

# ESKY Harriers COP title

**MARQUETTE** — For the second time in less than a week, an Escanaba High School athletic team that nearly was eliminated last month through millage problems captured an Upper Peninsula championship here Wednesday.

The Esky cross country team of Coach Dick Burroughs raced off with their third straight U. R. Class A-B crown, compiling 41 points for a comfortable 22-point margin over runner-up Marquette.

Only this past Saturday the Esky girl's tennis team won their first U. P. Class A-B title, slipping past Marquette and Menominee.

Both squads were among the many programs dropped for a short period last month as the school's Board of Education battled with a second straight millage defeat. A third election, which will determine the fate of several programs, will be held Oct. 22.

"It was just a tremendous team effort," Burroughs said

of the triumphant Eskymos, noting that only 13 seconds separated the team's top five finishers.

The Eskymos have five of the top 13 harriers, paced by Fred Saykly's fifth place finish. Teammate John McDonough was sixth, Mike Madalinski eighth, Paul Peterson ninth and Todd Heller 13th.

Norway and Chassell also successfully defended their respective titles, with Norway capping Class C honors with 58 points and Chassell taking Class D with 37 points.

Greg Harger of Munising was the individual star of the meet, setting a new peninsula record in winning Class C honors.

A member of the running Harger family that own the national relay title, Harger toured the hills three mile Marquette Golf and Country Club course in 15:36.6.

That mark erases the record of 16:01.7 established last year by Terry Verbrigghe of Perkins in winning Class D honors. Verbrigghe also defended his title, stepping off a 15:58.2 clocking for a new "D" standard that helped Perkins finish fourth.

Wayne Beckman paced the Class A-B field with a 15:41.5, giving him the title after following Escanaba's Dean Benoit across the finish line last fall.

Calumet was third in A-B with 99 points, with Gladstone taking fourth with 125 points for their best showing in the past six years. "I was very happy with our finish," Coach

Dave Lahtinen said of the Braves effort.

"I felt before the meet the best we could do is fourth," he confided, noting the Braves finished ahead of two schools they had trailed in the Great Northern Conference finals Saturday, Ironwood and Menominee.

Ironwood was fifth with 129, followed by Sault Ste. Marie 137, Menominee 157, West Iron 188 and Kingsford 218.

Kurt Malmgren followed Beckman across the finish line in A-B, with Tom Theoret of Gladstone third.

Rounding out the top 15 were Ron McKenzie of Sault,

third; Matt Franco Menominee, seventh; Pittman of Marquette, Larry Babbitt of Sault, Jim Parisot of Calumet, Barry Danhoff of Gladstone 14th; and Carl Helmin of Calumet, 15th.

Norway beat runner-up Ishpeming by 23 points in Class C standings, with Hematities finishing with 103 points. They were followed by Hancock with 103, Rudolph 115, Westwood 123, Munising 153, Newberry 172, St. Ignace 175 and Stephenson 179.

Chuck Cloninger of Ironwood was runner-up in Class D, with Pat Clark of Harger, with Pat Clark of Ishpeming third, Hancock fourth, Tom Wright fourth, and Stephenson's John Roy fifth.

Chassell had the edge in time repeating their trip to the victory lane, beating runner-up Painesdale by 35 points with 72. DeTour was third with 180, followed by Perkins with 180, Eben Watersmeet 180, Eben Cedarville 214, Pickford 214, Ironwood Catholic 214, Trenary 263, Crystal Falls 263, Marenisco 300, Rapid River 301, Brimley 358 and Big Lake de Noc 423.

Ron Carlson of DeTour followed Verbrigghe through the victory gate, with Matt Palosaari of Chassell taking the title, Terry Kangas of Painesdale fourth, Carl Jalkonen of Chassell fifth and River's Jeff Vernon sixth.

A field of 231 harriers representing 33 schools participated in the annual event hosted by Marquette High School officials.



**Terry Verbrigghe**

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...sured that the series will go back to Boston for at least a sixth game on Saturday.

"We've earned some respect from the Reds, I think," said catcher Carlton Fisk.

And now the Red Sox have a good chance to earn a World Series.