

High School Extra
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East Aurora dominates ECICs

East Aurora didn't just host the ECIC Championships, it owned them.

The Blue Devils won both team cross country titles in Division III in dominating fashion, which included individual winners Catherine Lusardi (girls) and Scott Anderson (boys).

The nationally- ranked girls squad had eight of the first nine finishers as EA put up a total of 19 points; second- place Depew had 73. Lusardi won in 17: 06.6 (ahead of **Alden's** Jaime Wallace). The third through ninth positions were all Blue Devils: Jenna Hulton, Catherine Phillips, Kirsten Weberg, Erin Crawford, Alice Coughlin, Megan Hulton and Paige Peltan.

On the boys side, seven of the 11 top finishers were from East Aurora, led by the top three of Anderson (15: 24.8), Lyle O'Brien (15: 45.1) and Alex Weberg (15: 45.7). East Aurora's 21 points were well ahead of Alden's 55.

The most dominant performance of the day in team scoring came from **West Seneca West**, which posted 17 points in Division I, a long distance from second- place **Clarence** (57). West had five of the first six finishers: winner Vicky Luongo (18: 54.0), Emily Sullivan (2.9 seconds behind) and Alexandra Denzel were the top three; Jordan Gibbons was fifth and Jackie Cintron was sixth.

Clarence's powerful boys squad dominated the Division I race with 22 points by putting five of its runners in the top nine. The Red Devils' Casey Perdziak won the race in 15: 42.7 with teammate John Inzina second in 15: 44.4.

In Division II, **Starpoint** swept the team titles while **Amherst** had both individual winners.

Amherst's David Szymkowiak posted a 15: 41.9 time to win the boys race while Tiger teammate Brenna Symoniak (18: 00.7) won on the girls side. The deep Starpoint teams were led by Ryan Wentz (second) and Will Barclay (fifth) for the boys and Christie Lilienthal (fourth) and Lauren Scarupa (sixth) for the girls.

Joe Whelan of **Hamburg** didn't run due to a foot injury but is expected to compete in next week's Section VI championships.

GI boys run to NFL title

A third- place finish by Evan Tsembelis and a fourth- place run by Chris Carter helped **Grand Island** edge **Lockport** for the boys title at the Niagara Frontier League cross country championships, held in 30 to 40 mph winds at Beaver Island State Park. Grand Island finished with 61 points to Lockport's 64.

Zach Ball of **Kenmore East** was the individual boys winner in 16: 24.2, about five seconds ahead of Lockport's Drew Perilli.

The **Lockport** girls cruised to the championship by taking five of the first seven spots. Kelsey Fraser won in 20: 01 with Mary Rachel Robbins second in 20: 26, followed by Ally Bartkowiak (fifth), Emilee Petti (sixth) and Claire Whalen (seventh).

Akron, Wilson win at N- O meet

The **Akron** girls cross country team notched four of first six spots as the Tigers ran to the Niagara- Orleans Championship at Lakeside Beach State Park. Casey Neill won the race in 21: 00.3 with Ellen Goldhawk not far behind at 21: 01.5. Emma Wilson was fourth and Sarah Schaefer was sixth.

Wilson is the boys champion thanks to efforts like that of Donald Truesdell, who took second place individually. Nick Pardee won the boys race in 16: 33.7 for **Newfane**, which was a distant second in both races.