 276; 5. St. Clairsville, 329; 6. Tyler Consolidated, 389; 7. Oak Glen, 447; 8. Harrison Central, 472.

CLASS 2-A TEAM SCORING

1. Barnesville, 180; Caldwell, 221; 3. Wheeling Central, 474.

CLASS 1-A TEAM SCORING

1. Shadyside, 105; 2. St. John, 262; 3. Linsly, 356.

TOP 20 ALL-OVAC

1. Ashley Dunigan (Camb), 19:28.70; 2. Mandy Bruney (MF), 20:02.30; 3. Heather Stewart (MF), 20:11.80; 4. Katrina Jones (MF), 20:14.00; 5. Rachael Miller (Barnes), 20:36.20; 6. Jennie Castle (Barnes), 20:43.10; 7. Stacy Sada (JM), 20:57.20; 8. Julie Hajny (BL), 21:00.70; 9. Nikki Moore (WP), 21:04.30; 10. Jessica Melanko (Shadys), 21:14.10; 11. Sarah Ellis (MF), 21:15.70; 12. Whitney Brown (Shadys), 21:16.20; 13. Crystal Goldsmith (Zanes), 21:28.00; 14. Denise Phillips (Mag), 21:29.80; 15. Leigh Ann Workman (Bell), 21:46.00; 16. Emma Archer (Mag), 21:47.20; 17. Ashley Holenka (Shadys), 21:50.70; 18. Andrea Lewis (Shadys), 22:03.10; 19. Patricia Smith (EL), 22:07.40; 20. Ashley Davolio (Bell), 22:12.20.

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CLASS 3-A TOP 10

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CLASS 2-A TOP 10

1. Rachael Miller (Barnes), 20:36.20; 2. Jennie Castle (Barnes), 20:43.10; 3. Tiffany Fogle (Cald), 22:15.20; 4. Cindy Jones (Monroe C), 22:41.60; 5. Leslie Cifti (Barnes), 23:01.30; 6. Allison Moore (Cald), 23:09.00; 7. Heidi Schoepner (Cald), 23:10.70; 8. Angie Kemp (Barnes), 23:18.00; 9. Kyle Schell (Cald), 23:38.00; 10. Kristen Smith (Wells), 24:12.40.

CLASS 1-A TOP 10

1. Jessica Melanko (Shadys), 21:14.10; 2. Whitney Brown (Shadys), 21:16.20; 3. Ashley Holenka (Shadys), 21:50.70; 4. Andrea Lewis (Shadys), 22:03.10; 5. Belinda Honevich (St. J), 22:17.80; 6. Stephanie McGary (Cameron), 22:39.30; 7. Maran Kafetz (St. J), 22:51.60; 8. Natalie Kozal (St. J), 23:33.80; 9. Stacy Eberle (Shadys), 23:39.50; 10. Danielle Skaggs (St. J), 23:45.20.



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BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Ben Bolock approaches the finish line at the OVAC cross country meet Saturday. Bolock was a decisive winner as he toured the course in 16:31.90 to become the overall champion.

Talented field primed for OVAC CC meet

Meadowbrook to host annual event Saturday

BY SETH STASKEY
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The cross country season has reached its midway point, and that means the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will crown its new champions.

This year's event will be held Saturday at Meadowbrook High School.

The site switch is the first of two changes in the meet as last year's conference event was held at Brooke High School. The other change is in classifications. 1999 will see all four classes crown its own champion, unlike last year when A and AA ran together.

Last season's six classes saw four different schools capture titles.

A/AA was the only group to

have a separate boys' and girls' champion as Shadyside's boys, which won the overall title, and Barnesville's girls took home honors, also winning the overall title.

Class AAA was a sea of Purple as Martins Ferry was crowned champion in both the boys and girls, while 4-A heard Panther growlings as in Buckeye Local, which won both the boys' and girls' hardware.

Action will get under way Saturday at 10 a.m. with the boys' varsity race, which will then be followed by the girls' team race.

All runners will be placed into the same field, and then divided up by class, with the top 10 in each class earning awards and the top 20 overall being named all-OVAC Cross Country.

The single A class will consist of Bishop Donahue, St. John's, Shadyside, Linsly, Cameron, and Mt. DeChantal (girls only).

Class AA is made up of Barnesville, Caldwell, Wheeling Central, Monroe Central.

Class AAA will be the meet's biggest class with 12 schools all running in search of the OVAC banner. Included in the 12 will be these schools: Bellaire, Martins Ferry, Tyler Consolidated, Magnolia, Union Local, Harrison Central, Indian Creek, St. Clairsville, Meadowbrook, Oak Glen and Beaver Local.

Class 4-A will be the other class in the meet along with AAA to have every school in its division entered. Those schools consist of Buckeye Local, Cambridge, Weirton, Steubenville, Edison, East Liverpool, Zanesville, Brooke, John Marshall and Wheeling Park.

The overall winner of the girls' race returns, while the highest finisher on the boys' side is the third-place runner from a year ago.

The female is Cambridge's super sophomore Ashley Dunnigan, while the male is Buckeye Local junior Ben Bolock.

Both Bolock and Dunnigan will carry undefeated records to the OVAC field.

"The OVAC is very competitive and we try to run at our highest level. I hope to run a better time than I did the previous week," Bolock commented.

On the boys' side some of the big talent to watch along with Bolock will be Union Local's Matt Abel; Shadyside's Andrew Lewis, David Jack, and Dane Runyon; Bellaire's Jed Perko; Barnesville's Chris Perun, Travis Taylor, and Ben Fisher; St. Clairsville's Cody

Creamer; Martins Ferry's John Tierney, Kirk Roth and Derek Suto; St. John's Zac Suto and Eddie Sargus; and Buckeye's Dustin Meeker.

The boys' team races will all be highly competitive.

In single A, Shadyside appears strong and will receive a challenge from St. John's and Linsly.

"We are really looking forward to the challenge. In the past, we have been consistently been in the top 10 overall; however, this is a rebuilding year and the kids are inexperienced," Irish boss Dennis Delbert remarked.

Barnesville and Caldwell appear to be the favorites in AA boys' event.

"We will have strong competition from Caldwell. We are getting our number three back this week, so that will help us," veteran boss Mark Brown said.

Class AAA might be one of the most entertaining races.

Joining the Purple Riders, will be Harrison Central and Meadowbrook. All three schools have enjoyed success early on in '99.

"I really think we have a chance to defend our title Saturday. We are going to let the kids peak. We train through races to focus on the OVAC," Ferry mentor Joe Ellis said.

The Huskies' strong unit looms as one of the biggest threats to Ferry's title hopes.

Class 4-A sees Buckeye Local again looking for the banner, but Brooke, Wheeling Park, and Zanesville will all line up strong units at the starting line this weekend.

The girls' field is well stocked with talent. The race for the top 20 spots will be heated and furious. Four of the top five from a year ago will be returning.



Joining Dunnigan in the solid female field will be: Jennie Castle, Ruthie Morgan and Rachael Miller of Barnesville; Cara DePalma and Sarah Lucarelli of St. Clairsville; Jessica Melanko, Andrea Lewis and Whitney Brown of Shadyside; Mandy Bruney, Heather Stewart, Katrina Jones and Sarah Ellis of Martins Ferry; Ashley Davolio and Marris Vaglianti of Bellaire; Belinda Ronevich of St. John's; and Julie Hajny of Buckeye Local.

The Class A team race should be exciting. Shadyside appears to be one of the meet's favorites.

The Lady Tigers have pocketed hardware already this season at Meadowbrook and Newcomerstown and were runners-up at Park.

The Class AA race will once again this year feature Barnesville. The Shamrocks pocketed the overall title a year ago in this meet and also captured the last three OVAC overall crowns.

The Lady Shamrocks have had a strong showing this fall already at Watkins Memorial, which featured some stiff competition.

"In AA I think we should be right in there. I really think we have an excellent chance to win our class. In the overall, I really expect Shadyside and Martins Ferry to be right up there and there are some West Virginia schools, which we do not know a lot about," Brown said.

Class 3-A could be a sea of Purple. The Lady Riders will look for the repeat and have the same nucleus back from a year ago.

"I am really hoping that everyone is healthy. If everyone is healthy and we are focused we should be all right. Our fifth and sixth girls will be the key to our success. Our top four have really proven that they are tough competitors. All six of our girls will stand at the line and give it their best," Ellis said.

"I told the girls just keep doing what they are doing. It is a real good group of girls."

Bellaire will take a solid team to Guernsey County this weekend and could also push for the team title.

"The girls are working real hard. We have a few injuries, but we will have six at the line. We are coming along. We did well Saturday (at Meadowbrook) and our goal is top two," Big Reds' coach Chris Arno said.

St. Clairsville is yet another squad with high hopes entering this weekend.

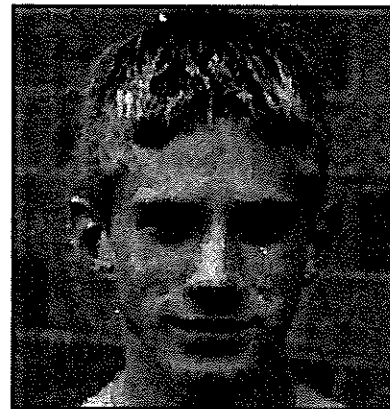
OVAC MEET SIDELIGHTS

- The price of admission is set at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.
- The junior high will also be contested this season unlike in the past.

- The course will be a 3.1 mile jaunt and the junior high will be ran on a two-mile terrain.

- Russ Spence is serving as meet director. Spence serves as the athletic director for the Colts. The OVAC cross country committee is composed of Carl R. Bowmar, co-chairperson; Donna Joseph, co-chairperson; Brenda Buffington of Linsly school; David Evans of Cameron, Herb Fitzer of Zanesville; Dugan Hill of Caldwell; and Denise Miller of Oak Glen.

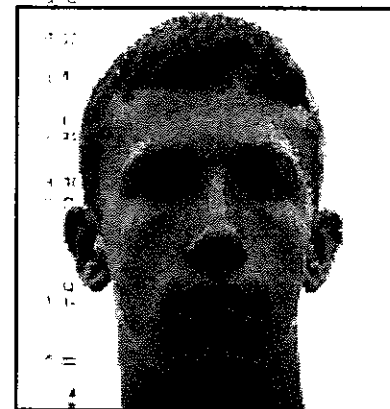
- Next season's OVAC meet will be contested on Sept. 23, with 2001 running on Sept. 22 and '02 Sept. 21 will be the date.



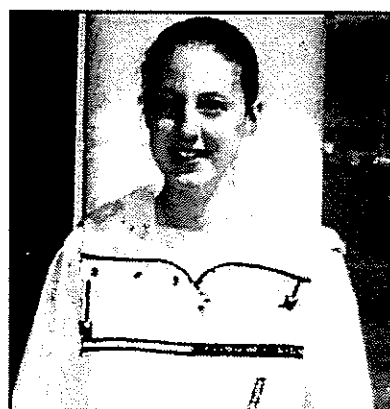
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EARNING all-OVAC honors for finishing in the top 20 among the 185 runners who competed in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross country championships are these runners. Front row, from left, are champion Ben Bolock of Buckeye Local, runnerup Chris Perun of Barnesville, Adam Brookover of Zanesville (3rd), Kyle Brookover of Zanesville (4th), Eric Davy of Zanesville (5th), and Ryan Smith of Brooke (6th). Second row, are Mark Montgomery of East Liverpool (7th), Ryan Larrick of Caldwell (8th), Corey Neal of John Marshall (9th) Todd Casey of Meadowbrook (10th), Matt McConnell of Caldwell (11th), Andrew Lewis of Shadyside (12th) and John Tierney of Martins Ferry (13th). Back row, are Jed Perko of Bellaire (14th), Kirk Roth of Martins Ferry (15th), Travis Taylor of Barnesville (16th), Matt Kidd of Harrison Central (17th), Josh Paeltz of Zanesville (18th), David Jack of Shadyside (19th) and Dustin Meeker of Buckeye Local (20th). Each of the honorees will receive a specially-engraved certificate.

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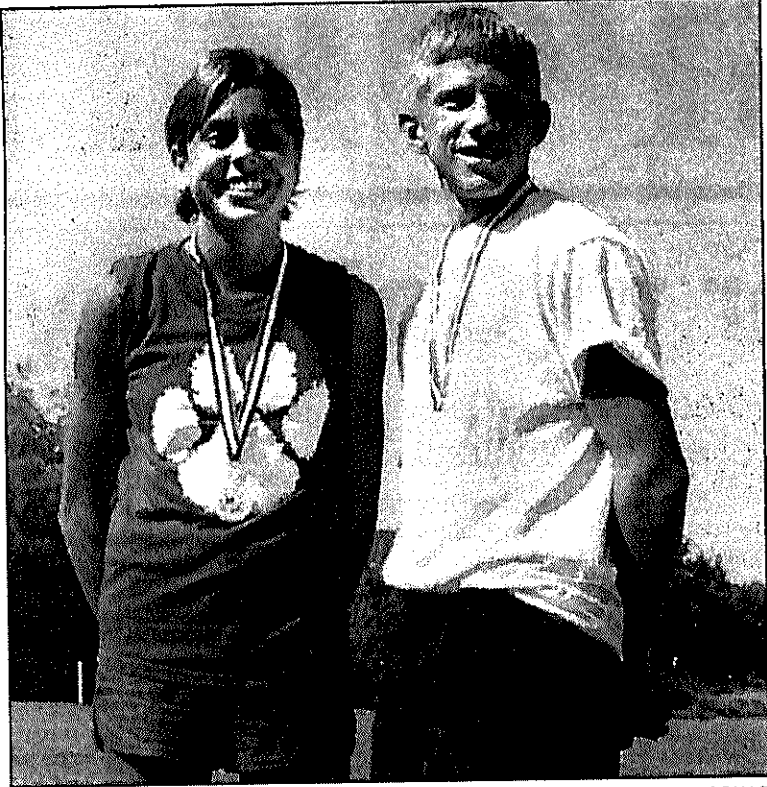
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EARNING all-conference laurels at the recent Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross country championships were these 17 runners. They and three others who also finished in the top 20 from a field of nearly 160 will receive specially-engraved certificates. Front row, from left, are champion Ashley Dunligan of Cambridge, runnerup Mandy Bruney of Martins Ferry, Heather Stewart of Ferry (3rd), Katrina Jones of Ferry (4th), Stacy Sada of John Marshall (7th), Julie Hajny of Buckeye Local (8th) and Nikki Moore of Wheeling Park (9th). Second row, are Jessica Melanko of Shadyside (10th), Sarah Ellis of Ferry (11th), Whitney Brown of Shadyside (12), Crystal Goldsmith of Zanesville (13th), Denise Phillips of Magnolia (14th) and Leigh Ann Workman of Bellaire (15th). Back row, are Emma Archer of Magnolia (16th), Andrea Lewis of Shadyside (17th), Patricia Smith of East Liverpool (19th) and Ashley Davolio of Bellaire (20th). Unavailable for the photo were Rachael Miller (5th) and Jennie Castle (6th), both of Barnesville, and Ashley Holenka (17th) of Shadyside.

OVAC Titlists

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REIGNING as queen and king of cross country in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference are individual champions Ashley Dunigan of Cambridge and Ben Bolock of Buckeye Local. A sophomore, Dunigan won the title for a second straight year, while Bolock, a junior, won after placing sixth a year ago and also earning all-conference honors as a freshman when he placed in the top 20 overall.

OVAC Champions

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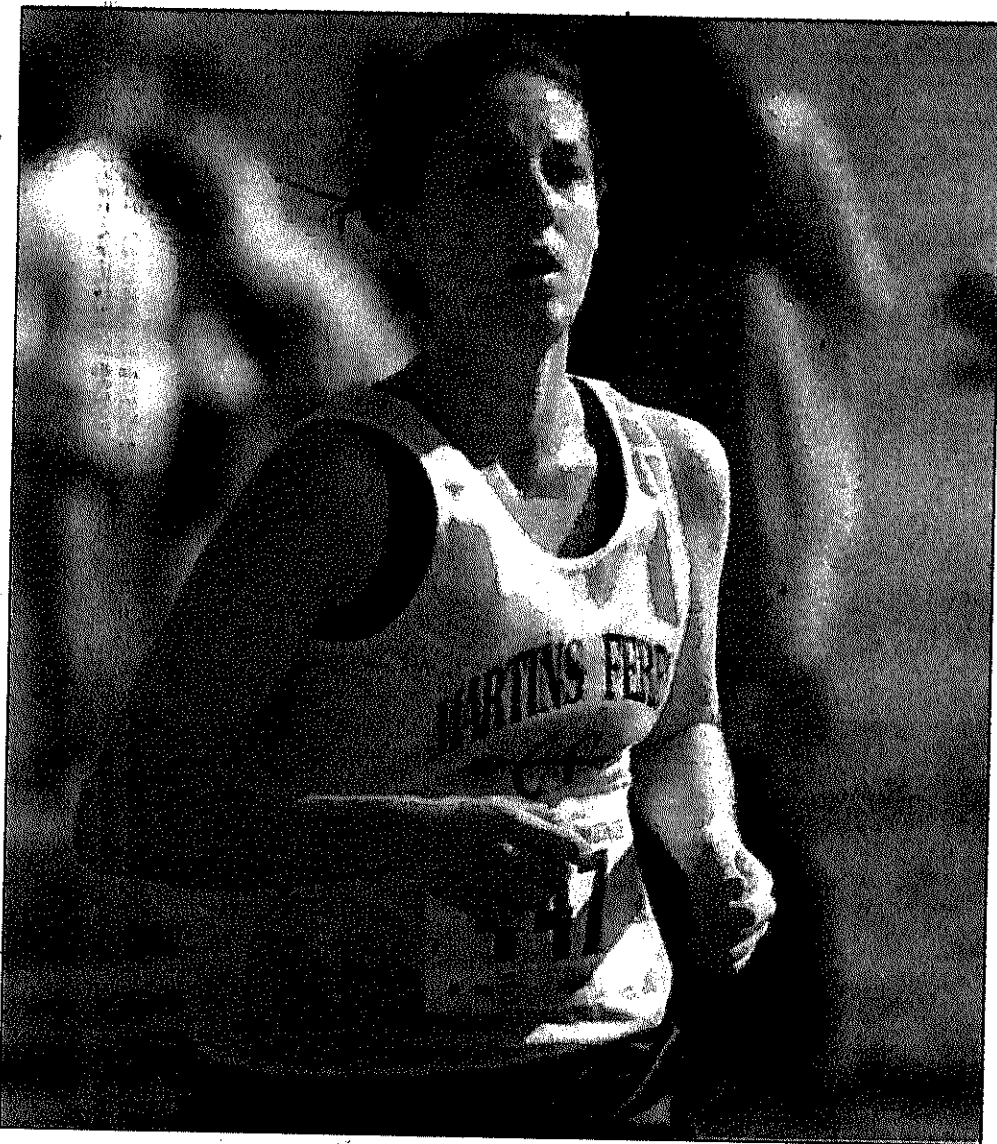


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THE SHADYSIDE boys' team was the 1-A Division champion in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross country championships held recently at Meadowbrook High School, Byesville. The team also placed third overall. In the first row are Willie Talbert and Chris Kaplan while standing are coach Joel Joseph, Billy Cash, Andrew Lewis and David Jack. Other team members, not present when the photo was taken, are Dan Runyon, Adam Faizi and Thomas Broadstein.

OVAC Cross Country

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T-L Photo/PAULA GINTHER

MARTINS FERRY junior standout Mandy Bruney approaches the finish line during Saturday's OVAC Cross Country Championship at Byesville. Bruney finished second overall and helped the Lady Riders earn the overall team title, in addition, to defending the team's 3-A title. See story page 5B.