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## GIRLS RUN TO FIRST, BOYS CAPTURE SEVENTH

**The East Aurora boys and girls cross country teams stomped through the mud with 29 other teams on Saturday at the East Aurora Cross Country Invitational.**

The girls varsity team showed why they are ranked number one in New York State Class B, as they raced by the number two ranked team Honeoye Falls-Lima by 43 points. Leading the way for East Aurora were Catherine Lussardi in third, Jenna Hulton in fourth, Kirsten Weberg in eighth, Erin Crawford in 11th, Tara O'Connor in 12th, Paige Pelton in 19th, and Marla Kelley in 35th.

The boys team, which is currently ranked third among small schools in Western New York, continued to improve their efforts and placed seventh. The team was led by Ryan O'Connor, who battled the entire race to finish second. He was followed by Lyle O'Brien in 30th place, Scott Anderson in 66th, Brad Whitney in 67th, David Rowe in 77th, Pat Callahan in 82nd, and James Hessler in 88th.

The boys junior varsity team tied for second but ended up fourth after comparing the sixth runners of each team as the tie breaker. Leading the charge for the squad were Jack Wynes in seventh, Ryan Beirl in ninth, Matt Malican in 22nd, Christian Link in 31st, Greg Harts in 35th, Chris Lehman in 56th, Kevin O'Connor in 69th, Tom Neu in 80th, and Luke Hoag in 138th.

The girls junior varsity team demonstrated East Aurora's great team depth as they took the top six places to score a perfect 15 in the team scores. Alice Coughlin led East Aurora with a first place finish, followed by Ashley Beyer in second, Emily Crawford in third, Catherine Phillips in fourth, Katie Mosser in fifth, Lauren Kush in sixth, Alyssa Schifferle in eighth, Kim Dziulko in 16th, Leah Klocki in 47th and Mariah Gese in 85th.



With encouragement from Coach Walt McLaughlin, Catherine Lusardi crosses the finish line at the East Aurora Cross Country Invitational on Saturday. Photo by Marty Wangelin



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