

# Providence's boys, girls sweep

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**INDIAN TRAIL** — Providence's boys and girls took the championship divisions of the Sun Valley Invitational cross-country meet Saturday as East Mecklenburg's Shane Walts and Sun Valley's Erin Howard took individual crowns.

There were eight of the 11 Charlotte schools represented at this meet, which became a sneak preview of what coaches might see at Saturday's Wendy's Invitational at McAlpine.

Walts, coming off his strong performance at the 4A regional track meet when he recorded his best time of four minutes 33.7 seconds in the 1600 meters, continued his steady performance by outdistancing Providence's Brian Lesesky by 12 seconds, 16:41.9 to 16:53.4.

"I went to the line with my mind

open," Walts said. "And I said to myself, 'What do I want to do today,' and I said, 'I wanted to lead my own race and I wanted to win.'"

He led from start to finish. Walts has finished sixth at UNC Wilmington and fourth at the Wake Forest Invitational this year, posting times of 16:07 and 16:56.

This year, though Providence's boys and girls lost three to four of its top seven runners, they appear strong again. But are they surprised?

"No, I'm not actually," Providence boys coach Bill McLay said.

**Boys Championship Team Results:** 1. Providence 45; 2. East Mecklenburg 52; 3. Myers Park 59; 4. Sun Valley 91; 5. South Mecklenburg 113; 6. Northwest Cabarrus 169; 7. Harding 192.

**Boys Championship Individual Results:** 1. Shane Walts (EM) 16:41.9; 2. Brian Lesesky (P) 16:53.4; 3. Mike Mauriello (SM) 17:00.9; 4. Andy Morris (MP) 17:04.5; 5. Jason Leach (SV) 17:11.5; 6. Ben Bissette (EM) 17:17.3; 7. Richard Hill (MP) 17:21.8; 8. Brett Adkins (P) 17:27.0; 9. Chris Mayo (P) 17:28.5; 10. Cliff Mauriello (SM) 17:29.3.

**Girls Championship Team Results:** 1. Providence 62; 2. West Mecklenburg 72; 3. Sun Valley 85; 4.

Northwest Cabarrus 86; 5. Myers Park 93; 6. North Mecklenburg 96; 7. Harding 195.

**Girls Championship Individual Results:** 1. Erin Howard (SV) 19:56.8; 2. Autumn Read (NWC) 20:16.7; 3. Courtney Horn (MP) 20:20.7; 4. Kelly Correll (NWC) 20:29.3; 5. Kim Robinson (WM) 20:30.9; 6. Ryan Pinion (SV) 21:10.0; 7. Erin White (P) 21:18.8; 8. Shayla Reid (WM) 21:21.9; 9. Megan Bymum (P) 21:29.8; 10. Stephanie Alexander (WM) 21:32.0.

**Boys Open Team Results:** 1. North Mecklenburg 42; 2. Mooresville 59; 3. Providence 104; 4. Independence 137; 5. West Mecklenburg 155; 6. East Gaston 161; 7. South Mecklenburg 162; 8. Sun Valley 174; 9. Northwest Cabarrus 217; 10. Central Cabarrus 233.

**Boys Open Individual Results:** 1. Greg Dralle (EG) 17:21.0; 2. Brian Martin (M) 17:24.4; 3. Mike Borawa (I) 17:38.4; 4. Jerry Wilson (EG) 17:54.7; 5. Leon Patillo (NM) 18:03.3; 6. Alan Marsh (NM) 18:08.1; 7. John Mayhew (M) 18:11.9; 8. Brian Dove (NM) 18:23.4; 9. David Clay (P) 18:30.7; 10. Jordan Peed (P) 18:35.2.

**Girls Open Team Results:** 1. East Mecklenburg 55; 2. East Gaston 63; 3. Providence 73; 4. South Mecklenburg 102; 5. Mooresville 112; 6. Independence 116; 7. North Mecklenburg 180; 8. Northwest Cabarrus 182; 9. Central Cabarrus NS; Sun Valley NS.

**Girls Open Individual Results:** 1. Jacquelyn Tinkham (I) 20:34.4; 2. Kathryn Daniel (EM) 20:52.6; 3. Suzanne Clemmer (EG) 21:35.1; 4. Erin Jessen (EG) 21:36.2; 5. Carol Haskin (P) 21:58.9; 6. Jessie Grinell (I) 22:02.4; 7. Mary Van Hellemont (EM) 22:14.5; 8. Kathryn Ashdown (M) 22:17.5; 9. Hayley Stewart (EG) 22:27.9; 10. Kate Meirer (SM) 22:28.4.

## Chargers' Hovis a winner

At Hagen-Stone Park in the

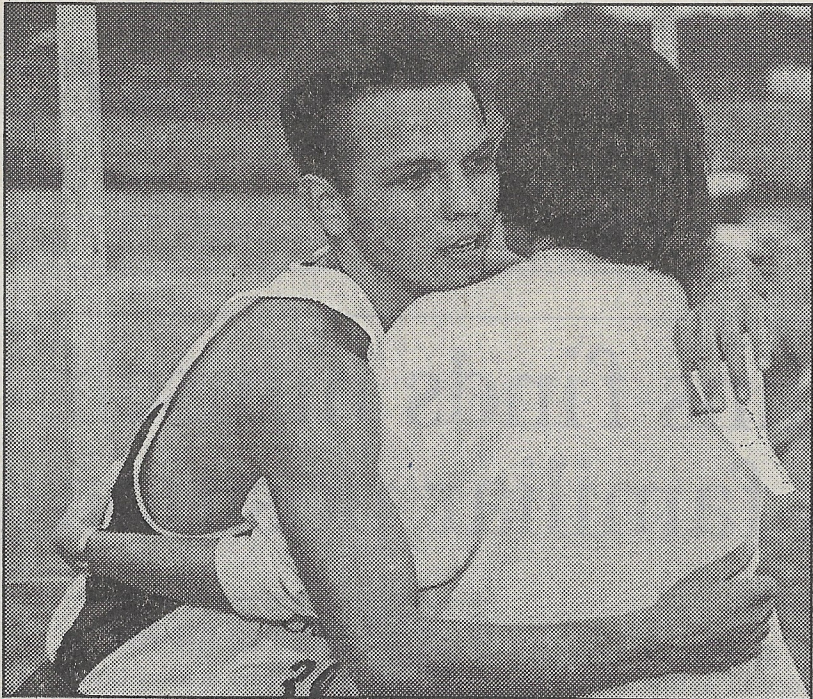
Greensboro Cross-Country Invitational, Providence Day's Ben Hovis took first as he paced the Chargers to a sixth-place team finish, in a meet featuring public and private schools. Charlotte Country Day was 11 points behind in seventh.

**Boys Team Results:** 1. Wake Forest Rolesville 117; 2. Freedom 133; 3. Surry Central 138; 4. Durham Academy 143; 5. Cardinal Gibbons 147; 6. Providence Day 185; 7. Charlotte Country Day 196; 8. N.E. Guilford 306; 9. Asheboro 328; 10. Fuquay Varina 355.

**Boys Individual Results:** 1. Ben Hovis (PD) 16:26; 2. David Patterson (CG) 16:29; 3. Jeremy Moore (DA) 16:47; 4. Joshua Whitwell (Patrick County) 16:52; 5. Jon Maddy (SC) 17:01; 6. Jacob Coher (DA) 17:12; 7. Brian Whyte (WFR) 17:13; 8. Nathan Wright (Western Guilford) 17:19; 9. Seth Cabonor (F) 17:19; 10. Chris Thompson (Jordan Matthews) 17:23.

**Girls Team Results:** 1. Freedom 192; 2. Surry Central 209; 3. Durham Academy 218; 4. Charlotte Country Day 227; 5. Western Alamance 228; 6. Ledford 256; 7.(tie) N.E. Guilford, St. Stephens, St. Agnes 278 10. Wilkes Central 286.

**Girls Individual Results:** 1. Erin Musson (Western Guilford) 19:08; 2. Mandy Becker (Fuquay Varina) 20:15; 3. Jenny Warford (Jordan Matthews) 20:39; 4. Sarah Oliver (Asheville) 20:52; 5. Dana Ferguson (Asheboro) 20:53; 6. Kate Langley (Western Alamance) 20:56; 7. Jennifer Day (Western Alamance) 21:05; 8. Jane Maxwell (Providence Day) 21:07; 9. Kelli Neese (Southeast Guilford) 21:19; 10. Megan Barnett (Wilkes Central) 21:23.



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**At the finish:** Men's championship winner Shane Walts of East Mecklenburg hugs a friend after his victory in the Sun Valley Invitational at Sun Valley High Saturday.

■ West Forsyth won the girl's portion of the 70-team Greensboro Cross Country Invitational yesterday as it defeated Raleigh Ravenscroft 113-162. Mount Tabor was fourth.

The Titans were led by senior **Julie Smith**, who finished second overall, and freshman **Whitney Weber**, who finished 10th. Other finishers were **Jamie Arton**, **Betsy Patrick**, **Sara Tussey**, and **Alex Noel**. Mount Tabor's **Meredith Jones** finished 14th.

Mount Tabor's boys finished second. **Chris Vaughan** finished third for Mount Tabor, and **Doug Wessling** was fifth. **Nick Iauco** finished 15th for the Spartans.

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**Cross-country:** The Sun Valley Invitational meet is today at Sun Valley High. Admission is free. The boys championship race begins 9 a.m., followed by the girls at 9:30. The boys open race begins at 10, the girls open at 10:30 and the boys and girls junior varsity races follow at 11 and 11:30.

**Teams entered:** Central Cabarrus, East Gaston, East Mecklenburg, Independence, Mooresville, Myers Park, Northwest Cabarrus, North Mecklenburg, Providence, South Mecklenburg, Sun Valley and West Mecklenburg.

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