

Chuck Harriers Capture District IX Championship

The Punxsutawney Area High School cross country squad, under the coaching of John Smith, captured the District IX, Class A Championship yesterday at the Kane Country Club.

The Chuck harriers turned in a brilliant performance with senior Jeff Anderson, who led the Chucks to an undefeated 10-0 season, placing second, Marty Conrad, third, freshman Danny Mitchell, sixth, and Rick Adams, eighth.

Punx'y, competing against St. Marys, Bradford, DuBois and Brookville, placed its seven varsity members in the top twenty. Rounding out the impressive performance for the Chucks were Terry Craft, 12th, Joe Heberling, 13th, and Greg Reitz, 16th.

The Chuck JVs, also undefeated and untied this season, breezed to an easy District Championship with Bruce McFarland setting a new course record, 13 minutes and 25 seconds.

Doug 'Sparky' Lyle placed fourth for the Chuck JVs, while Rusty Murray turned in a strong effort, finishing sixth. Other top finishers for the Little Chucks were Mike Esposito and Brad Harriger.

The Chucks finished with 31 points in the meet, while St. Marys placed second with 42 points.

Flying Dutchman Jeff Foster breezed to an easy win, placing first with a time of 12 minutes and 4 seconds, 31 seconds in front of Punx'y's Jeff Anderson. Bradford's Roy Burgess took the fourth spot in the meet, leading the Owls to third place.

The Punx'y harriers earned the right to advance to the State meet November 3 to be held at University Park.

In the District IX, Class B finals, the Kane Wolves breezed to easy victories in the varsity and junior varsity meets. Jeff Wolfe and Keith Anderson placed first and second respectively in the

Class B varsity event.

Teams participating in the Class B meet were Karns city, Johnsonburg, Elk County Christian, Otto-Eldred, Clarion, Oswago Valley, DuBois Central, Smethport and Kane.

DuBois finished fourth in the Class A meet, while Brookville did not field a varsity team, but finished third in the JV meet.

Coach John Smith, who will be sending his squad to the Eastern United States cross country finals at University Park in mid-November, was elated with the victory.

According to Smith, seniors Jeff Anderson, Marty Conrad, Joe Heberling and Rick Adams formed the backbone of this year's squad. He went on to say that this was the first time that Punx'y had four runners of this calibre. Smith also had high praise for sophomore Terry Craft and freshmen Danny Mitchell and Greg Reitz.

The District IX, Class A Championship trophy will be presented to the undefeated, untied varsity and JV teams as they are introduced during the halftime of tonight's football game on the PAHS field.

Top Ten

Foster	SM	12:04
Anderson	P	12:35
Conrad	P	12:39
Burgess	B	12:44
Garner	SM	12:55
Mitchell	P	13:00
Roff	B	13:06
Adams	P	13:07
Bean	B	13:08
Briggs	SM	13:12