

Chuck Harriers Sweep District

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Punx'y's Chuck Harriers did everything that Head Coach John Smith expected of them as the varsity, junior varsity and girls squads swept wins in the District IX competition held at Kane yesterday.

In the Class AAA Varsity meet the Chuck "pack" took five of the first ten places for a score of 25. Bradford took second place honors with a score of 57. Punx'y ran all over the teams from Clearfield, DuBois, St. Marys and Brookville in the important win which will send the Chucks to State College for the State finals to take place on the first of November.

Placing for Punx'y in the varsity meet were Dan Mitchell who took second place with a time of 16:12. Mike Esposito came in next with a time of 16:36. Placing fifth coming in 17 seconds after Esposito was Steve McGee. Punx'y's Bob McIntyre placed seventh with a time of 17 minutes and eight seconds on finishing the course. Two seconds later Greg Reitz finished behind McIntyre to take eighth place capturing the fifth Punx'y spot of the top ten places. Bruck McFarland, the last Chuck team member in the meet, finished a very respectable 12th from a field of 34 runners.

In the JV AAA meet, once again it was Punx'y capturing five of the first ten places. Dave Henry placed second behind Dennis Owens of Clearfield with a time of 17:49. Keith Witt captured

third place and Bernie Sisk took sixth. Dale Hargraves was right on Sisk's heels as he took seventh place in the meet. Rick Mitchell was the last of the five Punx'y harriers finishing in the top ten as he ended up with the ninth place position.

Other Chuck JV harriers who placed in the 44 man field were: Dan Harvey, Dan Lyle, Kevin Raybuck, Bob Cochran, Jeff Lellock and Brian Gretz.

The Chuckette harriers burnt their opponents as they defeated the girls from Bradford by a score of 20-35. Kim Smith was the first girl to finish the course with a time of 12 minutes and 9.6 seconds.

After the Bradford girl, it was all Chuckettes with Brenda Kopnitsky taking second; Danette States third, Bea Jarbeck fourth, Ann Butler fifth and Sandy Domb followed across the finish line two seconds later to capture the sixth place out of a field of ten girls.

In the State finals next Saturday, Coach Smith will be taking his entire varsity squad plus his five girl harriers.

Bradford will also represent District IX as the runner up team along with the two Clearfield harriers who placed first and fourth in the AAA varsity meet yesterday.

Since the Chuck harriers took the runner up spot last year in the District IX competition, the victory this year makes their undefeated season record of 10-0 more meaningful than ever.