

# Hereford Invitational

(A brief history)

1970-1990

One year missed because of weather.

**The first invitational was held on October 20, 1970.** Eleven (11) schools competed. Seven schools from Baltimore County and the remaining four from other Maryland jurisdictions.

Schools competing were

- Annapolis
- Arch Bishop Curley
- Arundel
- Hereford
- Kenwood
- North Harford
- Overlea
- Parkville
- Perry Hall
- Sparrows Point
- Towson

There were four races:

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| • Varsity A        | 1. Hereford 44   | 2. Towson 54 ....   |
| • Varsity B        | 1. Towson 32     | 2. Hereford 56 .... |
| • Junior Varsity A | 1. Parkville 42  | 2. Towson 51 ....   |
| • Junior Varsity B | 1. Perry Hall 31 | 2. Parkville 37.... |

***Individual Champion was Hereford's Scott Cornwell 12:47.2 followed by Towson's Jeff Smith 12:54***

A total of 198 runners competed

A notable fact: **Girls were not allowed to run cross country, thus no races. Girls cross country competition started in 1975**

Over the years schools competed from almost every jurisdiction in Maryland as well as many schools from Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia Virginia and West Virginia. Notable that this race secured the Hereford Cross Country as the site for the Maryland State Cross Country Championships for forty of the next 50 years.

The **second** year saw a jump to 36 schools competing. This was the first year Baltimore City schools competed as well as schools from Pennsylvania.

A total of 418 runners competed in four (4) races.

- Race 1                      1. Parkville    37        2. Towson 79
- Race 2                      1. Hereford    25        2. Catonsville 102
- Race 3 JV                  1. Dulaney     26        2. Towson 39
- Race 4 JV                  1. Hereford    24        2. Catonsville 77

Individual Race Winners were:

- Race 1                      Jeff Smith, Towson                      12:47.6
- Race 2                      Greg Cornwell, Hereford                      13:08.1
- Race 3 JV                  L. Jewell, Towson                      14:07
- Race 4 JV                  Lee Phillips, Hereford                      14:28.3

## The Last Run

**The final Hereford Invitational was held in the fall of 1990.** Eighty-Two (82) schools competed. There were 800 runners competing in varsity races and 600 in the open/junior varsity races. Times were given for the varsity runners and the junior varsity runners were responsible to check their own times at the finish line. The use of computers for scoring at the time, were cost prohibitive, thus all scoring was completed by hand.

The following is the list of winning schools and runner-up schools in the six (6) varsity races. Girls were now competing.

- Large Varsity Boys                      1. Walt Whitman 95    2. Chambersburg, PA 116
- Medium Varsity Boys                      1. Oakland Mills 43    2. Dallastown, PA    61
- Small Varsity Boys                      1. AB Curley    42    2. Hershey, PA    44
  
- Large Varsity Girls                      1. Walt Whitman 72    2. Chambersburg, PA 103
- Medium Varsity Girls                      1. Red Lion, PA    72    2. Atholton                      75
- Small Varsity Girls                      1. Fallston                      77    2. Boonsboro                      87

**Overall Champion of the day was, Boys, Darby Reed, Dallastown, PA 15:32**  
**Overall Champion of the day was, Girls, Jenny Howard, Fallston 18:27**

Individual Race Winners were:

- Large Varsity Boys Chris Sisk, Calvert Hall 15:53.07
- **Medium Varsity Boys Darby Reed, Dallastown 15:32.00**
- Small Varsity Boys Matt Ciarpella, AB Curley 15:44.00
  
- Large Varsity Girls Craig Lake, Walt Whitman 19:00.00
- Medium Varsity Girls Lauren Conrad, Red Lion 20:29.00
- **Small Varsity Girls Jenny Howard, Fallston 18:27.00**