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## **No. 1 Warriors Salvage Slow Day**

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Lincoln-Sudbury coach Chris Tarello was standing alone in front of the results trailer, his arms crossed. His team had just run the Division 1 girls' race yesterday at Franklin Park. Most of his runners had an off day and he knew it.

Tarello's seven runners were sitting together quietly in a circle 20 feet away, most of them looking as if they were about to be told some very bad news.

But when an official came around the corner and taped the results to the trailer, Lincoln-Sudbury was the winner. The girls collapsed on each other, a mess of tears and smiles.

The Warriors have been ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll for the last eight weeks.

"It's been very stressful hearing everyone say we're No. 1," said Tarello. "It's hard for 14- and 15-year old girls to deal with that type of pressure."

Five of the Warriors' seven runners -- none of whom are seniors -- had slower times than at the Boston Invitational a month ago. Dana Jamieson is usually a top-four finisher but fell to eighth in 19:43, the fastest L-S time. Sophomore Jess Griffin set a personal record (19:57), finishing 13th.