

Cross Country

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and finished 60th overall in a solid 22:26.43. RCMS 8th grader Courtney Bullock saved her best race of the season for the state championships. Courtney finished an impressive 70th place overall in a personal best 22:34.11. 3rd grader Michaela Hunter ran her best state race ever, finishing 95th overall with an amazing time of 23:10.17. She was also the top 5th grade and under athlete that competed. Sophomore Elizabeth Russell ran a great race and finished

155th in an impressive 25:06.45. Sophomore Ashley Bullock ran her best race ever, finishing 157th with a new personal best effort of 25:09.66. The RCMS boys' team also qualified for the state championships after finishing 4th in the regional finals. As with the girls' team, the boys' have enjoyed several straight seasons of state championship qualification.

RCMS finished an impressive 14th overall, their best finish ever at state, out of over fifty schools that competed. Senior Andrew Nelson led the boys' team with the best performance ever for a boy in the state championships. Andrew finished 20th overall in a very impressive 17:21.11. Even though impressive is the fact that Andrew finished the last mile with only one shoe after losing the other one around the two-mile mark. Junior Bill Burdett had his best race ever. Bill finished an amazing 46th overall with an exceptional effort of 18:00.49, a new personal best. Junior Brandon Cole, who finished 3rd in the regional championships for RCMS, ran extremely well despite not feeling his best. He finished 60th overall in an impressive 18:14.07. RCMS 6th grader Blake Parsons led all 6th graders in the competition with a solid performance. Blake finished 168th overall with an exceptional effort of 20:19.27. Sophomore Derrick Baker also ran well, finishing

127th overall in a solid 20:30.52. RCMS 6th grader Andrew Penzol ran an unbelievable race, finishing 2nd among all 6th grade competitors. Andrew took over two minutes off his personal best time with a 19:34 place finish in an incredible 21:57.08.

On another note, RCMS senior Andrew Nelson has been selected to compete for the East all-stars in the Senior Challenge Meet to be held at Cave Lake Park in Wayne County this Saturday. Andrew ranked as the 3rd best senior in the Eastern region of the state, which is comprised of over one hundred high schools.

A special thank you to all of the athletes, parents, and fans for another great season. Your hard work and dedication is sincerely appreciated. Thanks to Coach Linda Howard, bus drivers J.R. Middleton and Faye Rigby, as well as all administration and staff for their hard work and support throughout the year. Godfather's Pizza, and Foodworld for their generous donations and support.

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les. Brandon Reams had four tackles as well.

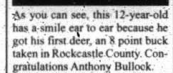
The Rockets will continue their mission of attempting to win their fourth straight regional title on Friday night. Game time is 7:30. No advance tickets will be sold.

Directions to Mason County

Take Route 1-75 to Paris Exit 113. Turn left at end of ramp on 68. This is East 68 but will actually start going north after reaching Paris. Follow 68 into Paris. It is about 60 miles from there to Maysville. After passing Bourbon Co. High School in Paris, make a left which follows 68 to Maysville. After entering Maysville, look for Mason Co. High School on right. There will be an Arby's on left side of road. The field is located behind the school. Turn on road just before the school and that will take you behind the school.



Above, 8th-grade Lady Rockets Stephanie Barnett and Sonya Lunsford run a fast break against Boyle Co. Below, Jessie Barnes and Stephanie Barnett trap a Boyle Co. player. The Rockets beat Boyle 57-9.



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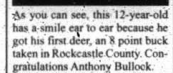
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The RCMS 8th grade Lady Rockets traveled to Lexington Christian Academy to participate in the Eagles Classic. They played four games and came away with victories over Conkright, Boyle Co., Mt. Washington and Somerset to win the tournament. Their record is 21-4. Members of the team are shown, back row from left: coach Ken Mattingly, Sara Barnett, Jillisa Lay, Jenny King, Tonya Lunsford, Sara Rowe and coach Becky Smith. Second row from left: Stephanie Barnett, Melinda Thomason, Sonya Lunsford, Mary Saylor and Nicole Locklear. Front row from left: Jessie Barnes and Ashley Robinson.

Volleyball banquet is Thursday night

The first ever banquet for the RCMS volleyball team will be held at the high school cafeteria this Thursday night at 7 o'clock. The event will be potluck and all players and family members are invited to attend.



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The Racing Reporter

By Gerald Hodge/The Racing Reporter

Bill Elliott won Sunday's Winston Cup Pop Secret 400 at Rockingham, NC, while Matt Kenseth clinched the 2003 Winston Cup driving championship with a fourth-place finish.

Even though there is one more race next weekend at Homestead, FL, Kenseth was presented with the 2003 trophy because his 226 point lead means he will win the championship without even having to start next Sunday's race.

It was Elliott's first win of the season, and he did it the hard way—by starting last in the 43-car field after his team decided to change the engine in his red No. 9 Evernham Dodge.

In addition to leading the most laps, he clearly had the dominant car. Perhaps his biggest challenge came in avoiding wrecks that brought out 10 caution flags.

The last occurred on lap 380 of the 393 lap race when polester Ryan Newman tried to squeeze under Ken Schrader in the middle of turn 2.

Elliott was leading when the green flag was given on lap 382. He quickly began pulling away from the second-place car of Jimmie Johnson and was never challenged on his way to the checkered flag.

"We weren't too good on short runs, but on long runs, we were really good," said Elliott. "We came over here and tested and thought we were pretty good, but so were a lot of others."

"It's a great victory. It will certainly keep me going until next week."

Elliott has hinted that he might run only a limited Winston Cup schedule in 2004.

"Coming in second was a great effort for our team," said Jimmie Johnson. "I felt like I was as good on the long runs, and if I could have ever got by, I might could have held him off."

Ryan Newman, who started on the pole, had problems throughout the race. First, he and Jeff Gordon tangled during lap 83, and then later in the race, his left rear lug nut off, and he had to make a second pit stop. Finally, his wreck with Schrader on lap 380 cost him any chance he might have had at another victory.

Finishing order: 1. Bill Elliott, 2. Jimmie Johnson, 3. Jeremy Mayfield, 4. Matt Kenseth, 5. Ryan Newman, 6. Tony Raines, 7. Jeff Burton, 8. Bobby Labonte, 9. Tony Stewart, 10. Sterling Marlin, 11. Greg Biffle, 12. Terry Labonte, 13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 14. Jimmy Spencer, 15. Kevin Harvick, 16. Todd Bodine, 17. Kurt Busch, 18. Ward Burton, 19. Jeff Green, 20. Robby Gordon, 21. Elliott Sadler, 22. Jeff Gordon, 23. Rusty Wallace, 24. Brian Vickers, 25. Joe Nemechek, 26. Scott Wimmer, 27. Dave Blaney, 28. Larry Foyt, 29. Johnny Benson, 30. John Andretti, 31. Kenny Wallace, 32. Kyle Petty, 33. Casey Mears, 34. Steve Park, 35. Jamie McMurray, 36. Ken Schrader, 37. Michael Waltrip, 38. Dale Jarrett, 39. Ricky Craven, 40. Ricky Rudd, 41. Mark Martin, 42. Kevin LePage, 43. Derrike Cope.

Top 10 point leaders after 35 of 36: 1. Kenseth-4988, 2. Johnson-4762, 3. Earnhardt-4724, 4. Newman-4659, 5. J. Gordon-4625, 6. Harvick-4595, 7. Stewart-4398, 8. B. Labonte-4197, 9. Elliott-4151, 10. Busch-4095.

(Truck Driver Musgrave to Continue to Drive Series Cup Series veteran Ted Musgrave, driver of the No. 1 Motor Dodge in the Craftsman Truck series has had 10 caution flags.

First, he has been battling for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series championship, and second, he has been fighting cancer.

Ultra Motorsports owner Jim Smith revealed his driver's struggle last weekend.

"We were winning races while he was going to the doctor on Monday getting chemotherapy," Smith said. "I think if anybody's deserving of (this championship), it's Ted Musgrave. They said I'm deserving of it. I think he's equally if not more deserving."

The Musgrave family has faced the specter of cancer previously. In 1998, Ted Musgrave's wife, Linda, had battled leukemia and her cancer, as well, is in remission.

"At no time has this illness interfered with my duties as the driver of the No. 1 Motor Dodge," said Musgrave. "It has not dampened my desire to capture the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series championship for Ultra Motorsports."

"I want to take the time to thank everyone for their concern and support that they've exhibited over the past few days. It's true that I've been diagnosed with cancer and have received treatment for it over the course of the 2003 Craftsman Truck Series season."

"The important thing for everyone to know is that I have a very treatable form of cancer and by all indications the treatment that I have received has done what it was designed to do. At this point my cancer seems to be in complete remission."

After his second place finish at Phoenix, Musgrave trails championship leader and fellow Dodge driver Brendan Gaughan by 26 points heading to Homestead. Musgrave has won three races this season, in May, June and September.

McMurray gets third consecutive Rockingham Busch win

Jamie McMurray won the Busch Series Target-Howe 200 at North Carolina Motor Speedway Saturday, for his third consecutive Busch win at the 1.017-mile track.

The hunt for the Busch Series championship will go down to the last race of the season at Homestead, FL, between Brian Vickers, David Green, and Ron Hornaday.

Even though McMurray won the race, Kevin Harvick, who finished 14th, wrapped up the Busch Series crown title for Richard Childress Racing.

Finishing order: 1. Jamie McMurray, 2. Martin Truex, 3. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 4. Jeremy Mayfield, 5. David Stremme, 6. Brian Vickers, 7. Kyle Busch, 8. Scott Wimmer, 9. Johnny Sauter, 10. David Green, 11. Greg Biffle, 12. Ashton Lewis, 13. Kevin Keller, 14. Kevin Harvick, 15. Mike Bliss, 16. Stacy Compton, 17. Ron Hornaday, 18. Casey Kalne, 19. Todd Bodine, 20. Kevin Grubb, 21. Casey Mears, 22. Jason Leffler, 23. Kerry Earnhardt, 24. Tim Fedewa, 25. Brad Loney, 26. Eric McChes, 27. Mark Green, 28. Jay Sauter, 29. Mike Wallace, 30. Tim Sauter, 31. Chase Montgomerie, 32. Tammy Jo Kirk, 33. Coy Gibbs, 34. Gas Wason, 35. Ron Young, 36. Derek Hayes, 37. Mike Harmon, 38. Scott Riggs, 39. Hermie Sadler, 40. Stanton Barrett, 41. Michael Waltrip, 42. Larry Guseman, 43. Jeff Fuller.

Top 10 points leaders after 33 of 34: 1. Vickers-4507, 2. D. Green-4485, 3. Hornaday-4468, 4. Keller-4437, 5. Riggs-4422, 6. Hamilton Jr. 4418, 7. Wimmer-4013, 8. J. Sauter-3971, 9. Kahne-3924, 10. Compton-3793.

Weekend Racing

All three of the major NASCAR touring series end their season this weekend at Homestead, Florida.

Friday, Nov. 14, Craftsman Truck Series Ford 200. Starting time: 3 p.m. (EDT); TV: Speed Channel; Distance: 134 laps/200 miles; Defending champion: Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet.

Saturday, Nov. 15, Busch Series Ford 300. Starting time: Noon (EDT); TV: NBC; Distance: 200 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Scott Wimmer, Pontiac.

Sunday, Nov. 16, Winston Cup Ford 400. Starting time: 12:30 p.m. (EDT); TV: NBC; Distance: 267 laps/400 miles; Defending champion: Kurt Busch, Ford.

Race's Trivia Question: During his 28 years as a car owner Richard Childress has had 10 different drivers. Which one of these drivers has won the most races?

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