

## **Potts leads Haddonfield to its 5th straight Grp 2 title; Ramsey and Delaware Valley advance**

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**Jim Lambert for the Star-Ledger**

Ok, I think everyone would agree that the biggest locks of the day were **Ben Potts** and his **Haddonfield** team in Group 2.

And things went as expected up front, but there were some surprises behind Haddonfield's dominance.

Potts won in **16:09** and teammate **Matt Nussbaum** was second in 16:24 as No. 5 Haddonfield blasted its way to a **fifth straight title** and its **13th** overall, which is **No. 4 in state history**. Haddonfield put four runners in the top 12, averaged 16:46.2, No. 6 on the day and won by 93 points, the largest margin of the meet.

But the next two qualifiers into the M of C were somewhat surprising as **Ramsey**, second in NJ, Sec. 1, grabbed second place with 141 and a short handed **Delaware Valley** rose to the occasion for the second straight week to get third with 161. NJ. Sec. 1 winner Morris Hills finished fourth with 190.

Ramsey averaged 17:24 and had three guys in the top 21, led by senior **John Dugan**, third in 16:26. Junior **Erik Buser** was 15th in 17:09. **Junior Chris Eltringham** 24th in 17:21. **Andrew Clinton** 53rd in 17:57 and **Sam Ruel** was 62nd in 18:07.

Delaware Valley had the odds stacked against it when they took the line to run the Group 2 race. But despite being down a key man, coach Dave Giantisco's tight and hungry pack shocked the field by placing third with points to advance to the M of C for the second straight year. Haddonfield, No. 5 in the state, won its fifth straight title with 48 points and Ramsey was second with 141 and Delaware Valley was third with 161. North Jersey, Section 1 winner Morris Hills was fourth with 190.

Delaware Valley was counted out by many after one of its top runners, Max Gerckens, was DQ'd for interference in Delaware Valley's victory at the Central Jersey Championships the week before. Holmdel's Travis Fodor was also DQ'd for interference as Gerckens and Fodor made contact with each other as they battled toward the finish line.

But Delaware Valley, as it always seems to do, found a way to prove everyone wrong despite missing Gerckens, its No. 4 finisher at sectionals.

How did they do it?? Pack running, as it always does.

Delaware Valley put four runners between 23-38, led by senior **Zach Fuentes**, 23rd in a huge Holmdel best of 17:21. That was a drop of 20 seconds for Fuentes.

Delaware Valley's other scorers were junior **Jamie Cahill**, 32nd in 17:36, junior **Kort Boethig**, 34th in 17:38, junior **Matt Stavenik**, 38th in 17:43, and senior **Gerhard Gerckens**, 56th in 17:58.

``What these guys did today without Max was just truly amazing," said Giantisco. ``Just to make it here (to the group meet) was a big accomplishment, but to be down a man and have the odds so far against us and persevere shows what these guys are made of. Everyone stepped up collectively and ran their best races. I am shocked by what they did and am so proud of these guys."

Fuentes said his team knew it had an uphill battle.

``I wasn't sure if we could make it or not," said Fuentes. ``We all realized it would be tough and that we had to step it up and get either Morris Hills or Ramsey and we got one of them which was good enough. We all just worked that much harder and it worked out."

## RESULTS

**Fraulo Race Timing - Contractor License**

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Rankings

Event 9 Boys 5k Run CC Group II GR 2

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**Name**                      **Year School**                      **Avg Mile**      **Finals Points**  
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<b>1 #355 Ben Potts</b>	<b>SR HADDONFIELD</b>	<b>5:12</b>	<b>16:09</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2 #354 Matt Nussbaum</b>	<b>SR HADDONFIELD</b>	<b>5:17</b>	<b>16:24</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 #989 John Dugan</b>	<b>SR RAMSEY</b>	<b>5:18</b>	<b>16:26</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 #1315 Harrison Brakewood</b>	<b>JR VOORHEES</b>	<b>5:20</b>	<b>16:32</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 #11 Matthew Nelson</b>	<b>FR BARNEGAT</b>	<b>5:21</b>	<b>16:37</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 #690 Connor Doyle</b>	<b>SR MORRIS HILLS</b>	<b>5:24</b>	<b>16:45</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 #349 Gregory Halla</b>	<b>SO HADDONFIELD</b>	<b>5:24</b>	<b>16:47</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 #9 Joseph Mandara</b>	<b>SO BARNEGAT</b>	<b>5:25</b>	<b>16:48</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 #136 Sherif Ali</b>	<b>SR CLIFFSIDE PARK</b>	<b>5:25</b>	<b>16:49</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 #86 Anthony Malatesta</b>	<b>JR CHATHAM</b>	<b>5:26</b>	<b>16:52</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 #1330 Joe Chegwidden</b>	<b>12 WALLKILL VALLEY</b>	<b>5:27</b>	<b>16:55</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 #353 Tim Malloy</b>	<b>SR HADDONFIELD</b>	<b>5:27</b>	<b>16:56</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 #491 Danny Murnane</b>	<b>JR LENAPE VALLEY</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>17:03</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 #276 Matthew Bearden</b>	<b>JR EWING</b>	<b>5:31</b>	<b>17:06</b>	

15	#983 Erik Buser	JR RAMSEY	5:31	17:09	14
16	#29 Philip Vernimb	SR BERNARDS	5:32	17:12	
17	#384 Jack Baisley	SO HOLMDEL	5:33	17:13	15
18	#160 Thomas Feeney	SO CRANFORD	5:34	17:18	16
19	#694 Nicholas Patterson	JR MORRIS HILLS	5:35	17:19	17
20	#163 Elias Howard	JR CRANFORD	5:35	17:19	18
21	#28 Stephen Sroka	JR BERNARDS	5:35	17:20	
22	#394 Jacob Yang	SR HOLMDEL	5:35	17:21	19
23	#176 Zach Fuentes	SR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:35	17:21	20
24	#990 Chris Eltringham	JR RAMSEY	5:36	17:21	21
25	#134 Kevin Wright	SO CINNAMINSON	5:36	17:22	22
26	#1322 Bhavin Gala	JR VOORHEES	5:36	17:22	23
27	#392 Jason McMullen	JR HOLMDEL	5:36	17:24	24
28	#1333 James Corti	10 WALLKILL VALLEY	5:39	17:31	25
29	#314 Anthony Bucci	JR GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON	5:39	17:33	
30	#352 Eric Lacy	SR HADDONFIELD	5:40	17:35	26
31	#326 Nick Gandolfo-Luci	JR HADDON HEIGHTS	5:40	17:35	27
32	#173 Jamie Cahill	JR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:40	17:36	28
33	#1331 Ryan Chiesa	10 WALLKILL VALLEY	5:40	17:36	29
34	#171 Kort Boethig	JR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:41	17:38	30
35	#1027 Bryan Broderick	RED BANK REGIONAL	5:41	17:38	31
36	#1241 Connor Clarke	10 SPOTSWOOD	5:42	17:41	

37	#1255 Griffin Cooper	SR SUMMIT	5:42	17:42	32
38	#180 Matt Stavenik	JR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:42	17:43	33
39	#356 Ethan Quanci	SR HADDONFIELD	5:43	17:45	34
40	#10 Evan Megill	SO BARNEGAT	5:43	17:46	35
41	#751 Alex Castellanos	11 NEWTON	5:44	17:47	36
42	#1093 Sam Gottuso	JR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	5:45	17:51	37
43	#328 Ben Huber	SR HADDON HEIGHTS	5:45	17:52	38
44	#941 Dagoberto Arias	SO PLEASANTVILLE	5:46	17:53	39
45	#1090 Ryan Corbett	JR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	5:46	17:53	40
46	#1264 Steven Smolyn	SR SUMMIT	5:46	17:54	41
47	#693 Brett Mitchell	JR MORRIS HILLS	5:46	17:55	42
48	#761 Kristopher Trautz	11 NEWTON	5:46	17:55	43
49	#351 Conor Jacobs	SR HADDONFIELD	5:47	17:56	44
50	#943 Jacob Clark	SO PLEASANTVILLE	5:47	17:56	45
51	#483 Matt Duenskie	SR LENAPE VALLEY	5:47	17:56	46
52	#217 Kendall Chapman	JR DEPTFORD	5:47	17:57	
53	#985 Andrew Clinton	SR RAMSEY	5:47	17:57	47
54	#942 Issac Clark	SO PLEASANTVILLE	5:47	17:57	48
55	#133 Dylan Tooher	SR CINNAMINSON	5:47	17:58	49
56	#177 Gerhardt Gerckens	SR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:47	17:58	50
57	#756 Brian Lawrey	12 NEWTON	5:48	17:59	51
58	#1037 Charles Williams	RED BANK REGIONAL	5:49	18:02	52

59	#327 Will Glaser	JR HADDON HEIGHTS	5:49	18:03	53
60	#1036 Patrick Waite	RED BANK REGIONAL	5:49	18:04	54
61	#79 Stephen Bangs	SR CHATHAM	5:50	18:05	55
62	#993 Sam Ruel	JR RAMSEY	5:50	18:07	56
63	#691 Travis Ellis	SO MORRIS HILLS	5:50	18:08	57
64	#750 Bobby Boger	12 NEWTON	5:51	18:08	58
65	#161 Zach Fitzgerald	FR CRANFORD	5:51	18:09	59
66	#132 Andrew Stewart	JR CINNAMINSON	5:51	18:09	60
67	#158 Paul Cassaro	JR CRANFORD	5:51	18:10	61
68	#1252 Frank Miklosey	STERLING	5:51	18:11	62
69	#178 Korey McNally	JR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:52	18:12	63
70	#174 Anthony Capone	FR DELAWARE VALLEY	5:52	18:12	64
71	#757 Arrik Leman	11 NEWTON	5:52	18:13	65
72	#333 Brian Roney	FR HADDON HEIGHTS	5:52	18:14	66
73	#1324 Taylor Schmidt	SR VOORHEES	5:53	18:14	67
74	#696 Jonathan Richman	SR MORRIS HILLS	5:53	18:15	68
75	#987 Chris DiRisio	JR RAMSEY	5:53	18:16	69
76	#490 Matt Montgomery	SR LENAPE VALLEY	5:54	18:17	70
77	#84 Joseph Kraemer	JR CHATHAM	5:54	18:18	71
78	#1329 Louis Bustamante	9 WALLKILL VALLEY	5:54	18:20	72
79	#988 Dan Dugan	SO RAMSEY	5:54	18:20	73
80	#1319 Connor Daniel	SR VOORHEES	5:55	18:21	74

81	#387 Arthur Eng	SR HOLMDEL	5:55	18:22	75
82	#169 Michael Zanfardino	JR CRANFORD	5:55	18:23	76
83	#159 Michael Cassidy	SR CRANFORD	5:55	18:23	77
84	#137 Dominic Camm	SR CLIFFSIDE PARK	5:56	18:24	78
85	#83 Mike Kaiser	SR CHATHAM	5:56	18:24	79
86	#1335 Ed Friesinger	10 WALLKILL VALLEY	5:56	18:25	80
87	#13 Paul Santolla	SO BARNEGAT	5:56	18:26	81
88	#1030 Brian Litt	RED BANK REGIONAL	5:56	18:26	82
89	#144 Jeff Vasquez	SR CLIFFSIDE PARK	5:57	18:27	83
90	#1243 Jimmy Daniels	STERLING	5:57	18:27	84
91	#140 Jeff Pena	SR CLIFFSIDE PARK	5:57	18:28	85
92	#393 Eric Williams	SO HOLMDEL	5:57	18:29	86
93	#78 Charlie Baker	SR CHATHAM	5:58	18:31	87
94	#388 Jonathan Eng	SO HOLMDEL	5:59	18:33	88
95	#89 Thomas Whiteside	SO CHATHAM	5:59	18:34	89
96	#1338 John Rueckel	10 WALLKILL VALLEY	5:59	18:34	90
97	#139 Rene Morales	SO CLIFFSIDE PARK	5:59	18:35	91
98	#697 Adrian Samsel	11 MORRIS HILLS	6:00	18:37	92
99	#1031 Christian Manning	RED BANK REGIONAL	6:00	18:37	93
100	#1261 Andrew Mandelbaum	JR SUMMIT	6:01	18:40	94
101	#389 Jason Liao	SO HOLMDEL	6:02	18:43	95
102	#486 Austin Lamicella	JR LENAPE VALLEY	6:02	18:44	96

103	#334 Taylor Vautier	SO HADDON HEIGHTS	6:02	18:45	97
104	#1035 Edward Schembor	RED BANK REGIONAL	6:03	18:47	98
105	#692 Alexander Fayerman	JR MORRIS HILLS	6:04	18:49	99
106	#1326 Matt Thompson	SR VOORHEES	6:04	18:49	100
107	#1334 Jonathan Endrikat	12 WALLKILL VALLEY	6:04	18:50	101
108	#753 Kevin Gossett	11 NEWTON	6:05	18:53	102
109	#138 Juan Henao	FR CLIFFSIDE PARK	6:05	18:54	103
110	#752 Richie Gerdes	11 NEWTON	6:05	18:54	104
111	#484 Cameron Ellis	SO LENAPE VALLEY	6:06	18:57	105
112	#1092 Blake Goodwyn	SO RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	6:07	18:59	106
113	#1316 Joe Camisa	SO VOORHEES	6:07	19:01	107
114	#1325 Zack Schweikert	SO VOORHEES	6:08	19:02	108
115	#1033 Alesandro Orsini	RED BANK REGIONAL	6:08	19:03	109
116	#324 Ryley Bushey	SO HADDON HEIGHTS	6:09	19:04	110
117	#1259 Thomas Huckfeldt	SO SUMMIT	6:09	19:07	111
118	#1263 Umar Shafiq	JR SUMMIT	6:10	19:10	112
119	#130 Albert Montemuro	SR CINNAMINSON	6:11	19:13	113
120	#331 Tyler Raws	JR HADDON HEIGHTS	6:12	19:14	114
121	#85 Brian Leonard	SO CHATHAM	6:12	19:15	115
122	#1097 Jack Maris	JR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	6:12	19:15	116
123	#5 Jared Cittadino	FR BARNEGAT	6:15	19:23	117
124	#12 Connor Ross	FR BARNEGAT	6:15	19:24	118

125	#1260 Timothy Kostolansk	FR SUMMIT	6:15	19:25	119
126	#492 Travis Westura	SR LENAPE VALLEY	6:15	19:25	120
127	#1257 Frank Evans	SO SUMMIT	6:16	19:29	121
128	#4 Matthew Bruno	SO BARNEGAT	6:19	19:35	122
129	#1244 Anthony Delaura	STERLING	6:19	19:36	123
130	#131 Austin Neuman	JR CINNAMINSON	6:20	19:41	124
131	#127 John Barrett	SO CINNAMINSON	6:21	19:44	125
132	#1245 Jim Fitzgerald	STERLING	6:22	19:45	126
133	#946 Tyre Robinson	SO PLEASANTVILLE	6:22	19:46	127
134	#1250 Andrew Kelly	STERLING	6:23	19:49	128
135	#1091 John Gibney	FR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	6:25	19:55	129
136	#489 Chris Montgomery	SO LENAPE VALLEY	6:26	19:58	130
137	#129 Eric Martens	SO CINNAMINSON	6:28	20:03	131
138	#947 Shelby Williams	SR PLEASANTVILLE	6:30	20:12	132
139	#1249 Randy Gonzalez	STERLING	6:35	20:25	133
140	#166 Connor McMahon	FR CRANFORD	6:35	20:26	134
141	#143 Chris Tortora	SO CLIFFSIDE PARK	6:51	21:17	135
142	#1088 James Ball	FR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	6:53	21:21	136
143	#1253 Joe Zeoli	STERLING	6:55	21:30	137
144	#945 Lamar Murray	PLEASANTVILLE	8:14	25:34	138
145	#1095 Cooper Ley	SR RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN	8:15	25:36	139

**Team Scores**

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**Rank Team Total 1 2 3 4 5 \*6 \*7 \*8 \*9**

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**1 HADDONFIELD 48 1 2 7 12 26 34 44**

**Total Time: 1:23:51.00**

**Average: 16:46.20**

**2 RAMSEY 141 3 14 21 47 56 69 73**

**Total Time: 1:27:00.00**

**Average: 17:24.00**

**3 DELAWARE VALLEY 161 20 28 30 33 50 63 64**

**Total Time: 1:28:16.00**

**Average: 17:39.20**

**4 MORRIS HILLS 190 6 17 42 57 68 92 99**

**Total Time: 1:28:22.00**

**Average: 17:40.40**

**5 WALLKILL VALLEY 217 11 25 29 72 80 90 101**

**Total Time: 1:28:47.00**

**Average: 17:45.40**

**6 HOLMDEL 219 15 19 24 75 86 88 95**

**Total Time: 1:28:49.00**

**Average: 17:45.80**

**7 CRANFORD 230 16 18 59 61 76 77 134**

**Total Time: 1:29:19.00**

**Average: 17:51.80**

**8 BARNEGAT 246 5 8 35 81 117 118 122**

**Total Time: 1:29:00.00**

**Average: 17:48.00**

**9 NEWTON 253 36 43 51 58 65 102 104**

**Total Time: 1:30:02.00**

**Average: 18:00.40**

**10 VOORHEES 268 4 23 67 74 100 107 108**

**Total Time: 1:29:18.00**

**Average: 17:51.60**

**11 HADDON HEIGHTS 281 27 38 53 66 97 110 114**

**Total Time: 1:30:29.00**

**Average: 18:05.80**

**12 CHATHAM 302 10 55 71 79 87 89 115**

**Total Time: 1:30:10.00**

**Average: 18:02.00**

**13 RED BANK REGIONAL 312 31 52 54 82 93 98 109**

**Total Time: 1:30:47.00**

**Average: 18:09.40**

**14 LENAPE VALLEY 330 13 46 70 96 105 120 130**

**Total Time: 1:30:57.00**

**Average: 18:11.40**

**15 CLIFFSIDE PARK            346 9 78 83 85 91 103 135**

**Total Time: 1:30:43.00**

**Average: 18:08.60**

**16 CINNAMINSON            368 22 49 60 113 124 125 131**

**Total Time: 1:32:23.00**

**Average: 18:28.60**

**17 SUMMIT                    390 32 41 94 111 112 119 121**

**Total Time: 1:32:33.00**

**Average: 18:30.60**

**18 PLEASANTVILLE        391 39 45 48 127 132 138**

**Total Time: 1:33:44.00**

**Average: 18:44.80**

**19 RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN    428 37 40 106 116 129 136 139**

**Total Time: 1:33:53.00**

**Average: 18:46.60**

**20 STERLING                523 62 84 123 126 128 133 137**

**Total Time: 1:35:48.00**

**Average: 19:09.60**

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