

YAIAA Div. I girls' cross-country all-stars

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Dec 6, 2007 — The York Daily Record/Sunday News has named its 2007 YAIAA Div. I varsity girls' cross-country all-stars.

Runner of the year

Emily Ballantyne, Dallastown: The junior rounded out another successful season with her second straight runner of the year accolade. Ballantyne, who helped the Wildcats to a 4-2 Division I record (12-6 overall), placed second in the YAIAA championship meet with a time of 19:09.32.

Ballantyne placed seventh at the District 3 Class AAA meet and ended the year with a 17th-place showing at the state competition in Hershey with a time of 19:43.

All-stars

Jessica Foster, York Suburban: A solid member of the Division I and District 3 Class AA champion Trojans finished a 13th at the YAIAA championships in her second season. Foster's sixth-place finish in a key regular-season quad

meet helped Suburban seal a spotless 6-0 division season (17-1 overall).



The 2007 York Daily Record/Sunday News YAIAA Div. I varsity girls' cross-country all-stars include, top row from left, Emily Ballantyne, Dallastown, runner of the year; Jessica Foster, York Suburban; and Wendy Hutchinson, Dover. Bottom row, Hannah Mistovich, Susquehannock; Molly Smith, York Suburban; and Bill Oestereich, York Suburban, coach of the year.

Wendy Hutchinson, Dover: Hutchinson capped her four-year career with the Eagles with her third straight all-star nod. The senior, who was the 2005 Central Division runner of the year, finished sixth at the YAIAA meet this year and ran to a 23rd-place finish at the PIAA Class AA meet.

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Hannah Mistovich, Susquehannock: The senior placed 10th at the YAIAA meet and 45th in Class AAA at the district meet. She was the top runner on a Warrior squad that finished 7-12 overall. Mistovich also made the all-star list in 2004.

Molly Smith, York Suburban: The Trojans' top runner helped her team to their seventh straight Division I title. The junior, who finished 11th at the YAIAA meet, clocked a 21:33 for ninth place at districts. The three-time all-star bettered that at states, running a 21:16, one second better than teammate Michelle Roos.

Coach of the year

Bill Oestereich, York Suburban: This is the fourth straight honor for the long-time Trojan coach - his seventh in his 10-year tenure. Oestereich guided his group of talented runners to a second consecutive District 3 Class AA championship and their seventh straight Division I crown with a 6-0 mark (17-1 overall).

With its strong lineup, Suburban placed 16th at the PIAA Class AA meet. Oestereich praised the team's ability to score key points throughout the lineup.

"I want the pack," Oestereich said. "A star runner - hey, that's great. Have fun. ... I'll take the pack."

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