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Five titles in a row for Hutch

Hutch-Tech's reign in the boys All-High cross country meet is reaching dynasty proportions.

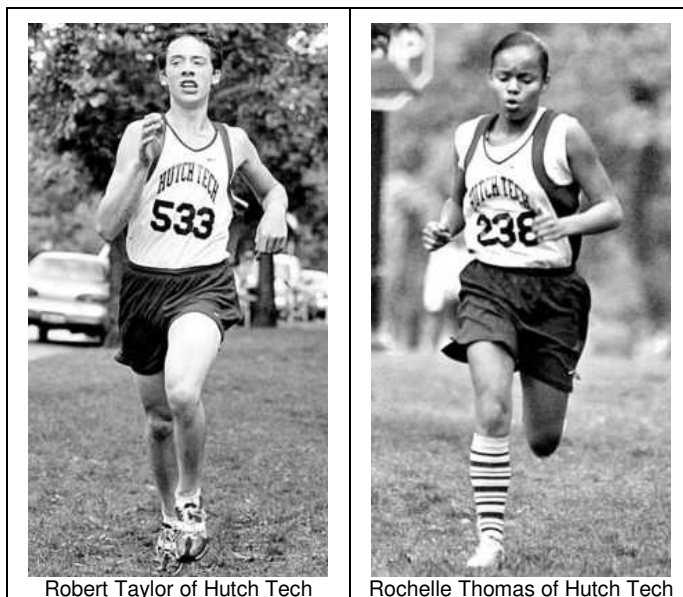
Coach Dave Sardo's Engineers swept the first three places and five of the first six to capture their fifth straight All-High meet championship and clinch the Columbia Cup. The Engineers finished unbeaten during the dual meet season.

Robert Taylor, the defending All-High individual champion, led the Hutch victory, winning in 13 minutes, 30 seconds over a slightly muddy Rose Garden course in Delaware Park in ideal temperatures.

Teammates Alex Simon and Michael McClurkin followed Taylor across the line while Donte Ettipio and William Serediuk took fifth and sixth.

Rochelle Thomas of Hutch-Tech was the girls winner in 14:56, but the team title went to City Honors for the second year in a row. Leonardo da Vinci's Allison Frank, the defending girls champion who has been battling injuries, finished 12th this time.

City Honors shaded da Vinci by just 10 points in the team scoring. Brittany Gray of the Centaurs was runner-up to Thomas, five seconds in front of third-place Janelle Mitri of da Vinci.



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