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By David Shaw

This time there was no confusion for the Longwood boys cross-country team. This time, coach Tony Toro and his never-say-die troops left with the peace of mind that eluded them a week ago. This time, they were champions.

"Now we are the best," Toro said yesterday at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, where Longwood totaled 135 points and won the State Federation boys team title. "Someday my guys will be able to tell their kids they were the best in the state."

Longwood did it by edging runnerup Sweet Home of Buffalo (137), the team

that earned a disputed one-point victory in the state Class A championship Nov. 8. Longwood, which was second, felt a misplacement in the congested finishing chute cost it the title. "We were very angry," Shawn Brinton said after covering the 2.5-mile course in 16:18 and taking fifth place. "We felt we deserved to win the state. All week long we thought about losing to them. It was hard to believe we were second."

Not yesterday. Helping Longwood triumph were Greg Fragola (20th place), Eric Gennes (28th), Kevin Krause (32nd) and Jerry Curley (50th).

Garden City's T.J. McArdle won the boys individual race in 15:47.8, the meet's best time. "I was second here last year," he said. "And it's been hanging over me for a year. I just want to put up as many wins as possible."

### S-WR Girls Finish Second

The Shoreham-Wading River girls team added an eloquent finishing touch to its outstanding season, finishing second to powerful state Class A champion Auburn (71) in the girls team race. Having won all of its dual meets, five invitationals and the Suffolk and state Class B titles, Shoreham-Wading River (152) was beaten for the first time. "They just willed themselves to this," coach Paul Koretzki said. "They are a very determined group of girls."

Megan Holden (fourth in 19:09) led Shoreham-Wading River with help from teammates Jen Mc Nerney (21st, 19:54), Katrina Kothe (24th, 20:08) and sophomore Nicole Aleskowitch (26th, 20:10).

West Islip freshman Kelly Liljebblad (sixth in 19:15.23) was the top Long Island finisher in the girls individual

race. Babylon's Christine Gentile was 10th in 19:35.06.

#### Winners and Top LI Finishers

##### Boys

##### Individual Race

1. T.J. McArdle (Garden City) 15:47.8. 6. O'Donnell (Floral Park) 15:21. 8. Brett (Port Jefferson) 16:23. 9. Smith (Harborfields) 16:24. 10. Larney (Sayville) 16:24. 15. Martin (Miller Place) 16:36. 23. Seims (Island Trees) 16:40. 25. Reed (Sayville) 16:43. 28. Going (Wheatley) 16:46. 37. Caskey (Miller Place) 17:00. 39. Kirchner (Half Hollow Hills) 17:02. 40. Fris (Miller Place) 17:04.

##### Team Race

1. Longwood 135. 2. Sweet Home 137. 3. Corcoran 162. 4. Beaver River 216. 5. Washingtonville 218. 6. Monroe-Woodbury 325. 7. Elmira-South Side 326. 8. Newburgh Free Academy 327. 9. Queensbury 332. 10. Lockport 350.

##### Girls

##### Individual Race

1. Derasa Walters (Penfield) 18:48.85. 6. Liljebblad (West Islip) 19:15.23. 10. Gentile (Babylon) 19:35.06. 13. Gunning (Herricks) 19:43.30. 21. Livingston (Hicksville) 19:59.69. 22. Leckie (Longwood) 20:00.54. 24. Kennedy (Harborfields) 20:05.62. 28. Perieger (Roslyn) 20:15.60. 30. Given (Bay Shore) 20:21.38. 36. Brough (Holy Trinity) 20:30.45.

##### Team Race

1. Auburn 71. 2. Shoreham-Wading River 152. 3. Washingtonville 223. 4. Monroe-Woodbury 226. 5. Fairport 240. 6. Pearl River 251. 7. Notre Dame-Staten Island 275. 8. Webster 288. 9. St. Anthony's 295. 10. Canastota 308.

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