

Girls Run In OVAC Cross-Country Meet For First Time

Something new has been added to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross-country meet this year.

When the harriers gather at the Brooke High course on Friday, some of them will be girls.

For the first time, the conference will not only sponsor a boys' cross-country championship but will also present a girls' race.

There will be no team title in the girls' race this year but there will be appropriate medals for the first 12 finishers in the female competition over the 2.8-mile course.

OVAC executive secretary Sam Mumley points to the addition of the girls' race as further evidence of the continuing effort of the conference to widen the scope of its activities and to offer more opportunities for the young women.

The boys' race will be at 11 a. m., with the girls event to follow. Meadowbrook is defending over-all and triple-A tittist in the boys' race. Wheeling Park is defending four-A kingpin and Shenandoah will defend in the combined Class AA-Class A competition.

Mike Dodge, of Wheeling Park, was the individual winner last year. He is now on the team at Marshall University.

There will be 18 medals awarded at the boys' meet. There will be team trophies for the champion and runnerup squads in the various divisions. Moreover, pennants for the champion teams will be provided and will be presented at the annual winter dinner meeting in December at Linsly Institute.

Teams expected to compete are East Liverpool, Bellaire, Brooke, Cambridge, Wheeling Park, St. Clairsville, John Marshall and Oak Glen in the four-A division; Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook and Wheeling Central in three-A; and Shadyside, Skyvue, Buckeye Trail, Shenandoah, Cadiz, Fort Frye and Linsly Institute in the double-A and single-A division.

Meet directors are Ed Watkins and Nolan Van Gilder, of Brooke High School.

Meadowbrook Repeats as OVAC Overall Champ in Cross-Country



The top 10 finishers in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross-country meet, held last Saturday over the Brooke High course, are shown above. Standing, left to right, are Steve Kasper, of Buckeye Trail, who was the winner in 14:34.73 over the 2.7-mile course; Jim Ott, East Liverpool, second; Randy Burke, East Liverpool, third; Greg McFadden, Meadowbrook, fourth; and Bill Giles, Wheeling Park, fifth. Kneeling, left to right, are Pete

Harding, Meadowbrook, sixth; Bill Stehney, Magnolia, seventh; Scott Harvey, John Marshall, eighth; Jim Hobstetter, Wheeling Park, ninth; and Joe Davies, Martins Ferry, tenth. Triple-A Meadowbrook repeated as the over-all team champion as the Colts nipped Wheeling Park by only one point. Buckeye Trail won the combined Class AA-Class A competition.

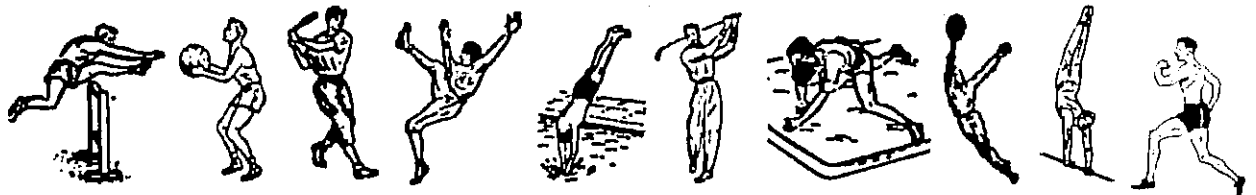
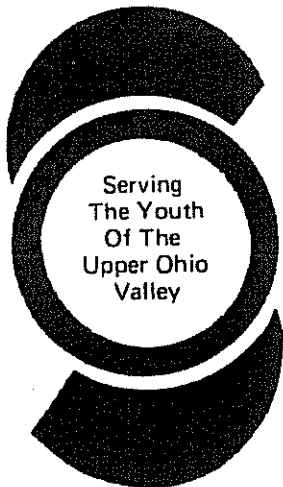
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Buckeye Trail's Steve Kasper crosses the finish line as the overall winner in Saturday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross-country championship meet run on the 2.7-mile Brooke High School course. Kasper timed in 14 minutes, 34 seconds. He led the Warrior in the combined Class AA-A in the meet.

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- INDIVIDUAL TOP BOY FINISHERS**
 1. Steve Kasper (BT) 14:34.73; 2. Jim Ott (EL) 14:52; 3. Randy Burke (EL) 14:58; 4. Greg McFadden (Mead.) 15:04; 5. Bill Giles (WP) 15:07; 6. Pete Harding (Mead.) 15:09; 7. Bill Stehney (Mag.) 15:10; 8. Scott Harvey (JM) 15:11; 9. Jim Hobstetter (WP) 15:14; 10. Joe Davies (MF) 15:18; 11. Karl Underwood (Bell.) 15:18; 12. Jamie Boyd (WP) 15:20; 13. Mark Cimino (Brooke) 15:22; 14. Bill Brownfield (Mead.) 15:33; 15. Tim Harding (Cam.) 15:34; 16. Mark Huber (Eam.) 15:37; 17. Mike Leasure (Sky.) 15:39; 18. Bill Swartling (Mag.) 15:44.
- INDIVIDUAL TOP GIRL FINISHERS**
 1. Lynn Wilson (EL) 17:38.18; 2. Lisa Ramage (Cam.) 17:49; 3. Monica Hoschar (EL) 18:03; 4. Ann Stehney (Mag.) 18:07; 5. Yvon Stevens (Mead.) 18:17; 6. Jane Bull (Mead.) 18:33; 7. Cyvie Velay (WP) 18:51; 8. Erin Wood (JM) 19:18; 9. Kristina McColeman (St. C.) 19:22; 10. Debbie Kocher (Mag.) 19:25; 11. Karen Booher (Brooke) 19:38; 12. Mary Dolis (Mag.) 19:38.
- BOYS TEAM SCORING**
 AAAA—1. Wheeling Park 87; 2. Cambridge 174; 3. Brooke 218; 4. John Marshall 227; 5. Bellefleur 308; 6. Oak Glen 310; 7. Weirton 314; 8. East Liverpool 357; 9. St. Clairsville 457.
- AAA—1. Meadowbrook 88; 2. Martins Ferry 126; 3. Magnolia 146; 4. Wheeling Central 488.
- AA-A—1. Buckeye Trail 148; 2. Shenandoah 194; 3. Shady Side 222; 4. Skyvue 348; 5. Cedar 384; 6. Fort Payne 455.



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PLEASE RELEASE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1980.

There will be a new look during the annual OVAC Cross Country Championships this Saturday at 11:00 A.M. The conference will initiate the first ever women's cross country run at the Brook High Course. Although there will be no women's team champion, the OVAC will present special medals with ribbons to the first 12 lady finishers. "Exec. Sec'y. S.A. Mumley, Sr. explained that this is another phase of our on going athletic programs within the OVAC framework and further illustrates our endeavors to completely serve the youth of the upper Ohio Valley."

The meet will begin promptly with the boys championships with the girls to follow. Team championships will be awarded to the 4-A, 3-A and the combined 1-A and 2-A classes. Medals and ribbons will be given to the first 18 finishers and championship pennants to each class winner. Official presentation of the pennants will be made during the Winter Dinner Meeting at Linsly.

Meet directors, Ed Watkins and Nolan Van Gilder of Brooke announced the following schools who will participate this Saturday: East Liverpool, Ft. Frye, Cambridge, Bellaire, Buckeye Trail, Wheeling Park, Bridgeport, Shadyside, Skyvue, Meadowbrook, Martins Ferry, St. Clairsville, Brooke, Magnolia, John Marshall, Oak Glen, Linsly, Weirton and Wheeling Central.