



Photo by Doug Allen

Eventual winner Roger Spieldenner of Vicksburg leads runners up a hill during the Harper Creek Optimists Invitational.

Marshall runners place second in Harper meet

Vicksburg High placed four runners among the top eight finishers Saturday as it won the boys' team title in the Harper Creek Optimist Invitational Cross-Country Meet at Binder Winter Park.

Vicksburg finished with 35 points, 5 fewer than runnerup Marshall. Gull Lake was third with 64, Harper Creek fourth with 100 and Battle Creek Central fifth with 125.

Roger Spieldenner of Vicksburg was first to finish the 5,000-meter (3.1-mile) run, in 17:29. Bill Kelly of Marshall was second in 17:35 and Pat Quartermaine of Gull Lake placed third in 17:48.

Gull Lake easily won the girls' team title over Vicksburg, the only other school with the minimum five runners.

Kay Gemrich, the individual winner among the girls in 20:39, was among seven Gull Lake runners in the top 10.

HARPER CREEK OPTIMISTS INVITATIONAL

BOYS

Team Standings

Vicksburg 35, Marshall 40, Gull Lake 64, Harper Creek 100, Battle Creek Central 125

Individual Results

(5,000 meters)

Vicksburg: 1-Roger Spieldenner 17:29, 4-Mahieu, 7-Cassel, 8-Cousins, 15-Hayward

Marshall: 2-Bill Kelly 17:35, 5-Simmons, 10-Ragan, 11-Iding, 12-Coburn

Gull Lake: 3-Pat Quartermaine 17:48, 6-Powell, 17-Helm, 18-Darby, 20-Touranger

Harper Creek: 9-Matt Neild 18:17, 13-Mark Carpenter, 23-Mike Rigel, 27-Dave Carl, 28-Doug Mason

Battle Creek Central: 19-Crumback 18:56, 21-Martin, 22-Shirk, 30-Dighe, 32-Dolph

GIRLS

Team Standings

Gull Lake 18, Vicksburg 46 (other teams did not have the minimum five runners)

Top Ten

1-Kay Gemrich (GL) 20:39, 2-McKean (GL), 3-Cooper (GL), 4-Rubom (V), 5-Tomlin (GL), 6-Austin (V), 7-Turaer (GL), 8-Scauel (GL), 9-Van-Peenan (GL), 10-Stefke (HC)