

## Benoit, Verbrigghe take firsts

# Eskymos win U.P. title

**MARQUETTE** — Boasting three of the top six finishers, the Escanaba Eskymos raced off with their second straight Upper Peninsula Class A-B cross country championship here Wednesday afternoon by scoring a seven point decision over old nemesis Menominee. The barriers of Coach Dick Burroughs, led by Dean Benoit's first place, finished with 53 points to defend the title they had shared with Ironwood a year ago.

Menominee claimed second place with 60 points, while an expected strong challenge by Calumet fell short with 81 points for third place. Ironwood dropped to fourth place this year with 114 points, while Ishpeming rounded out the top five with 118 points.

Gladstone brought up the second group of five teams with a sixth place finish on 161 points, followed by Sault Ste. Marie 197, Marquette 199, West Iron County 237 and Kingsford 249.

Benoit toured the Marquette Golf and Country club's three mile course in 16:07.7 to reap individual honors, followed by Ironwood's Wayne Beckmen and Esiky teammate Paul Peterson in a repeat performance of last week's Great Northern Conference finals. Esiky also gained the GNC title.

Tom Theoret of Gladstone finished fourth, followed by

Menominee's Tony Stuppig, Fred Saykly of Esiky, Dick Shatusky of Menominee, Dan Carlson of Ishpeming, Steve Hogan of Calumet and Tim Kennedy of Ironwood.

Pat Pepin finished 20th for Esiky, with teammates Fran Guenette and Dean Shipman finishing in the 23rd and 24th slots. The top 15 finishers earned medals, while the top two teams won trophies in each class.

Terry Verbrigghe of Perkins, only a junior, but already one of the top distance runners in the peninsula, recorded the day's best time of 16:01.7 in winning the Class D individual title and helping his Yellowjacked teammates to a second place finish.

Chassell won Class D

laurels with 42 points, followed by Perkins with 63 points. The runner-up finish marks the highest finish in Class D for Perkins, a school which had won cross country laurels before in Class E. And Verbrigghe's first place marks the first time a Perkins runner ever won the individual title.

Helping Perkins cop runner-up honors were Art Storch with a seventh place finish and Mark Branstrom in tenth place.

Three other area barriers also earned medals, with Craig Chartier of Eben taking third place, Dennis O'Reilly of Trenary in ninth place and Trenary's Rick Hendrickson in 13th.

Following the top two in the

team standings in Class I were Painesdale, Water-smeet, Pickford, Trenary, Bergland, Eben, DeTour, Big Bay de Noc, Cedarville, Brimley and Ironwood Catholic.

The Class C title went to the Norway Knights with 34 points, a comfortable 30 point margin over runner-up Rudyard. Westwood, a new school this fall out of the NICE district, finished third with 56 points.

Munising, one of the pre-meet favorites, finished fourth with 93 points, followed by Hancock 97, Newberry 129 and Stephenson 157.

Greg Harger of Munising claimed top individual laurels with a clocking of 16:18 over the three mile course.

## Landry to be used as running back?

**DETROIT (AP)** — Coach Rick Forzano isn't dissatisfied with Bill Munson at quarterback, but look for Greg Landry to see action Sunday for Detroit when the Lions are in Minnesota to try to break the Vikings' whammy.

Landry is noted for being a running quarterback and for

pass-oriented signal calling. "There's a good chance we would try to use Greg some in this ballgame," Forzano said

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at his news conference this week.

"I'm sure we'll put some plays in for Greg that we wouldn't have Bill run," he said. "That's always been the case here."

Under Forzano's practice setup, the first-string quarter-