

Caps boys win 5K

Roberson girls win their event

CARY -- Saturday's Wolfpack Cross Country Invitational, held at WakeMed Soccer Park, featured two girls breaking a course record and a return to the top spot for one of North Carolina's best 4-A boys teams.

Broughton (124 points) claimed the victory in the boys 5,000-meter event, narrowly edging runner-up Leesville Road (126). West Johnston (153) captured third place, while Sanderson (187), ranked No. 1 after last week's Seahawk Invitational, finished fourth.

Ravenscroft's Wesley Frazier finished the course in just 17 minutes, 10 seconds, easily beating the previous course mark for a high school girl. The Ravens freshman set what is believed to be the fastest time ever for a North Carolina high school girl last week at UNC-Wilmington, finishing in 17:04.

Carolyn Baskir (17:24) of East Chapel Hill finished second in the Wolfpack Invitational, which also bested the previous mark by roughly five seconds.

"This course is pretty tough," said Frazier, who was unaware of the record-setting performance. "I was really being pushed hard by Carolyn [Baskir], but I don't think about that stuff [records]." Baskir's Wildcats finished in second place with 140 points, while Asheville T.C. Roberson won the girls 5K with 102 points. West Johnston (170) equaled the boys' effort with a third-place finish, and Cary (178) came in fourth.

Senior Reidy Jones (15:41) paced the Broughton boys with a fifth-place finish, and teammate Pierre Mathews ran it in 15:59. Other Caps runners included Chase Mann (16:55), Parker Johnson (17:05) and Hayden Parker (17:07).

Sanderson was missing two runners who were out due to illness.

"We lost to Sanderson last week by thirty points, so we had a lot to prove today," said Jones, who is considering attending N.C. State, North Carolina or Clemson next fall. "We want to win the state championship, so we knew we had to run hard.

"This is our home course, we know that hill is a killer, but we were able to pull through." Jones also added that the Caps prefer a tougher course like WakeMed to a flatter course such as the one at Wilmington.

Leesville Road, despite not having a single runner in the top 15, finished just behind Broughton thanks to its solid depth. The Pride's top runner, Aaron Smith, finished in 16:25, while its fifth, Bilu Hoese (16:53), came in just 28 seconds later. Leesville Road was also paced by Christian Klute (16:30), Andrew Byrum and Will Woodhouse (both 16:44).