

# E. Meck boys, Myers Park girls claim titles

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**INDIAN TRAIL** — East Mecklenburg's Shane Walts won individual honors for the second consecutive season Saturday morning at the Sun Valley High Invitational cross country meet.

He led the Eagles to the boys' title in the championship division, and Myers Park captured the girls crown. The meet annually assembles the best high school teams from Mecklenburg and Union counties.

Walts ran on the shoulder of second-place finisher Mike Mauriello for 2 miles before winning by eight seconds — 16 minutes, 25 seconds to 16:33.

"We kept it strong the first 2 miles," Walts said. "And then I took the lead and went on from there."

Sun Valley's Erin Howard won the girls' race in 19:47.

"I'm a lot stronger than I was last year," Howard said. "That's the main thing. . . . I have the experience now."

On paper, East Mecklenburg's boys and Myers Park's girls look like the same type of team. They each have a front runner — Walts for East Mecklenburg and Courtney Horn for Myers Park.

"We really ran differently today than we have this year," Eagles coach Larry McAfee said. "Normally there's not a lot of difference between our top runners. We've been trying to emphasize five runners don't make a team. You have to go six, seven, eight deep."

Four of East Mecklenburg's top seven ran best times, but what was more impressive about the Eagles' victory was they were without No. 2 runner Ben Bisette, who was sick.

East Mecklenburg had 50 points and won by 29 over second-place

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Providence (69). Myers Park was third with 77 points and South Mecklenburg was fourth with 91.

In the girls' race, the Mustangs dominated. They ran similar to how they ran at Winthrop in their victory last weekend and placed six runners in the top 16 positions.

**NOTE:** The Wendy's Invitational is Saturday at at McAlpine, with races starting at 9 a.m. Eighty-four schools and 2,123 runners are expected from eight states."af,2

**BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS:** 1. East Mecklenburg 50; 2. Providence 69; 3. Myers Park 77; 4. South Mecklenburg 91; 5. Northwest Cabarrus 121; 6. Sun Valley 122; 7. North Mecklenburg 159.

**BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Shane Walts (EM) 16:25; 2. Mike Mauriello (SM) 16:33; 3. Jim Martin (MP) 16:58; 4. Richard Hill (MP) 18:57; 5. Chris Mayo (P) 16:58; 6. Chris Yates (SV) 17:01; 7. Daniel Sarjeant (P) 17:02; 8. Jason Leach (SV) 17:06; 9. Patrick Price (P) 17:14; 10. David Willis (EM) 17:15.

**GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS:** 1. Myers Park 46; 2. Northwest Cabarrus 78; 3. Providence 81; 4. Sun Valley 83; 5. East Mecklenburg 112; 6. North Mecklenburg 112.

**GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Erin Howard (SV) 19:47; 2. Autumn Read (NWC) 20:29; 3. Kathryn Daniel (EM) 20:31; 4. Courtney Horn (MP) 20:55; 5. Rashaun Hill (NM) 21:09; 6. Ryan Pinion (SV) 21:14; 7. Britt Ellis (P) 21:27; 8. Melissa Lauffer (SV) 21:29; 9. Anne Highley (MP) 21:38; 10. Becca Walker (MP) 21:44.

**BOYS OPEN TEAM RESULTS:** 1. Mooresville 75; 2. West Lincoln 95; 3. Independence 110; 4. Providence 113; 5. Piedmont 123; 6. Parkwood 137; 7. South Mecklenburg 190; 8. Harding 201; 9. Sun Valley 221; 10. Northwest Cabarrus 229; 11. Central Cabarrus 264; 12. Statesville 268; 13. North Mecklenburg 324; 14. West Mecklenburg 331.

**BOYS OPEN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Wesley Yeldell (Caninger) 17:23; 2. Jason Harjoe (WL) 17:36; 3. Ryan Recchion (M) 17:51; 4. Chad Moody (Pi) 18:08; 5. Jason Pace (Pa) 18:16; 6. Ryan Cook (H) 18:26; 7. Eric Towery (M) 18:29; 8. Wesley Moyer (Pi) 18:32; 9. Joe Machuga (Charlotte Catholic) 18:34; 10. John Lakas (SM) 18:36.

**GIRLS OPEN TEAM RESULTS:** 1. Providence 83; 2. Myers Park 99; 3. West Lincoln 108; 4. Statesville 181; 5. Mooresville 187; 6. Parkwood 191; 7. Hibriten 195; 8. West Mecklenburg 201; 9. Independence 214; 10. South Mecklenburg 216; 11. Northwest Cabarrus 220; 12. Central Cabarrus 241; 13. Harding 244; 14. North Mecklenburg 266.

**GIRLS OPEN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Jacqueline Tinkham (I) 21:50; 2. Shayla Reid (WM) 22:04; 3. Melissa Buff (WL) 22:04; 4. Sarah Kincaid (Hi) 22:53; 5. Kristy Shaffer (P) 22:57; 6. Sara Emser (Ha) 23:04; 7. Elizabeth Rose (Pi) 23:11; 8. Emily Helms (Pa) 23:20; 9. Laura Todd (Hi) 23:25; 10. Jessica Wade (MP) 23:26.