

Cards Place Sixth

Marshall Is T-V Champ

HASTINGS — The Marshall Redskin cross-country team walked off with the '78 Twin Valley Conference league trophy Wednesday afternoon, outdueling seven other schools from the Twin Valley including the Coldwater Cardinals.

Heading into the T-V meet undefeated, the Redskins chalked up a convincing victory, scoring only 47 points while defending champ Harper Creek placed second with 58. The meet's host school, Hastings, placed third in the standings with 68 counters while Hillsdale's young Hornet grabbed fourth with 100 points, Albion took fifth with 119, Coldwater sixth with 131, Albion seventh at 187 and Pennfield eighth with 191 points.

Fred Bisel, Marshall's outstanding individual runner, paced the Redskin to the league crown, out-racing his nearest competitor to the finish line. Bisel hit the tape in 15:37 with

Tim James of Hastings taking second spot in 15:48. Albion's John Turnbull ran a good last mile on the rain soaked course to lock up third place by the end of the race, crossing the finish line in 15:52.

Marshall then overpowered the remainder of the field by placing three more runners among the top ten, a group that was later recognized as All-Conference performers.

Dave Watkins took sixth place for the Skins while Todd Wiedner clinched seventh and Dave Nantz tenth. Harper Creek placed two runners among the elite group of ten, Jerry Caswell and Marty Newhard grabbing fourth and ninth respectively.

Rounding out the top ten were Hillsdales' Jim Neer in fifth place and Hastings' Kerry Allen in eighth.

Cards Finish Strong

Coldwater Cardinal runners got off to a slow start on

Tuesday and were still not running well at the mile mark. But in the final two miles, three Cardinals closed the gap on the leaders and finished strong.

Freshman Bret Norton, running in his first championship meet, placed 13th overall while Stuart Bates ran an excellent last mile to capture 15th position.

The team leader for most of the race, Greg Heator, was only three seconds behind Norton, in 22nd place, with a time of 16:57. The Redbird performance on Tuesday left the Cards in sixth place in the over-all T-V standings.

While the sport of girl's cross-country will not become an official league sport for another year, an exhibition league match was staged on Tuesday.

Coldwater's Cathy Puorro ran one of her best races of the season in the event and placed sixth for the day. She was

outdistanced by two girls from Pennfield, two from Hastings and another from Marshall.

The 1978 Coldwater cross-country season will move into its final stages on Saturday when the team travels to Mattawan to compete in the state regional meet. T-V champ Marshall, presently rated seventh in Class B, will be one of the favorites to capture the regional title.

Following Wednesday's meet, the combined dual-meet and league-meet performances show the final standings as follows:

T-V CROSS COUNTRY 1978 Final Standings

- 1) Marshall
- 2) Harper Creek
- 3) Hastings
- 4) Albion Hillsdale
- 6) Coldwater
- 7) Sturgis
- 8) Pennfield