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Nike Team Nationals NE Region Brookline Boys; Lincoln Sudbury Girls Claim Wins

Two teams from Massachusetts will compete in the finals of the Nike Team Nationals next week, giving the state a chance to boast the best cross-country team in both genders. The Brookline boys, competing out of MIAA season as the Brookline Track Club, and the Lincoln-Sudbury girls, running as Wicked TC, each won their NTN Northeast Regional meet at Wappingers Falls, N.Y., yesterday, to earn a trip to Portland, Ore., for the final.

Once embraced, development in Brookline now looked upon warily For the record Brookline rules the roost City Weekly News in Brief A tour of kosher restaurants with a hungry rabbi Brookline's 86 points barely edged Danbury RC's 87, and Lincoln-Sudbury pushed past Hunterdon (Voorhees, N.J.), 69 to 73. This was the first year regional finalists were determined by a qualifying race.

Brookline placed three runners in the top 10, including first- and third-place finishes by Robert Gibson and David Wilson, respectively. Gibson, a senior, just eked out first, checking in at 16 minutes even, one second ahead of Max Kaulbach of Germantown Friends RC Team A, from Philadelphia.

"We knew we were one of the teams that had a shot," said Brookline coach Michael Glennon, explaining that the top two teams in each region advance to the finals. "Even after the race, we didn't know we had won."

Brookline got strong showings from Michael Burnstein (10th, 16:30), Elliot Lehane (18th, 16:42), and Brendan Grove (54th, 17:34).

Lincoln-Sudbury claimed five of the top 25 spots and two of the top 10. Andrea Keklak led the Warriors at 19:16, good for fourth place, and Dana Jamieson ran a 19:23, good for eighth.

Rounding out LS's top five were Ellie Hylton (14th, 19:38), Emily Mephram (20th, 19:54), and Claire Arthur (23d, 20:01).

The race was close enough that no one knew the outcome at the conclusion of the race and meet officials held out until the awards ceremony to reveal the winner. The top four teams were announced backwards called, Wicked TC knew they had won. "I was shocked," said Dana Jamieson said. "I didn't even know what was going on. Then I saw everyone jumping around saying that we won and it hit me."

Jamieson knew her team, ranked 18th in the country, was projected to finished third in the race. No. 4 Hanover and No. 5 Voorhees (Hunderdon Hawks TC) were expected to finish first and second.

"I feel like a lot of people don't know who we are," Jamieson said. "We've been through so much as a team this year and we really pulled together."