

Bovin prevents a clear M

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MARKUETTE — Long before Saturday's Upper Peninsula Cross Country Finals, most people had pictured Marquette walking off with both Class A-B team championships.

Marquette lived up to expectations by capturing its ninth straight girls' and fourth straight boys' titles. But unlike a year ago, it didn't sweep the individual championships.

Marquette's boys tallied 34 points to finish unbeaten against U.P. competition. They were followed by Sault Ste. Marie 78, Gladstone 88, Escanaba 93, Menominee 97 and Kingsford 112.

Junior Dan Bovin of Gladstone prevented the hosts from making a clean sweep by winning the boys' Class A-B race. He covered the hilly 3.1-mile course in 16 minutes, 11 seconds, four ticks ahead of runner-up Mike Argeropoulos of Marquette.

Bovin, who became the second Gladstone runner to win a U.P. title, maintained a slim lead, most of the way.
Ray Theoret was the first Glad-

stone harrier to claim a U.P. championship when he won it as a sophomore in 1984.

"It was a hard race," said Bovin. "The pace was unbelievable. There was no time to relax."

"Bovin had an outstanding season," said Gladstone Coach Dave Lahtinen. "Nothing came easy for him. He worked hard and got everything he deserved."
"He ran an unbelievable race," said Escanaba Coach John Prokos. "He looked awfully strong."

Other Gladstone finishers were Chad Maslowski 11th, Rich Easterbrook 24th, Tom Lund 25th and Rob Spreitzer 27th.

"We were hoping to take second place, but Sault's depth came through for them," said Lahtinen. "Our times were the best they've been all year. We had a good season."

Brian Anderson paced Esiky by taking seventh in 16:51. He was followed by Chris Berndt 13th, Tom Kurth 16th, Rich Jenkins 26th and Rod Hubert 32nd.

"Overall we're disappointed," said Prokos. "Our top three ran well, but our fourth and fifth runners just didn't come through for us."

Marquette, which copped five of the top eight places in the girls' meet, scored 21 points to finish unbeaten this season. Sault had 60, Menominee 68, Kingsford 92, Gladstone 129 and Kingsford 112.

Carla Johnson of Marquette pulled away from Sarah Hymek of Menominee in the final half-mile to capture the individual title in 19:33.

Gladstone finishers were Rachel Anderson 18th, Tracy Snowaert 19th, Evelyn Hale 27, Renee Richter 30th and Chris Lethouillier 35th.

Esiky finishers were Bobbi Bink 23rd, Roz Derheim 24th, Jessica Carlson 25th, Lee Anne Pascoe 28th and Laurie Boerschinger 31st.

Stephenson scored 82 points to capture the girls' Class C-D title. Calumet, Houghton and Ironwood each had 83. Hancock 103, Iron Mountain 128. Negaunee 166. Mid

Peninsula 190, Westwood 231, West Iron County 234, Big Bay de Noc and Carney had no team score.

Hancock's Debbie Bastien took first place in 19:33. Last year's champion, Jamey Coduti, was second.

Happel Annrose, a foreign exchange student from Germany, paced Mid Pen in 26th. She was followed by Julie Eising 37th, Heather Miljour 38th, Teri Trudeau 49th and Alicia Desrampe 52nd.

Big Bay's Melinda Thomas was 55th and Nicole Ward 56th. Both are freshmen. "They did a good job and ran their best times all year," said Big Bay Coach Ray Jokipii.

Superior Central won its second straight boys' Class D title with 39 points. It was followed by Painesdale 65, White Pine 73,

Arney 85, Crystal Falls 108, Mid Pen 143, Chassel 188 and Big Bay with no team score.

Glenn Avena of Crystal Falls won the race in 16:40, one second ahead of Carney's Tom Piche.

Mid Pen finishers include Pat McKeever 17th, Teddy Hanson 26th, John Johnson 33rd, Scott Hanson 35th and Jason Lippens 41st.

"We did as well as we expected," said Mid Pen Coach Verne Nelson. "We met our main goals this season."

Big Bay finishers were Mike Ash 10th, Dale King 30th, Wellyn Pomeroy 39th and Robin Lyntis 46th.

Stephenson also won the boys' Class C meet with 63 points. It was followed by Ironwood 75, Calumet 95, Hancock 99, Ishpeming 114, Houghton 149, Negaunee 177, Iron

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Mountain 180, Westwood 207 and West Iron County 224.
Stephenson's Bob Schnell, who ran a 15:41, finished undefeated this season against U.P. competition.

Class A-Boys
Marquette 31, Sault Ste. Marie 78, Gladstone 88, Escanaba 93, Menominee 97, Kingsford 112.
1. Dan Bovin, G. 16:11. 2. Mike Argeropoulos, M. 16:15. 3. Bruce Wright, K. 16:19. 4. Bryan Roberts, M. 16:24. 5. Eric Kiltunen, M. 16:29. 6. Chad Wauvash, S. 16:34. 7. Brian Anderson, E. 16:39. 8. Tom Kurth, R. 16:44. 9. Dan Harbin, M. 16:49. 10. Chris Berndt, E. 16:51. 11. Matt Robb, M. 16:56. 12. Chad Maslowski, G. 17:02. 13. Matt Minkes, M. 17:07. 14. Steve Pence, M. 17:12.

Class A-Girls
Marquette 21, Sault Ste. Marie 68, Menominee 68, Kingsford 92, Gladstone 129, Escanaba 141.
1. Carla Johnson, M. 19:33. 2. Sarah Hymek, M. 19:48. 3. Debbie Townsend, M. 19:54. 4. Yon Goodwin, M. 20:01. 5. Wendy France, M. 20:06. 6. Michelle Plasmone, S. 20:11. 7. Aimee Schmidt, K. 20:16. 8. Amy Lassila, M. 20:21. 9. Amy Levo, M. 20:26. 10. Anne Karamanugh, S. 20:31. 11. Ashley Stevens, E. 20:36. 12. Kathryn Schwab, M. 20:41. 13. Julie Shegan, S. 20:46. 14. Mikhaela, S. 20:51. Amber Lake, M. 20:56.



U.P. CHAMP — Dan Bovin of Gladstone captured first place during the Upper Peninsula Class A-B Cross Country Finals Saturday. He covered the 3.1-mile course in 16 minutes, 11 seconds. (Daily Press file photo)