

1970

Merrick Repeats; Fremd Runner Disqualified

Maine East State Champ



DAVE MERRICK
... First Again

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Maine East is the 1970 Illinois Cross-Country Champion.

And Palatine Fremd isn't too happy about it.

MAINE OF PARK Ridge was awarded the team title with 129 points after Fremd had a key runner disqualified and settled for second with 139.

Defending state champion Fremd lost the team title on the controversial disqualification of Mike Pitchell, who would have finished 46th.

Pitchell claims he was shoved outside of a course marker but the official on the marker says that he saw no shove and the result cost Fremd a title.

DAVE MERRICK — the nation's premier high school distance man — didn't worry about such things as he successfully defended his individ-

ual title with another record effort.

Merrick blazed through the 2.67 mile Detweiller Park course in a record 12:37.6—50 yards ahead of former record-holder Dan Pittenger.

Pittenger of runner-up William Fremd was completely satisfied with his hard-fought challenge.

"I ran the race the way we planned it," said the well-built Fremd senior. "I held back on the first mile because we knew he (Merrick, who split a 4:25) would burn me out if I tried to run with him after the first mile and a quarter."

THE PLAN was to catch super-Merrick in the backstretch. Did it work?

"Sort of," said Pittenger with a smile, "I started the

stretch about 80 yards behind and tried to move up."

"I gained about 20 yards and looked up to see him cross the finish line."

Laughter from his disappointed Viking teammates.

"What did you expect? asked Pittenger. "He IS the best in the nation . . . but there's still the track season."

There is still the track season for Merrick — who has run a two-mile race faster than any junior in history and he looks forward to it.

ALMOST as much as he looked to Saturday's meet.

"I sure wanted that number one spot," said the slender young man who has broken a course record in every one of his 15 races this season.

"I wasn't really worried about Pittenger winning."

Table Of Points

129 Maine *	Mattoon 339
139 Fremd	Gulford 379
183 Evanston	Alton 389
193 Naperville *	• Ottawa 407
213 Proviso W.	• DeKalb 422
221 Centralia	Taft 435
222 Richwoods *	Urbana 512
241 York	• Moline 517
255 Oak-Park	Lebanon 524
271 Ridgewood	Rantoul 530
294 Lincoln-Way	Granite City 537
325 Jacksonville	Olney 609
339 Lane Tech	Galesburg 766

THE TOP THREE

MAINE EAST: Raick Phalen (19); Bill Grimm (20); Rick Randall (22); John Keane (33); Mike Siffert (35)

WILLIAM FREMD: Dan Pittenger (2); Bill Jarocki (8); Wally Spiniolas (9); Bill Gross (47); Jim Jarocki (73)

EVANSTON: Don Franklin (12); Ron Flick (16); Dave Ingraham (17); Mike Gelderman (64); Hartzell (74)

AREA TEAMS

RICHWOODS: Steve Thompson (14); Bill Patterson (25); Kent Adams (29); Rick Clubb (56); Phil Stuckwisch (98)

GALESBURG: Rick Sundberg (136); Mike Austin (137); Randy Kcenogle (158); John Robinson (166); Tom Mariner (169)

AREA INDIVIDUALS

Randy Pobanz (Geneseo) 51; Kent Purvis (Princeton) 59; Jim Keagy (Morton) 69; Chuck Cemenska (Limestone) 84; John Philyaw (IVC) 91.

said Merrick "But I was expecting more of an early challenge from Mike Durkin of Holy Cross and Scott Barrett of Naperville."

Those challenges never came and neither did the expected team challenge from Peoria Richwoods whom many coaches figured as an outside threat to the team title.

Steve Thompson led the Knights to a seventh-place team finish with a fast 13:25 clocking and a 14th place individual finish.

BILL PATTERSON and Kent Adams finished 25th and 29th for the Knights in a blanket bunch-up at the chute to lead all other area competitors.

The Knights' 221 point total left them only one point behind downstate rival Centralia.

INDIVIDUAL FINISH

Won by David Merrick, Lincolnway. 2. Dan Pittenger, Fremd. 3. Scott Barrett, Naperville. 4. Don Ellis, Glenbard West. 5. Jack St. John, Maine West. 6. Craig Virgin, Lebanon. 7. Larry Gnapp, Lane Tech. 8. Jim Hurt, Proviso West. 9. Fred Beck, Ridgewood. 10. Pat Rianey, Benet Academy. 11. Bill Jarocki, Fremd. 12. Wally Spiniolas, Fremd. 13. Paul Mitchell, Naperville. 14. Bill Smith, Glenbard East. 15. Steve Murray, Wheaton Central.

16. Lee Erickson, Lincoln-Way. 17. Jim Buell, Mt. Morris. 18. Don Franklin, Evanston. 19. Francisco Flores, Bloom. 20. Pat Timm, Boylan (Rockford). 21. Mike Bridges, Olney. 22. Steve Thompson, Peoria Richwoods. 23. Steve Cotsirilos, Oak Park-River Forest. 24. Steve Jackson, Englewood (Chicago). 25. Ron Flick, Evanston. 26. Dave Ingraham, Evanston. 27. Paul Sewell, Rockford. 28. Phil Vitkus, Hinsdale South. 29. Rick Phalen, Maine East. 30. Bill Grimm, Maine East.

31. Ron Lichty, York. 32. Rick Randall, Maine East. 33. Dave Sanders, Mattoon. 34. Geno Storm, Princeton. 35. Gary Russell, Jacksonville. 36. Bill Patterson, Peoria Richwoods. 37. Ralph Vignola, West Leyden. 38. Bob Ware, Jacksonville. 39. Mike Durkin, Holy Cross. 40. John Muus, Ottawa. 41. David Beasley, Marshall (Chicago). 42. Dave Gavin, Carl Sandburg. 43. Charles Simpson, Centralia. 44. Kent Adams, Peoria Richwoods. 45. Mike Heitkamp, Centralia. 46. Richard Glenn, Centralia. 47. Paul Reynolds, Centralia. 48. John Keane, Maine East. 49. Bob Kannenberg, Proviso West. 50. Mike Siffert, Maine East. Winning Time: 12:37.6

TEAM SCORES

1970

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>FIVE PLACE FINISHERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Maine East	19,20,22,33,35	129
2. William Fread	2,8,9,47,73	139
3. Evanston	12,16,17,64,74	183
4. Naperville	3,10,38,46,96	193
5. Proviso West	6,34,50,60,63	213
6. Centralia	10,30,31,32,100	221
7. Peoria Richwoods	14,25,29,56,98	222
8. York	21,39,43,59,79	241
9. Oak-Park, River Forest	15,40,65,67,68	255
10. Ridgewood	7,51,54,70,89	271
11. Lincolnway	1,11,53,95,134	294
12. Jacksonville	24,26,45,101,129	325
13. Lane Tech	5,48,62,84,140	339
13. Mattoon	23,41,71,82,122	339
15. Rockford Guilford	16,57,72,111,118	379
16. Alton Sr.	55,69,83,85,97	389
17. Ottawa	27,75,94,105,106	407
18. DeKalb	58,88,91,92,93	422
19. Taft	36,77,90,107,125	435
20. Urbana	42,103,115,124,128	512
21. Moline	37,44,139,144,153	517
22. Lebanon	4,102,126,127,165	521
23. Mantoul	66,108,114,119,123	530
24. Granite City	49,76,116,120,154	537
25. Olney	13,120,131,172,173	609
26. Galesburg	136,137,158,166,169	766

FINAL RESULTS

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OVERALL PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	TEAM PLACE	TIME
1.	David Merrick	Lincoln-Way	1	12:37.6
2.	Dan Pittenger	Fremd	2	12:50
3.	Scott Barrett	Naperville	3	12:57
4.	Don Ellis	Glenbard West	x	13:02
5.	Jack St. John	Maine West	x	13:03
6.	Craig Virain	Lebanon	4	13:04
7.	Larry Gnapp	Lane Tech	5	13:05
8.	Jim Hurt	Proviso West	6	13:08
9.	Fred Beck	Ridgewood	7	13:09
10.	Pat Elaney	Benet Academy	x	13:10
11.	Bill Jarocki	Fremd	8	13:11
12.	Wally Spiniolas	Fremd	9	13:12
13.	Paul Mitchell	Naperville	10	13:13
14.	Bill Smith	Glenbard East	x	13:14
15.	Steve Murray	Wheaton Central	x	13:15
16.	Lee Erickson	Lincoln-Way	11	13:17
17.	Jim Buell	Mt. Morris	17	13:18
18.	Don Franklin	Evanston	12	13:19
19.	Francisco Flores	Hloom	x	13:20
20.	Pat Timm	Boylan (Rockford)	x	13:21
21.	Mike Bridges	Olney	13	13:24
22.	Steve Thompson	Peoria Richwoods	14	13:25
23.	Steve Cotsirilos	Oak Park - River Forest	15	
24.	Steve Jackson	Englewood (Chicago)	x	
25.	Ron Fick	Evanston	16	
26.	Dave Ingraham	Evanston	17	
27.	Paul Sewell	Rockford Guilford	18	
28.	Phil Vitkus	Hinsdale South	x	
29.	Rick Phalen	Maine East	19	
30.	Bill Grinn	Maine East	20	
31.	Ron Lichty	York	21	
32.	Rick Randall	Maine East	22	
33.	Dave Sanders	Mattoon	23	
34.	Geno Storm	Princeton	x	
35.	Gary Russell	Jacksonville	24	
36.	Bill Patterson	Peoria Richwoods	25	
37.	Ralph Vignola	West Leyden	x	
38.	Bob Ware	Jacksonville	26	
39.	Mike Durkin	Holy Cross	x	
40.	John Muus	Ottawa	27	
41.	David Beasley	Marshall (Chicago)	x	
42.	Carl Sandburg	Dave Gavin	x	
43.	Charles Simpson	Centralia	28	
44.	Kent Adams	Peoria Richwoods	29	
45.	Mike Heitkamp	Centralia	30	
46.	Richard Glenn	Centralia	31	
47.	Paul Reynolds	Centralia	32	
48.	John Keane	Maine East	33	
49.	Bob Kannenberg	Proviso West	34	
50.	Mike Seiffert	Maine East	35	
51.	Randy Pobanz	Geneseo (Darnall High)	x	
52.	Ricky Hill	Taft (Chicago)	36	
53.	Ken Stovall	Belleville East	x	
54.	Bob Runge	Edwardsville	x	
55.	Glenn Wilkerson	Moline	37	

970 STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET (Cont'd.)

OVERALL PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	TEAM PLACE	TIME
56.	Richard Bell	Naperville	38	
57.	Mark Schmelzel	Edwardsville	x	
58.	Larry Thomas	York	39	
59.	Kent Purvis	Princeton	x	
60.	Mark Rogers	Oak Park	40	
61.	Jeff Harris	Mattoon	41	
62.	Gregg Shove	Urbana	42	
63.	John Pesek	York	43	
64.	Randy Kelley	Moline	44	
65.	Ed Flynn	Jacksonville	45	
66.	John Alltop	Naperville	47	
67.	John Maxson	Oregon	x	
68.	Bill Gross	Fremd	48	
69.	Jim Keagy	Morton	x	
70.	Jim Habs	Collinsville	x	
71.	Steve Weiss	Lane Tech	49	
72.	Bob Trefzger	Bloomington	x	
73.	Howard Bryant	Granite City	50	
74.	Paul Adams	Proviso West	51	
75.	Dave Willis	Ridgewood	52	
76.	Len Harrelson	Maine East	53	
77.	John Been	Lincoln-Way	54	
78.	Bill Buhmann	Ridgewood	55	
79.	Mike Johnson	Alton Sr.	56	
80.	Rick Clubb	Peoria Richwoods	57	
81.	Jeff Dresser	Rockford Guilford	58	
82.	Rick Michaels	DeKalb	59	
83.	Alan Anderson	York	60	
84.	Chuck Cemenska	Limestone (Peoria)	x	
85.	Mike Winship	Henry	x	
86.	Pete Mastro	Proviso West	61	
87.	John Lovasz	Maine East	62	
88.	Tod Satterthwaite	Univ. High (Urbana)	x	
89.	Tony Rosano	Lane Tech	63	
90.	Al Letterer	Proviso West	64	
91.	John Philyaw	Ill. Valley Central	x	
92.	Mike Gelderman	Evanston	65	
93.	Richard Brooks	Oak Park	66	
94.	Ken Bilek	Rantoul	67	
95.	Mike Morrissey	Oak Park	68	
96.	Peter Marich	Oak Park	69	
97.	Dave Berg	Stephen Decatur	x	
98.	Art Andrews	Alton Sr.	70	
99.	Mark Stolz	Ridgewood	71	
100.	Steve Hayes	Mattoon	72	
101.	Gary Peterson	Rockford Guilford	73	
102.	Jim Jarocki	Fremd	74	
103.	Hartzell	Evanston	75	
104.	Bob Deak	Ottawa	76	
105.	Harold Briggs	Granite City	77	
106.	Norm Rostocki	Willowbrook	x	
107.	Bill Norton	Marissa	x	
108.	Joe Melone	Taft (Chicago)	78	
109.	Cary Adams	Proviso West	79	
110.	Jon Wood	York	80	

9TH STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET (Cont'd)

<u>OVERALL PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEAM PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
111.	Ricardo Berillo	Oak Park	81	
112.	Steve Croghan	York	82	
113.	Tim Simon	Mattoon	83	
114.	Paul Lacke	Alton Sr.	84	
115.	Paul Pratl	Lane Tech	85	
116.	Bill Scheffel	Alton Dr.	86	
117.	Bates	Evanston	87	
118.	Larry Hanson	Oak Park	88	
119.	Dave Kreider	DeKalb	89	
120.	Jim Roberts	Ridgewood	90	
121.	George Ellison	Taft (Chicago)	91	
122.	Jay Bender	DeKalb	92	
123.	Gary Martha	DeKalb	93	
124.	Keith Keutzer	DeKalb	94	
125.	Allan Martin	Collinsville	x	
126.	John Cheli	Ottawa	95	
127.	Bill Simpson	Lincoln-Way	96	
128.	Hugh Flanders	Naperville	97	
129.	Dennis Kelly	Alton Sr.	98	
130.	Bob Gagne	St. Patrick (Chicago)	x	
131.	Terry Lewis	Pinckneyville	x	
132.	Edward Sheppard	Englewood (Chicago)	x	
133.	Phil Stuckwisch	Peoria Richwoods	99	
134.	Mark Nugent	Fremd	100	
135.	Danny Eledsoe	Centralia	101	
136.	Howard Scott	Jacksonville	102	
137.	Roy Alexander	Lebanon	103	
138.	Dave Himelick	Urbana	104	
139.	Chuck Whalen	Ridgewood	105	
140.	Randy Denen	Ottawa	106	
141.	Paul Perry	Ottawa	107	
142.	Dennis Xanos	Taft (Chicago)	108	
143.	Larry Thomas	Rantoul	109	
144.	Terry Harvey	Ottawa	110	
145.	Jim Penson	DeKalb	111	
146.	Dan Parson	Rockford Guilford	112	
147.	Steve Krummelbein	Alton Sr.	113	
148.	Brian Hiserote	Peoria Richwoods	114	
149.	Ray Owens	Rantoul	115	
150.	Mark Chandler	Urbana	116	
151.	Douglas Horton	Granite City	117	
152.	Ron Blohm	Ridgewood	118	
153.	John Bowermaster	Rockford Guilford	119	
154.	Mike Brehm	Rantoul	120	
155.	Doug Berry	Olnay	121	
156.	Brent Unruh	Peoria Richwoods	122	
157.	Ken Sparks	Mattoon	123	
158.	Napoleon Sanchez	Rantoul	124	
159.	Dave Skadden	Urbana	125	
160.	Dave Totsch	Taft (Chicago)	126	
161.	John Wertz	Lebanon	127	
162.	Dana Frisby	Lebanon	128	
163.	Bob Sandberg	Urbana	129	
164.	Rich Mayberry	Jacksonville	130	
165.	Grant Zielinski	Taft (Chicago)	131	
166.	Tony McWilliams	Olnay	132	

OVERALL PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	TEAM PLACE	TIME
167	Jim Little	Rantoul	133	
168	Larty Brevik	Evanston	134	
169	Steve Peterson	Lincoln-Way	135	
170	John Bratnal	Proviso West	136	
171	Rick Sundberg	Galesburg	137	
172	Mike Austin	Galesburg	138	
173	Mark Swift	Alton Sr.	139	
174	Larry Markin	Holine	140	
175	Jack Vick	Lane Tech	141	
176	Phil McAndrew	Lincoln-Way	142	
177	Geoffrey Lux	Granite City	143	
178	Gary Utterback	Urbana	144	
179	Greg Clauson	Holine	145	
180	Robert Joat	Taft	146	
181	Don Orzeske	Lane Tech	147	
182	Ken Johnson	Ottawa	148	
183	Mike Pryor	Centralia	149	
184	Doug Bock	Naperville	150	
185	Glenn Kamps	Naperville	151	
186	Ben Reynolds	Centralia	152	
187	Charles Lowry	Lincoln-Way	153	
188	Mar' Padesky	Holine	154	
189	Art Menendez	Granite City	155	
190	Neal Jareczek	Lane Tech	156	
191	Jack Ralston	Mattoon	157	
192	Scott Schneider	Granite City	158	
193	Randy Icenogle	Galesburg	159	
194	KEITH SWYDER	Peoria	160	
195	Terry Anderson	Holine	161	
196	Greg Nelson	Rockford Guilford	162	
197	Mark Ortiz	Granite City	163	
198	Don Sparks	Mattoon	164	
199	Steve VanDen Neden	York	165	
200	Ken Fohne	Lebanon	166	
201	John Robinson	Galesburg	167	
202	Wayne Angel	Rantoul	168	
203	Doug Locker	Holine	169	
204	Tom Mariner	Galesburg	170	
205	Rod Dobson	Jacksonville	171	
206	Mickey Manne	Rockford Guilford	172	
207	Rick Litherland	Olney	173	
208	Wayne Hunt	Olney	174	
209	Joe Hohrein	Lebanon	175	
210	Rick Edwards	Olney	176	
211	Bob Bills	Jacksonville	177	
212	Eugene Perrier	Urbana	178	
213	Greg MacMinn	Lebanon	179	
214	Bruce Tracy	Galesburg	180	
215	Dave Berri	Olney	181	
216	Craig Johnson	Galesburg	182	

* Note - Since team place 46 was disqualified, move all team places after 46 up one.