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# PHS Clinches Cross

The PHS varsity and junior varsity Cross Country teams dominated the District IX Cross Country Championships held at Kane yesterday afternoon. The Punx'y varsity topped its nearest rival Clearfield 18-61.

The varsity Harriers nearly swept the AAA division. Coach John Smith reported that junior runner Bernie Sisk was running in fifth place, but tightened up in the bitter cold and fell to 14th.

The Chucks took the top four positions in the race, and nearly tied two runners for first.

Senior Dan Mitchell crossed the finish line in 16 minutes and junior Steve McGee was right behind in 16:01. Fast freshman Frank German placed third with a time of 16:27, and senior Greg Reitz was fourth in the time of 16:35.

Rick Sherry took eighth for the Chucks in 16:50. Other runners in the top ten were St. Marys' Dave Neff (16:38), Brookville's Max Wonderling (16:39), and Dennis Owens (16:44), of Clearfield in the five through seven spots. Bradford's Steven Bear (16:54)

was ninth, and Ray Mullen (16:58), of Clearfield, was tenth.

Sisk was fourteenth with a time of 17:11, Rick Mitchell (18:03) finished in the number 23 spot, and Bill Tangren (19:43) was 30th.

Smith noted that Dan Mitchell is Punx'y's first District IX AAA Cross Country Champion in the history of the school.

The Chuck JV's swept their AAA race, as Smith believed they would, shutting out all other teams in the race. Dale Hargraves led the first five

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## Country Titles

Punx'y runners across the line in the time of 17:29. The Punx'y group finished together with second place going to Doug Craft (17:30), third to Tom Cameron (17:31), Don Cameron was fourth (17:32), while fifth place went to Doug Shaffer (17:37).

Bob Vaughn and Tom Spangler of Clearfield were sixth and seventh. Punx'y's John Love was eighth with an 18:09 time, Clearfield's Mike Hunsiker was ninth, and John Quatroche (18:24), of Punx'y, was tenth.

The Chucks' Jeff Smith was 11th

(18:28), Kevin Raybuck (18:49) was 16th, Dave Lyle (19:46) took the 24th spot, Brian Gretz (19:58) was 27th and Steven Kennedy was 40th in 23:28.

The Chuck girls didn't fare as well as their varsity and JV counterparts as they lost to Bradford and North Potter 17-1. One Punx'y runner, Claudia Curtis, qualified for the state meet as did the entire varsity squad. There is no state meet for JV's.

### Team Scores

Varsity—Punx'y, 18; Clearfield, 61;

St. Marys, 67; Bradford 99; Brookville, 109.

Junior Varsity—Punx'y 15; Clearfield 47; St. Marys 85; Brookville 134.

Girls—Bradford, 17; North Potter, 17; Punx'y, 41; Brookville, 44.

Clarion won both the varsity and JV meets in the AA class. Al Wolfe, Kane, won the varsity AA race in the time of 16:16. Clarion's Bob Reinard won the JV race in the time of 17:38.

The state meet will be run November 6.