

Mark Wieneke Beats Freeman

UI's Wieneke To Run Prep Meet

By The News-Gazette

University of Illinois coach Gary Wieneke is the coordinator for one of five regional qualifying meets of the first national high school Kinney Cross-Country Championships.

The Midwest meet — for boys and girls from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Ohio — will be Nov. 24 at North Creek Meadow Forest Preserve in Glenwood.

The top seven runners in both the boys' and girls' races will represent the Midwest in the national meet at San Diego Dec. 8. The course for all events will be 5,000 meters.

Other regions represented will be the Southeast, Northeast, West and Southwest.

Cross-country runners who have been members of

their high school teams during the current season are eligible to compete in one of the five regional meets. Completed and signed entry blanks for the Midwest meet must be mailed to Gary Wieneke, University of Illinois, 235G Armory Blvd., Champaign, 61820, and postmarked by Nov. 10. There is an entry fee of \$2.50.

Skip Stolley of Thorndridge High in Dolton is the Midwest high school advisor.

•Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Wieneke, son of Gary, handed St. Joseph-Ogden's Art Freeman his first defeat of the season in a dual meet Tuesday at Mahomet. Wieneke clocked 16:16 over the three-mile course to beat Freeman by 10 seconds.

Mahomet-Seymour, the Okaw Valley champion, edged SJ-O 27-28.

•Champaign's Dave Hoover became ill over the weekend and was unable to run in last Sunday's marathon at Chicago. It may have been a blessing.

The unseasonably warm temperatures, humidity and wind had such an effect on the times that not even the winner, Dan Cloeter of Norfolk, Neb., could better the Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 2:21:54. Cloeter's time was 2:23:20.

A surprising fifth in the field of 4,724 starters was former Illini Rick Wilson of Frankfort, whose time was 2:36:40.

•Greg Kipper, the 22-year-old Decatur man who collapsed during the Freedom Marathon at Allerton Park on Oct. 14, was released from Decatur Memorial Hospital last Thursday.

"I'm back to work and there are no complications," said Kipper, an employee of Illinois Power

Co.

"Everything is going smoothly," he added. "I guess I was pretty lucky."

A man running behind Kipper, Galen Pendleton of Chicago, was a respiratory therapist. He attended to Kipper until Kipper could be transported to Kirby Memorial Hospital in Monticello.

Kipper said he collapsed because of dehydration and heat exhaustion. "I guess I wasn't drinking enough water."

There was no warning before he collapsed, he said. "I knew I was getting tired. I never expected to fall."

•Upcoming races:

Sunday (Oct. 28) — Lincoln Halloween Run. Four-mile race at 1 p.m. at Railsplitter State Park. Registration may be made in advance or from noon-1 p.m. on race day. For more information, contact Lincoln Recreation Center.

Nov. 3 — PET, Inc. Autumn Run. Races of one mile, 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters at 10 a.m. at Greenville High School, Highway 140 East. Proceeds to be split between Greenville Sports Boosters and Craig Virgin's Olympic Fund. Entry fee of \$4, or \$5 on race day. For more information, contact The Greenville Advocate.

Nov. 4 — Illinois Track Club Road Runs. Races of 5 and 15 kilometers at Illini Meadows. Check-in at 12:30 p.m. and races at 1. Entry fee is 50 cents for non-ITC members, free for members.

Nov. 17 — Pumpkin Pant. Seven-mile race at noon at Kickapoo State Park. For more information, contact Barney Hance, 1723 Lincoln Ave., Danville, 61832.

Nov. 17 — Decatur Turkey Trot. Races of one mile, 5,000 and 10,000 met-

ers. Registration from 8:30-10 a.m. at Montgomery Ward's parking lot and race at 10. Fee before Nov. 14 is \$2 for adults, \$1 for high school age and younger, \$1 for mile fun run. Race-day fee is \$3 and \$2. Race route leads the 1979 Decatur Christmas Parade. For more information, contact Decatur Recreation Department, Box 383, Decatur, 62525.

Nov. 18 — Governor's Cup 10,000. Race of 10,000 meters at Kankakee River State Park, six miles northwest of Kankakee on routes 102 and 113. Entry fee of \$5 payable to The NDA Governor's 10,000, Box 852, Kankakee, 60901. Entries postmarked later than Nov. 11 will be \$6. Check-in is from 8-9:30 a.m. and the race at 10. Entries are to include Craig Virgin, Mike Durkin, Steve Heidenreich and Rick Wohlhuter.

UPI Sports Editors Host Finks, Boyer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI) — Chicago Bears General Manager Jim Finks and St. Louis Cardinal Manager Ken Boyer will be the featured speakers at Wednesday's Illinois United Press International sports editors meeting.

Finks and assistant general manager Bill McGrane will address the luncheon at 12:15 p.m.

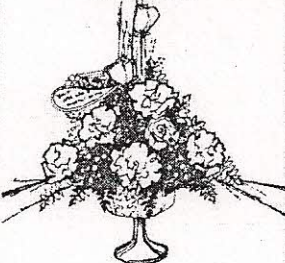
Gizz Kids Close Wheelchair Season

The University of Illinois Gizz Kids wheelchair football team closed its 1979 season with a 30-0 drubbing of the Chicago Pacemakers last weekend.

The Gizz Kids used the passing combination of quarterback Ron Malik and end Brad Hedrick for four touchdowns in the victory. The Gizz Kids finished with a 5-1 season record.

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