

# Card Harriers Take UC Title

UNION CITY — Coach Jim Bilsborrow's Coldwater High cross country team picked up a cherished win over defending State Class D runner-up Centreville, added the junior class division title, and Union City's Lady Charger harriers took second overall and first in class at the Union City Invitational cross country run here Saturday.

The Cardinals finished in a dead heat with Centreville at 18 points after the first five finishes of each school was considered, but Coldwater's Kevin Sussex finished seventh in the sophomore race, better than Bulldog Ken Harmon's 11th in the freshman division, and the tie was broken on the strength of the sixth man.

Scott Summitt paced the Cardinal effort by finishing the junior race in 16:22, the third fastest overall time of the day over the 5000-meter layout, taking second place in the class behind Reading's Shaun Messenger (16:17). Coldwater's Scott Licht took seventh in 17:08 and Steve Uhl finished ninth among the juniors (17:22) to give the Cardinals a total of 18 points and a three-point victory over Springport in the junior classification.

That victory catapulted the Cards to their overall triumph, but not before some more Coldwater heroics. Bilsborrow's men needed first place finishes in each the sophomore and freshman divisions to tie front-running Centreville, which had swept the first four places in senior competition.

They got exactly that when Scott Gleason finished comfortably in front of the sophomore runners in 17:06, and Scott Gleason ran away with the freshman race to win in 17:07.

Centreville All Stater Dan Jones posted the day's top run, setting a course record with a 15:58 clocking. Union City's top finish in boys' competition came from Jeff Silva, who finished fourth in the junior division with a 16:58 clocking.

Finishing behind Coldwater and Centreville were Constantine, Reading, Quincy, Bellevue, Hudson, Union City, Jonesville, and Springport.

## Lady Chargers Excel

The invitational gave Union City an opportunity to showcase its outstanding girls' team, and the trio of All-Stater Malinda Brauker, T. Forrest, and T. Silva finished within four seconds of each other to lead UC to a girls' class title. Brauker hit the tape first, third overall, in 20:14, Forrest was right behind in 20:16, and Silva came through with a 20:18. Colon, behind the winning effort of Sue Schackleton's 18:56, more than a minute ahead of the field, took the overall girls' team title. The Magi outpointed UC 51-69.

Mariane Exelby was the first of two Lady Cardinals to cross the finish line, taking ninth in 20:46. Angela VanBuskirk finished 23rd in 23:12.

The Cardinal harriers will head back into the Twin Valley race Wednesday when they meet Harper Creek at Binder Park in head-to-head competition.