

A stellar day for Rider's McKithen

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LAWRENCE — With all the talk swirling about what a remarkable 800-meter race could have been run here yesterday if only Seton Hall, Rutgers and Fairleigh Dickinson hadn't stayed away from the New Jersey Collegiate Championships, Rider junior Marc McKithen shaped the day into his own image.

Faced with the likes of Princeton stars Scott Anderson, Osbourne Shaw and Pete Kimball, Trenton High graduate McKithen ran "the best and most-intelligent race of my life," to surprise everyone with the win as he just held on against mile king Anderson for a 1:54.6 effort into a strong wind.

Intelligence has always been a part of McKithen's life. He never tried running competitively until he was a high school senior, but he always could make classroom grades. He turned down athletic scholarships to accept an academic award to Rider, but it came with a kicker. He had to maintain a 2.75 classroom average to keep it. Last spring, when he was hitting the books to make certain he wasn't in classroom danger, and when he suffered a hamstring injury, he skipped track competition.

BUT NOW he's back and running, a key part of the Bronc mile relay foursome that vows it can reach 3:10 at Penn Relays this week and get to 3:08 at IC4A. That unit seemed sharp individually yesterday, as Chris Tar-

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ello won the 400 meters in 48.3 seconds, Jose Lopez took the 400-intermediate hurdles in a coast-home 52.9 seconds after Princeton star Andy Collins was disqualified for a barely visible jump, and Bruce Johnson lost by an eyelash at the wire to Tiger Vernon Pierre. Johnson was replaced on the mile-relay anchor by Mark Lampert when he felt a muscle twinge, but Rider still coasted as Princeton also found itself down a man and split its unit.

The day, as expected, belonged to Princeton's depth, as the Tigers won the men's title over runner-up Rider (230-98) and the women's over Rutgers (234-158½), but there was glory to be spread around.

In the men's competition, host Rider also got a first from high jumper Garyl Moore, who smoothly cleared 6 feet, 9 inches, and another from Jesse Breeden in the 1,500 to make it six golds. Princeton picked up eight firsts, while the other six were divided among four smaller schools.

Tiger men taking gold included Pierre, Alex Kolovyansky in the both the shot and discus, Witek Grzymala-Busse in the hammer, Chris Daily in the vault sweep, Jim Colling in the steeplechase, Notre Dame graduate Eric Wills in the 5,000, plus the 4x100 relay.

Princeton freshman Nicole Harrison tripled as she won both sprints and the high hurdles to lead the Tiger women past Rutgers. Among

other Princeton winners were Beth Flynn, triple jump; Sarah Beth Lassiter, 3,000; Alex Harney, 5,000; Tanya Baker, 1,500; and both relays as they readied for Penn Relays.

TRENTON STATE women picked up three golds as Marianne Derigibus took the 400 meters, Missy Blaney the 800 and Sharren Bates the discus, while Lillian Laboy earned a Rider first in the 100.

Still, no one looked better than McKithen, whose late arrival as a trackster may have been to avoid the shadow of his older brother, Aubrey, the superstar who led Trenton High's great Penn Relay champions before going on to star at Georgetown.

"I wasn't ready to run before that," the Rider chemistry major said.

He is now.

"Marc has matured so much this year," said Bronc coach Ed Roskiewicz after his runner made his move on the second lap and was strong enough to hold off the Tiger chargers.

At Penn Relays, he'll run 400s. He showed yesterday he's ready for the challenge.

New Jersey Collegiate Track and Field Championships Men's Team scores:

1. Princeton 230, 2. Rider 98, 3. Rowan 79, 4. Stockton State 61, 5. Trenton State 53, 6. Montclair State 33, 7. William Paterson 25, 8. St. Peter's 19, 9. Ramapo.
10,000— 1. Dan Taylor (SS) 32:39.5, 2. Jay Roxe (PU) 32:44.6, 3. Rich Roberts (SS) 32:47.5; 4x100— 1. PU 42.01, 2. WP 43.38, 3. SP 44.35; 3,000 Steeple— 1. Jim Colling (PU) 9:59.1, 2. Christian Lynch (PU) 10:14.7, 3. Rich Roberts (SS) 10:14.8; 110 hurdles— 1. Linal Lewis (Ro) 14.9, 2. Mike Scott (MS) 15.2, 3. Dean Kalivmanis (RI) 15.3; 100— 1. Leland Griffin

(SS) 10.8, 2. Wendel Kack (WP) 10.9, 3. Chris Totten (PU) 11.0; 1500— 1. Jesse Breeden (RI) 3:57.8, 2. Joel Harrington (PU) 3:58.0, 3. Charlie Stock (PU) 3:58.6; 400— 1. Chris Tarello (RI) 48.3, 2. Chris Kalinsky (TSC) 48.5, 3. Dan DiSanto (TSC) 49.1; 200— 1. Vernon Pierre (PU) 21.2, 2. Bruce Johnson (RI) 21.3, 3. Leland Griffin (SS) 21.7; 400 hurdles— 1. Jose Lopez (RI) 52.9, 2. Dean Kaliakmanie (RI) 55.8, 3. Joe Hughes (PU) 57.0; 800— 1. Marc McKithen (RI) 1:54.6, 2. Scott Anderson (PU) 1:54.7, 3. Pete Kimball (PU) 1:56.1; 5000— 1. Eric Wills (PU) 15:47.5, 2. Charlie Stock (PU) 15:48.6, 3. Jason Capelli (TSC) 16:04.9; 4x400— 1. Rider (Jose Lopez, Chris Tarello, Marc McKithen, Mark Lampert) 3:19.9, 2. TSC 3:21.3, 3. PU 3:22.4; Javelin— 1. Rich Bodine (Ro) 200-8, 2. Dave Kuderka (TSC) 55-55, 3. John Wiseburg (SP) 54-54; Shot put— 1. Alex Kolovyansky (PU) 14.81, 2. Jason Williams (MS) 14.31, 3. Paul Maida (PU) 14.21; Hammer— 1. Witek Grzymala-Busse (PU) 55-24, 2. Geoff Wiegall (PU) 46-36, 3. Chris Bostard (Ro) 42-92; High jump— 1. Garyl Moore (RI) 6-9, 2. John Bocci (Ro) 6-7, 3. Nikolas Vedes (PU) 6-5; Triple jump— 1. Mike Scott (MS) 44-¾, 2. Shavon Savage (Ro) 43-8½; Pole vault— 1. Chris Daily (PU) 15-7, 2. George Baldock (PU) 15-1½, 3. Robert Hepple (PU) 15-1½; Discus— 1. Alex Kolovyansky (PU) 52-30, 2. David Miller (PU) 48-50, 3. Chris Bostard (Ro) 47-92; Long jump— 1. Shanon Savage (Ro) 22-4½, 2. Robert Croly (PU) 21-6½, 3. Mike Scott (MS) 21-4¼.

Women's Team scores:

1. Princeton 234, 2. Rutgers 158½, 3. Trenton State 86½, 4. Rider 42, 5. Rowan 34, 6. Ramapo 9, 7. Stockton State 9.
10,000— 1. Linda Acquire (RU) 38:44.5, 2. Bonie Andres (Ra) 39:57.9, 3. Miranda Dentor (RU) 41:35.6; 5000— 1. Alex Harney (PU) 18:35.5, 2. Amy O'Donnell (TSC) 18:41.4, 3. Kate Goldman (PU) 18:52.0; 3000— 1. Sarah Beth Lassiter (PU) 10:22.7, 2. Ashley Cordell (PU) 10:31.4, 3. Adria Trowbridge (PU) 10:32.2; 1500— 1. Tanya Baker (PU) 4:40.5, 2. Cheryl Kealing (RU) 4:42.2, 3. Katie Talarico (PU) 4:45.6; 800— 1. Missy Blaney (TSC) 2:16.0, 2. Tanya Baker (PU) 2:18.5, 3. Kelly Dobson (PU) 2:19.4; 400— 1. Marianne Derigibus (TSC) 58.4, 2. Nyaka Nilampfi (PU) 58.9, 3. Kim Sickleim (PU) 59.8; 400 hurdles— 1. Teresa Dickinson (RU) 1:04.5, 2. Deona Cloee (RU) 1:05.1, 3. Carolyn Lemke (TSC) 1:08.8; 200— 1. Nicole Harrison (PU) 25.2, 2. Kim Sickleim (PU) 25.9, 3. Lillian Laboy (RI) 26.1; 100— 1. Lillian Laboy (RI) 12.4, 2. Marketa Morse (Ro) 12.8, 3. Ty Jackson (RI) 12.9; 100 hurdles— 1. Nicole Harrison (PU) 14.1, 2. Teresa Dickinson (RU) 15.6, 3. Miranda Mieski (RU) 15.9; 4x100— 1. PU 48.8, 2. RU 49.3, 3. RI 50.2; 4x400— 1. PU 3:59.3, 2. TSC 4:04.4, 2. RU 4:06.7; Shot put— 1. Celeste Baillie (RU) 11-77, 2. Phalicia Mason (Ro) 11-23, 3. Kim McGinley (TSC) 10-75; Javelin— 1. Brooke Speere (RU) 43-26, 2. Linda Fan (PU) 33-72, 3. Rebecca Collins (TSC) 33-20; High jump— 1. Kristi White (RU) 5-7, 2. Jen Mollinelli (RI) 5-2¼, 3. Bridget Reyes (PU) 5-2¼; Hammer— 1. Phalicia Mason (Ro) 39-58, 2. Kim McGinley (TSC) 37-12, 3. Marilyn Coleman (RU) 36-94; Discus— 1. Sharren Bates (TSC) 40-14, 2. Amy Green (PU) 37-94, 3. Kime McGinley (TSC) 36-28; Long jump— 1. Tanya Seymore (RU) 18-3, 2. Nyali Taylor (RY) 18-2¼, 3. Hadiya Green (PU) 17-8; Triple jump— 1. Beth Flynn (PU) 37-4¾, 2. Hadiya Green (PU) 36-7, 3. Darcy Horn (PU) 36-¼.

Men's track

Rider senior Chris Tarello (Shawnee) was selected the Rider Invitational most outstanding athlete. He won the 400-meter dash in 48.3 seconds, took third in the 200 in 22.3 and ran legs on the Broncs' victorious 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Tarello had a 48-second split in the latter event.