

Country Day captures 2nd straight boys title

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Derek McGarry led Charlotte Country Day's boys to their second straight Charlotte Independent Schools Athletic Association cross-country title — the third in four years — Friday at McAlpine Park.

McGarry also won his second consecutive individual title, taking a seven-second victory over Providence Day's Ben Hovis with a time of 16 minutes 33 seconds.

In the girls race, Providence Day's Ayrton Dubinsky repeated as individual champion with a Mecklenburg County best time of 19:45, and first-year conference member Hammond Academy of Columbia won the girls title by 11 points over Charlotte Latin.

Dubinsky said she felt pressure returning as the defending conference champion, "Because Erin Collins (of Latin) really came along this year and really gave me some pressure and Hammond was in our conference."

Collins finished third and Hammond's Mae Williams, who finished second, had beaten Dubinsky last Tuesday at Hammond

McGarry said of Country Day's improvement from last year's team, which finished second in the NCISAA state meet: "We've definitely gotten better as a team. We've gotten more serious. These

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past couple years, we've been working really hard as a team to win states."

With six of the top seven runners returning from last year's team and with Friday's performances, the Buccaneers are looking next week to dethrone Durham Academy, which has won 12 consecutive state. The championship is Saturday in Greensboro at Hagan Stone Park.

"We can't sit back and say we won the conference and just wait for the state meet to roll along," Country Day coach Charlie Bodine said.

Boys Team results: 1. Charlotte Country Day 19; 2. Providence Day 62; 3. Charlotte Latin 69; 4. Charlotte Christian 124; 5. Hammond Academy (SC) 132; 6. Heathwood Hall (SC) 139.

Boys Individual results: 1. Derek McGarry (CD) 16:33; 2. Ben Hovis (PD) 16:40; 3. Marcus Marsh (CD) 17:15; 4. Thibault DeChazal (CD) 17:17; 5. Chris Martin (CD) 17:24; 6. Tom McKnight (CD) 17:32; 7. Scott Williams (CD) 17:38; 8. Ryan Nunley (PD) 17:42; 9. Jerome McDade (CL) 17:43; 10. David Coyle (CL) 18:06.

Girls Team results: 1. Hammond Academy (SC) 12; 2. Charlotte Latin 23; 3. Providence Day 26; 4. Heathwood Hall (SC) 35; 5. Charlotte Country Day 37; 6. Charlotte Christian 54.

Girls Individual results: 1. Ayrton Dubinsky (PD) 19:45; 2. Mae Williams (HA) 20:27; 3. Erin Collins (CL) 20:42; 4. Harriett Fairy (HA) 21:11; 5. Joya Caskey (CC) 21:23; 6. Pierrine Todd (HA) 22:01; 7. Nadija Harmaty (CD) 22:08; 8. Lauren Gardner (CL) 22:19; 9. Kristin Kettelhnt (PD) 22:24; Challen Hodson (HH) 22:31.