

Garrison's Disciples win PNC 'Detweiler at Dark' title

By Daniel L. Chamness

On Saturday, November 4, the Tuscola Warrior boys cross country team probably hopes they are where they were on Saturday, July 28.

Only in the morning. The state meet will take place at Detwiler Park in Peoria, where the PNC Detweiler at Dark Meet took place.

The girls, with over 600 runners in the race, ran at 9:00 p.m. The boys took the course at 9:45 p.m.

Many of the Tuscola Warrior cross country team, running as Garrison's Disciples, named after current boys coach Neil Garrison won the meet with 37 points. But, they were not all Tuscola Warrior runners.

The combination of runners from three schools raced to a first-place team finish. But, the two top runners from the Disciples were none other than Josiah Hortin and Jackson Barrett, who finished fourth and sixth respectively. The Disciples won the team title by 114 points. The Nova Running Club took second with 151 points.

With the heat index still in triple digits, Hortin ran a time of 15 minutes, 22.1 seconds on the state course to take fourth. He was behind three athletes that won state championships in either track or cross country one year ago. The winner, Will Conway, earned a state championship in Indiana last year, and completed the Detwiler Course in 14:54.4. Dylon Nalley and Isaac Teel, who run for Marion and Pinckneyville respectively, were second and third respectively. Nalley won the IHSAA Class 2A Cross Country State Individual State Title one year ago.

"When I was out there running, I was not feeling the heat," said the fourth-

place finisher. But, that heat slowed me during the race. I felt confident going into the race, because the weather will get to everyone. If it gets to me, it will get to the other competitors also."

Barrett was not far behind Hortin as he always is. Barrett was sixth in 15:29.27.

"The meet was great, but it was so hot," said Barrett. "There were a few of our guys that stepped up. I was hurting a little bit. We have some work to do, but this was a good starting point."

The top five was rounded out by Julian Baker (15:36.9), Blake Mcleese (15:53.9) and Will Foltz (16:00.6). Baker was one of two athletes running on the Disciples not a member of the Tuscola Warrior team during the school year. He runs for Mt. Zion. Baker finished eighth overall, while Mcleese was 12th and Foltz took 22nd.

"This gives us some great momentum entering the high school season," said Foltz. "The presentation was interesting and a little bit of a distraction that drew your attention away from the heat. The other problem was the darkness. There were times that I could not see two feet in front of me."

Will Fuson, who runs for Cerro Gordo/Bement, also finished in the top 100. He took 92nd in 16:55.0. Xander Neambu (199th) and Boyd Brewer (343rd) were the final two runners for the Disciples. They finished in 18:07.7 and 19:37.8 respectively.

The only Tuscola Lady Warrior that competed in the 9:15 p.m. was Kate Foltz. Foltz, who collapsed because of the intense heat at least once, did not have a finishing time and dropped out of the race.



JOSIAH HORTIN, Jackson Barrett, Will Foltz and several other Tuscola cross country runners ran in the 'Detweiler at Dark' race July 28 in Peoria. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



ADAM MUNDS presents \$4,311 to ImpactLife. The proceeds come from donations gathered at last year's RC Fest. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



TUSCOLA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION President John Best (right) presents a \$300 check to ImpactLife during the RC Fest. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



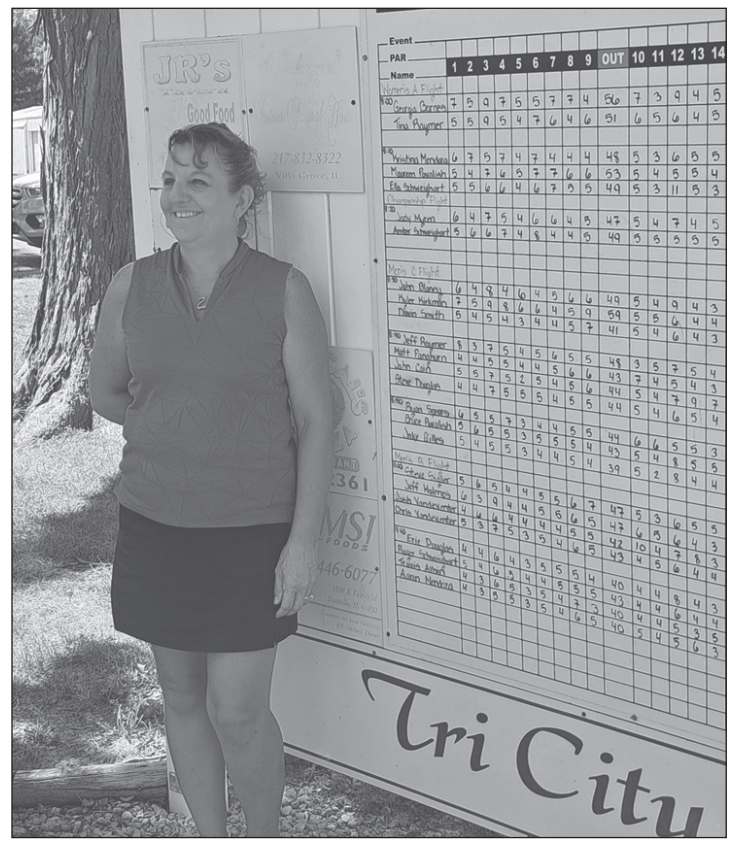
EMILY VANCE-BLAIS launches her remote controlled truck off a small ramp in the dakar rally race during RC Fest in Wimple Park. The mile-long track went through the hill as well as the wooded portions of Wimple Park. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



JASON THURSTON won RC Fest Grand Champion for the second year in a row. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



TOBY RING, Jarrett Wallace, Doug Cisna at the Tri City Country Club Golf Championship. Photo by Tony Hooker.



JODY MYREN, the Women's Club Champion, stands next to the scoreboard at the Tri City Country Club Golf Championship. Photo by Tony Hooker.

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Tri City Country Club Championship scores

By Tony Hooker

Jarrett Wallace made his opening round 70, the lowest score of the tournament, stand up by shooting 74 in the second round to hold off a hard charging Toby Ring and win the championship flight of the Tri-City CC club championship by a single stroke, 144-145. Wallace made birdies on holes 4, 10, 12, and 15 to survive Ring's back nine 32 for the win. Doug Cisna's two-day score of 149 was good for third place.

Men's "A" Flight

Tristan Harrison shot a second round 78 on his way to a 158 two round total to earn a two-stroke victory over runner up Chance Lemmon in the men's "A" flight. Lucas Vandeventer and Dobie Gilles tied for third with scores of 162.

Men's "B" Flight

Travis Albin shot a 163 to claim top status in the men's "B" flight. Eric Douglas earned

2nd place with a 166 total and third place went to Aaron Mendoza, who fired a 167.

Men's "C" Flight

Jake Gilles earned victory in the flight by posting a 176 score for the two days. Ryan Spears shot a 178 to finish 2nd, and Gavin Smith and Matt Pangburn tied for 3rd with scores of 179.

Women's Championship flight

Jody Myren shot 92-92 to take the women's championship by 3 strokes over Amber Schweighart, who fired a 187.

Women's "A" Flight

Kristina Mendoza and Maureen Povalish tied for first place by shooting 196's, and Ella Schweighart finished 3rd in the flight with a total of 199.