

# Chrisman wins both C-C titles

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PEORIA — Chrisman High School saw its girls' and boys' cross-country teams storm to Class A titles Saturday at the state high school meet at Detweiller Park.

The Cardinals' girls' team led a 1-2-3-4 sweep by teams that competed at the Paxton Sectional last weekend. Chrisman had 74 points and Unity was second at 103. Urbana University High was a surprising third with 121 and Chicago Luther North fourth with 146.

As for the boys, Chrisman scored 122 points to finish first.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," Chrisman coach Roger Beals said. "This whole thing is just unreal. We thought during the season we could do it, but then reality sets in and you say, 'No, it's not possible.'"

For the Chrisman girls, Karen Morris finished third with a time of 12:34 over the 2.1-mile and sister Kathy Morris was 11th in 12:53. Amy Malise was 42nd in 13:37, followed by teammates Tracie Butler, 43rd in 13:38; Michelle Kindred, 49th in 13:42; Courtney Porter, 60th in 12:58, and Tania Schackmann, 91st in 14:45.

For Unity, Sonja O'Neill was fifth with a time of 12:42 followed by teammate Karen Wamsley who was 17th in 13:01. Teresa Clavin was 26th in 13:17 and Kim Cox was 58th in 13:55. Jamey Meneley was 72nd in 14:16; Delina Kolakowski, 73rd in 14:18, and Charity Kolakowski, 77th in 14:26.

"We were hoping all season to stay second to Chrisman," Unity coach Sandy Meneley said. "Chrisman is the only team to beat us all season."

Unity did beat Chrisman once this season, but only after the sixth runners' times were used to break a tie.

**MENELEY SAID** that sophomore Kim Cox really shined and helped the team out by finishing as the team's fourth best runner.

For Uni, Tysan Huang was the best finisher in 23rd place with a time of 13:09. Other Uni results included Tamar Shapiro, 35th in 13:26; Alexandra Newman, 38th in 13:31; Ellen Wheeler, 59th in 13:56; Amy Parker 64th in 14:04; Judy Clifton, 98th in 15:18, and Eman Jassim, 108th at 16:24.

Uni coach Bonnie Byers-Neaville said she and her team had no idea they had taken third place until the awards ceremony two hours after the meet had been completed.

"We walked into the gymnasium and they announced over the speaker that they wanted Coach Neaville from Uni High to come to the awards table," Byers-Neaville said.

"I WENT OVER THERE and the official said 'Congratulations.' I asked him what place we finished, and when he said third, I just started bawling."

Genoa-Kingston's Chris Salsbery won the race in 12:22.

Local girls competing as individuals in the Class A meet were led by Ashley Wright of St. Joseph-Ogden, who was 10th overall in 12:48. Laura Batsie of Mahomet-Seymour was 28th in 13:20 and SJ-O's Marla McKinney was 51st in 13:43.

In Class AA, Erin Boland of McHenry won in 11:42 and Hoffman Estates Conant took the team title.

The Chrisman boys finished first with a score of 122, and were followed by Tremont, 139 and Maple Park Kaneland with 140.

Andy Mills was Chrisman's best finisher, placing 27th in 16:01. Other Cardinals included Chad Beals, 41st in 16:15; Lee Waltz, 43rd in 16:16; Brian Spicer, 47th in 16:22; Bill Harvey, 50th in 16:26, and Dusty Michaels, 99th in 16:54.

Mahomet-Seymour took 11th as a team. Dan Nielsen was the top finisher for the Bulldogs, placing 22nd in 15:55.

Eric Detmer of Breese Mater Dei won the Class A individual title in 15:05.

Bob Love of Watseka led the local Class A boys competing as individuals, finishing 18th in 15:44. Jeff Trask of Oakwood took 23rd in 15:56 and Travis Winkler of Bismarck-Henning took 51st in 16:28. Paul Talbot of Uni High was 58th in 16:32.

In boys' Class AA action, Schaumburg took the AA team title, with 70 points.

Champaign Central finished 24th, paced by Shad Shepston in 40th in 15:28. He was followed by teammates Pat Stines, 153rd in 16:52; Scott Elrick, 157th in 16:56; Aaron Libman, 162nd in 16:59; Matt Meyer, 191st in 17:21; Matt Wise, 219th in 17:40, and Dave Shaul, 228th in 18:02.

"We didn't finish as high as we would have liked," said Central coach Dike Stirrett. "But we ran into a tough field. That's what you expect at the state meet."

Mario Vesey of Rock Island led the field by 13 seconds to win the AA title.