

# Mount Tabor Girls Take Title; West Forsyth's Smith Is Winner

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Julie Smith of West Forsyth, who is in her first season of high-school cross country, and Robert Easter of Charlotte Garinger, who is in his last, won varsity titles in the Wake Forest High School Invitational cross-country meet yesterday.

Smith ran the 5,000-meter course in 21:07 to beat Tiffany Bennett of Chapel Hill, who ran a 21:42. Lauren Escott of Mount Tabor was third in 22:06.

Easter took the lead at the two-mile mark to win the boys event in 16:40, with Andrew Pearson of North Forsyth second in 16:50. David Mabe of North was third in 17:03.

Mount Tabor won the girls' team trophy with 41 points. Chapel Hill was second with 63. West Forsyth was third with 73.

Chapel Hill won the boys' team trophy with 72 points. Mount Tabor was second with 90 and North Forsyth was third with 106.

Smith and Bennett probably will be seeing a lot of each other in the next four years. Both girls are freshmen. Smith said that her strategy was to stay up with the pack for the first mile and then try to break away, which is just what she did. She took the lead in the second mile and held it the rest of the way.

"I don't look around to see who

is running with me," she said. "It might psych me out."

Bennett said she stayed close with Smith for the first mile and a half. "Then she just took off," Bennett said. "I just tried to keep her in sight."

Easter stayed back in the early going as part of his race plan. He started making his move at about a mile and a half. Coming toward the finish he had a solid lead and didn't push himself. These early races, he said, are preparation for the big meets ahead. Easter, who is a senior, has his eye on winning the national cross-country title.

Pearson was ahead in the early going of the boys' race. He said he wanted to go out fast and he did.

"I tried to hold on," Pearson said, "but he took the lead in the last mile."

Lauren Escott (third), Scottie Pate (seventh), Britt Armentrout (ninth), Kristy Sipek (10th) and Marla Bost (12th) led the Mount Tabor win.

Todd Mesibow (sixth), Pearson Don-Clark (eighth), Eric Feiss (17th), Eric Sanks (20th) and Chris Thomas (21st) led Chapel Hill to the boys' win.

## TEAM SCORES

Girls — 1. Mount Tabor 41; 2. Chapel Hill 63; 3. West Forsyth 72; 4. North Forsyth 85; 5. Statesville 106. Reynolds competed but did not have a full team.

Boys — 1. Chapel Hill 72; 2. Mount Tabor 90;

3. North Forsyth 106; 4. West Forsyth 108; 5. Richmond County 129; 6. Greensboro Grimsley 145; 7. Hickory 186; 8. Reynolds 239; 9. Statesville 243.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### Girls Varsity

1. Julie Smith (WF) 21:07; 2. Tiffany Bennett (CH) 21:42; 3. Lauren Escott (MT) 22:06; 4. Jennifer Strange (NF) 22:17; 5. Carolina Brown (States) 22:24; 6. Barry Ambrose (States) 22:25; 7. Scottie Pate (MT) 22:26; 8. Caitlin Jenkins (CH) 22:30; 9. Britt Armentrout (MT) 22:37; 10. Kristy Sipek (MT) 23:05; 11. Martha Ashcraft (Rey) 23:06; 12. Marla Bost (MT) 23:12; 13. Stephanie Anderson (WF) 23:21; 14. Amy Queen (WF) 23:22; 15. Joanna Anderson (NF) 23:22; 16. Laura Sally (CH) 23:39; 17. Emily Clark-Pearson (CH) 23:50; 18. Richelle Keel (MT) 24:04; 19. Amy Etchison (WF) 24:06; 20. Melissa Kibler (CH) 24:11; 21. Alison Moon (NF) 24:12; 22. Jennifer Mabe (NF) 24:18; 23. Courtney Crawford (NF) 24:23; 24. Maria Poindexter (NF) 24:28; 25. Jennifer Masters (WF) 24:37

### Girls Junior Varsity

Top three finishers — 1. Nicole Chidester (WF) 24:21; 2. Katie Patterson (MT) 24:36; 3. Jenne Nesbitt (MT) 25:42

### Boys Varsity

1. Robert Easter (Char. Gar.) 16:40; 2. Andrew Pearson (NF) 16:50; 3. David Mabe (NF) 17:03; 4. Joey Farlow (Grim) 17:31; 5. Brian Blount (MT) 17:36; 6. Todd Mesibow (CH) 17:40; 7. Ken Kiser (Char. Lat) 17:42; 8. Pearson Don-Clarke (CH) 17:45; 9. Tommy Ingram (Rich. Co.) 17:53; 10. David Michael (MT) 17:59; 11. Brian Kinlaw (MT) 18:01; 12. Chaffee Viets (WF) 18:10; 13. Chris Vaughn (MT) 18:16; 14. Mike Coyle (Char. Lat) 18:21; 15. Mike Reeves (States) 18:22; 16. Austin Pack (WF) 18:27; 17. Eric Feiss (CH) 18:30; 18. Billy Knight (Rich. Co.) 18:48; 19. Greg Everrett (Rich. Co.) 18:51; 20. Eric Sanks (CH) 18:52; 21. Chris Thomas (CH) 18:57; 22. David Max (Hick) 18:59; 23. Andras Keleise (CH) 19:04; 24. Heath Burchette (WF) 19:07; 25. John Hasty (Hick) 19:21

### Boys Junior Varsity

Top three finishers — 1. Greg Wolf (CH) 18:51; 2. Josh Fant (CH) 19:05; 3. Yancey Goins (NF) 19:19.