

## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

# E. Meck boys, N. Meck girls win meet titles

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**INDIAN TRAIL** — East Mecklenburg's boys, propelled by five Top 10 finishers, outdistanced Myers Park by 42 points, 32-74, to capture the Sun Valley High Invitational cross-country meet Saturday.

Natalie Hollar led North Mecklenburg to the girls title as the Vikings held off runner-up Myers Park 55-78.

"Everything is preseason until conference," East Mecklenburg boys coach Larry McAfee said. "Everything that you're doing is to develop the team and athlete to perform at the optimal level at the end of the season."

While East Mecklenburg ran away with the boys title, two points separated runner-up Myers Park, Sun Valley (75) and South Mecklenburg (76).

South Mecklenburg's Josh Morgan ran 16 minutes 27 seconds to capture the individual title by three seconds over East's Pen Peery.

"The first mile I just waited to see how everyone else was running, and I felt comfortable," Morgan said. "And I took off after the leaders."

"(Josh) ran an excellent race," Peery said. "I thought it was going to be Ryan Adams (of Sun Valley) and me, and for the first 2 miles it was. And then after 2 miles he caught up and passed me."

The girls race pitted the top two schools from the MEGA 7 4A — North Mecklenburg and West Mecklenburg — and the top four schools from the Southwestern 4A — Providence, Myers Park, East Mecklenburg and South Mecklenburg.

With the Vikings winning this time, the race for each team to qualify for the state meet is expected to be competitive.

The top four teams from this region will qualify for the state meet.

The next meet for most of these schools is The Wendy's Invitational next Saturday at McAlpine Park.

**Boys Team Results:** 1. East Mecklenburg 32; 2. Myers Park 74; 3. Sun Valley 75; 4. South Mecklenburg 76; 5. NW Cabarrus 101; 6. Harding 163.

**Boys Individual:** 1. Josh Morgan (SM) 16:27; 2. Pen Peery (EM) 16:30; 3. Wes Noice (EM) 16:59; 4. Rob Reynolds (MP) 17:08; 5. Ryan Adams (SV) 17:11; 6. Doug Murr (NWC) 17:15; 7. Micheal Mauriello (SM) 17:16; 8. Greg Prudhomme (EM) 17:18; 9. Shane Walts (EM) 17:22; 10. Kevin Cutts (EM) 17:30.2.

**Girls Team Results:** 1. North Mecklenburg 55; 2. Myers Park 78; 3. Providence 85; 4. (Tie) East Mecklenburg 107; West Mecklenburg 107; 6. South Mecklenburg 127; 7. NW Cabarrus 151; 8. Sun Valley 179; 9. Harding 222.

**Girls Individual:** 1. Erin Howard (SV) 20:17; 2. Natalie Hollar (NM) 20:31; 3. Kelly Correll (NWC) 20:43; 4. Stephanie Alexander (WM) 20:56; 5. Kim Robinson (WM) 21:14; 6. Courtney Horn (MP) 21:32; 7. Kim Grier (NM) 21:38; 8. Beth Herrman (P) 21:39; 9. Emma Lindell (EM) 21:41; 10. Becca Walker (MP) 21:47.