



LISA BURKHOLDER had a memorable debut in her first-ever state Group 4 track and field championship appearance last Friday in Egg Harbor Township. At left, the Cherokee freshman tries to close the gap on the leader — defending champion Casey Nelson of Hunterdon Central — in the 1,600. Above, Burkholder confers with a teammate and coach Raymond Bodine, left, after finishing second in a personal-best time of 5:07.74. Burkholder, at right, gets ready for her race.

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# Cherokee freshman places second in state 1,600.

# District Results

## Boys

### Cherokee

10th place (tie) — 14 points

Senior Matt Dalessio (shot put; 3rd; 54-1-1/2), senior Keith Krieger (3,200; 3rd; 9:21.03), sophomore Tom Yersak (3,200; 13th; 9:46.37), junior Alex Whirlidge (400; 17th; 50.89) and 4-by-400 relay (5th; 3:25.87) with Jason Chao, Leo Klawiter, Joe Scialabbo and Whirlidge.

### Lenape

36th place (tie) — 1 point

Senior Dan Mitchell (triple jump; 6th; 43-1/4), senior Lou Canelli (high jump; tie 8th; 6-0 and long jump; 11th; 20-5-3/4), senior Nick Tyson (pole vault; tie 8th; 131-3) and sophomore Steve Swern (high jump; tie 8th; 6-0).

### Shawnee

33rd place (tie) — 2 points

Senior Steve Unger (1,600; 5th; 4:18.91), junior Tony DiUlio (discus; 9th; 131-3) and junior Matt Reitinger (javelin; 10th; 155-3).

## Girls

### Cherokee

15th place (tie) — 12 points

Freshman Lisa Burkholder (1,600; 2nd; 5:07.74 and 800; 4th; 2:18.20), senior Ariel Brockman (200; 11th; 26.42) and 4-by-400 relay (13th; 4:04.40) with Emily Keller, Mallia Lyles, Burkholder and Brockman.

### Lenape

No points

Juniors Tiffany Barbour (javelin; 18th; 95-0) and Robin Barnett (100; 11th; 12.66, fourth in heat).

### Shawnee

8th place (tie) — 20 points

Sophomore Tabatha Haskins (triple jump; 5th; 36-9-1/2, 100 HH; false start, long jump; 13th; 15-5 and high jump; tie 7th; 5-0), junior Abby Campbell (high jump; 2nd; 5-4), junior Danielle O'Reilly (pole vault; 1st; 11-0), senior Diana Mack (discus; 10th; 109-9), junior Robin McDowell (3,200; 7th; 11:28.39), junior Kim Bonner (3,200; 14th; 11:58.06) and freshman Rachel Jochem (pole vault; no height).

Lisa Burkholder, one of South Jersey's talented up and coming athletes, qualified in two events for this week's Meet of Champions.

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**EGG HARBOR TWP.**—As the competition has gotten better this spring, so has Cherokee High School freshman Lisa Burkholder.

Burkholder's latest accomplishment occurred at the NJSIAA Outdoor Track and Field Group 4 Championships last weekend at Egg Harbor Township High School.

The talented freshman scored points in two events, highlighted by a second-place finish in the 1,600-meter race last Friday.

Competing as a No. 6 seed in the field of 23 runners, Burkholder clocked a personal-best time of 5:07.74.

The seeded heat of the four-lap race quickly became a two-runner affair after Burkholder and Hunterdon Central junior Casey Nelson, the defending champion in the event, separated themselves from the rest of the field.

Nelson continued to push the pace — lengthening her lead over Burkholder in the process — en route to a winning sub five-minute time of 4:57.70.

On Saturday, Burkholder raced to a fourth-place finish of 2:18.20

in the 800-meter dash. Nelson was first in that event as well in 2:15.30.

Expectations were high for another talented young Lenape District athlete — Tabatha Haskins — heading into last weekend's state championships.

The Shawnee High School sophomore qualified for states in four events, the most possible for an athlete.

Haskins' memories of the 2003 state championships will be mixed, however, as she did well in some events and not so well in others.

In her specialty last Friday, Haskins placed fifth in the triple jump with a personal-best distance of 36-9-1/2.

Prior to states, Haskins had never surpassed 36 feet in the triple jump. Last Friday in Egg Harbor, she bettered that distance with three straight jumps and would have a fourth time had she not stuck in the pit and fell backwards, landing on her hands.

"She was in second place before the final three jumps of the competition," said Shawnee coach Francine Siedlecki.

Each of the final three competitors jumped more than 37 feet — led by winner Trish McGowan,

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**KIM BONNER**, second from left, was among the state Group 4 girls' 3,200 on Saturday. High School junior ended up 14th in 11:58.

