

Preseason Top 20 Rankings

No.	Team	2001 Rec.	2001 Rank
1. Moorestown		7-0	1
The Quakers capped an outstanding season by winning the Meet of Champions. While they lost two key performers in seniors Kelsey Rinehart and Colleen Hughes, they return South Jersey Runner of the Year Meghan Hughes and a strong supporting cast.			
2. Shawnee		6-0	2
The Renegades should be strong again and will challenge Moorestown for the top spot in South Jersey. They return six All-Group 4 performers from last year in seniors Danielle Neukirch, Analisa Magnus and Amy Willmott and juniors Kim Bonner, Kathleen Quinn and Robin McDowell. They will have their usual strong depth, so it's possible that another runner could break into the top seven.			
3. Woodrow Wilson		5-0	7
The Tigers return an experienced group and also have good depth this season. Returning seniors include All-Group 3 selections Lindsay Thomas and Takeisha Carter along with Tanesha Pittman. Coach Ringo Adamson could have more than 20 runners on the team this year, which increases the odds of a surprise.			
4. Paul VI		4-1	4
The Eagles return three All-Parochial selections from last year and should be a factor in Parochial A again. The top returners include senior Erin Swigart and sophomore Liz Kessler.			
5. Bishop Eustace		3-2	5
The Crusaders are coming off a strong showing late last season and return two runners from the All-Parochial team. They should be led by junior Caitlin Edwards and sophomore Christa Johnson.			
6. Cherokee		4-1	6
The Chiefs return a top performer in senior Maria Lyles, who was All-Group 4 and also have sophomore Megan O'Leary who had a strong finish to her freshman season.			
7. Ocean City		10-0	8
The Red Raiders should be strong again as they return a combination of experienced and young runners. They will be led by senior captains Caitlin Ludgate, Lyndsay Nunan and Bethany Smith and also return sophomore Allie Moreland, who was All-Group 3 last year.			
8. Haddonfield		5-1	11
The Bulldogs return a lot of experience in seniors Bridget Carmody and Emily Hunt, juniors Sarah Mussoline and Abby Booker and sophomore Kim Abel.			
9. Absegami		9-1	12
The Braves have a solid group returning including seniors Danielle Dunn, Laura Bereheiko, Jen Duckworth and Maria Bonnani to go with junior Amanda Weber. They should be a contender again for the overall Cape-Atlantic League title.			
10. Mainland		6-2	13
The Mustangs have a fast sophomore in Andrea Campbell and their depth should make them one of the top teams in the Cape-Atlantic League again.			

11. Kingsway 8-2 12

The Dragons lost standout runner Megan Lerch, but they always have depth and that's no different this year. They have 30 runners on the roster, including seven seniors. They should contend for the Tri-County Conference title again.

12. Delsea 10-0 6

The Crusaders also lost a top South Jersey runner in Brittany McCann, but they have strong contingent back. They are led by seniors Olivia DiGiorgio and Jessica Lindoff along with juniors Jessica Sutton and Lauren Doyle. They should compete with Kingsway and Highland for the Tri-County Conference title.

13. Highland 5-0 15

The Tartans are shifting from the Olympic Conference to the Tri-County Conference, where they could contend for the title. They are led by two-time All-South Jersey runner Kathleen Galan and Katie Jenkins, both seniors.

14. Millville 8-6 —

The Thunderbolts have a lot of experience returning and are also coming off a strong summer program. They will be led by seniors Dominique Eckerd, Amanda Broadwater and Stephanie Moore along with junior Diana Goodwin. They also have a lot of depth and could challenge Absegami and Ocean City in the Cape-Atlantic League.

15. Haddon Township 7-0 —

The Hawks lost some key runners, but they should still be a solid team. They will be led by senior Laura Cherico, who was All-Group 2 last year. They will be in Group 2 again this year and finished second in the South Jersey Championships to eventual Meet of Champions winner Moorestown.

16. Holy Spirit 9-1 —

The Spartans return two top runners in juniors Kristine Smallwood and Lauren Hurley among six letter winners. They may be hurting some with depth, but the talent is there for a solid team if they can stay injury free.

17. Triton 3-2 —

The Mustangs are young, but they have some talent returning, led by All-Group 4 performer Holly Lewis, who will be a junior. Also, junior Meg Kemner and sophomore Colleen Usher were each All-Olympic Conference second team last year, while sophomore Katie Van Horn and freshman Brittany Deiling could also help.

18. Lenape 4-2 8

Even with the loss of All-South Jersey performer Erin Riddle, the Indians have a solid group returning. They will be led senior Katie Perrone and junior Christine Tam and returning sophomores Kelsey Moir and Kristina Slivinski.

19. St. Joseph 10-1 —

The Parochial B school doesn't have a lot of depth, but they do have senior All-South Jersey performer Grace Nuzzi along with senior Bridget Devlin and junior Anna Devlin. They may be just a surprise runner away from being a factor in the state Parochial B race.

20. Gloucester 8-2 17

The Lions should be a force in Group 1 again. They return senior Jenna Heiser and juniors Jenn Lippincott and Angela Hanna, who all have big meet experience.

The Top 20 is selected by staff writer Jeff Wolfe. The first regular season rankings will be Monday, Sept. 23.