

Prep harriers to run nationals

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SHAWNEE MISSION, Kan. — Seven Wisconsin prep cross country runners competing in regional competition Saturday, including individual champions, Tim Hacker of Menomonee Falls North and Cathy Branta of Slinger, qualified for the TFA/USA National Championship meet in California.

Wisconsin won the girls' team title with 31 points, and Wisconsin United could have clinched the boys' crown had they had a fifth finisher in races over the 5,000-meter course.

United runners win national meet

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POCATELLO, Idaho — Big Ten Conference champion Rose Thomson and former Wisconsin all-American, Cindy Bremser, finished in the top 15 runners here Saturday in leading Wisconsin United to the TFA/USA National

Hacker was clocked in 14 minutes, 39 seconds and Marathon Track Club's John Easker, Wisconsin Class B state champion from Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood, finished second in 14:51. Madison Memorial's Rob Aubey, running for Wisconsin United, wound up sixth at 15:18. Also qualifying was Kenosha Bradford's Scott Jenkins.

Branta and Racine Case's Stacy Bant finished 1-2 in the girls' 5,000 in 17:21.4 and 17:23, respectively. Branta broke a course record. Wisconsin United's Ellen Olson, standout Madison West runner, finished fourth in 17:45.

ahead of Brena Webb, Betty Springs and Francie Larrieu.

Thomson placed 11th in 19:10.5, and Bremser was right behind in 19:11.0. United's other finishers included Marybeth Spencer, 32nd in 20:39.9; Amy Johns, 47th in 21:29.5; and Suzie

Madison Memorial's Karen Harris became an alternate by placing ninth in 18:09.

The national championship run will be held Dec. 5 in San Diego.

BOYS

Team scores: Kansas 48, Michigan 51, Missouri 52, Illinois 64.

1, Tim Hacker, Menomonee Falls, 14:39; 2, John Easker, Marathon Track Club, 14:51; 3, Mark Smith, Cadillac, Mich., 14:53; 4, Mike Patton, Chicago, 15:00; 5, Scott Jenkins, Birdlegs Track Club, 15:04; 6, Rob Aubey, Wisconsin United, 15:18; 7, Thomas Wikes, Sioux Falls, S.D., 15:19; 8, Jim Heardy, Russellville, Mo., 15:22; 9, Eric Stuber, Williamson, Mich., 15:28; 10, Jeff Pigg, Rogersville, Mo., 15:30; 11, Bill Burton, Topeka, Kan., 15:30; 12, Dave Mitchell, Chagrin Falls, O., 15:37. (5,000 meters).

GIRLS

Team scores: Wisconsin 31, Michigan 63, Ohio 72, Illinois 97, Missouri 98, Kansas 103.

1, Cathy Branta, Wisconsin United, 17:21.4 (course record); 2, Stacy Bant, Wisconsin United, 17:23; 3, Kristi Walker, Fort Wayne, Ind., 17:33; 4, Ellen Olson, Wisconsin United, 17:45; 5, Maureen Cogan, Kettering, O., 17:50; 6, Patricia Hammarian, Brighton, Mich., 17:53; 7, Joan Lancieux, Fremont, Mich., 17:55; 8, Nancy Goodwine, Warrensburg, Mo., 18:02; 9, Karen Harris, Wisconsin United, 18:09; 10, Madeleine Morrcole, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 18:18; 11, Debbie Kilpatrick, Lawrence, Kan., 18:20. (5,000 meters).

Other Wisconsin finishers: 18, Sarah Berry, Badgerland Striders, 18:41; 33, Tracey Behoffer, Wisconsin United, 19:47; 37, Debbie Farrell, Wisconsin United, 20:05.

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