



*** MEDIA ALERT ***

Piccirillo and Cheserek Capture First Place Titles in 33rd Annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Northeast Regional

Cheserek Breaks Course Record

RACE HIGHLIGHTS:

Angel Piccirillo of Homer City, Pa., and Edward Cheserek of Newark, N.J., won the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships (FLCCC) Northeast Regional today. In the girls' race, Laura Leff of Syracuse, N.Y., was in the lead at the first mile mark. At approximately two miles, Angel Piccirillo and Abbey Leonardi of Kennebunkport, Maine, caught up to Leff to pass her soon thereafter. Leonardi and Piccirillo ran together until the last 50 meters, when Piccirillo surged ahead to capture the title in 18:01 (third fastest time on this course). Leonardi placed second (18:05) for the third consecutive year and Leff finished fifth in 18:26. Piccirillo qualified for the FLCCC National Finals twice and Leonardi qualified three times.

Edward Cheserek, a junior at St. Benedict's Prep. in N.J., breaks the course record in 15:20. (Previous course record was held by Chad Noelle of Greene, N.Y. at 15:42 in 2010.) For the first mile of the race, a pack of runners remained together until Cheserek made his move, claiming the title 25 seconds ahead of Daniel Lennon, a senior at Peru Central High School, who finished second in 15:45. Tim Ball, a senior at Piscataway High School in N.J., placed third in 15:47.

WHEN/WHERE:

Saturday, November 26, 2011
Sunken Meadow State Park in Long Island, N.Y.

WEATHER:

5,000-meter course; good race conditions; 59 degrees; clear and sunny skies.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The top ten boys and the top ten girls in today's seeded races qualified to compete against runners from the South, Midwest and West Regional meets in the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals, on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Morley Field, Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif.

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(see attached chart for race results)

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2011Foot Locker Cross Country Championships – Northeast Regional Results
Sunken Meadow Park, Kings Park, New York

Boys

Place	Name	Hometown	High School	Time
1)	Edward Cheserek	Newark, N.J.	St. Benedict's Prep. School (11)	15:20
2)	Daniel Lennon	Morrisonville, N.Y.	Peru Central High School (12)	15:45
3)	Timothy Ball	Piscataway, N.J.	Piscataway High School (12)	15:47
4)	Joel Hubbard	Marshfield, Mass.	Marshfield High School (12)	15:49
5)	Dustin Wilson	Philadelphia, Pa.	Chestnut Hill Academy (12)	15:50
6)	Matthew McClintock	Athens, Maine	Madison Area Memorial High School (12)	15:51
7)	Jonathan Green	Berlin, Mass.	St. John's High Shrewsbury (11)	15:52
8)	Blake Udland	Short Hills, N.J.	Millburn High School (12)	15:55
9)	Christopher Allen	Norfolk, Mass.	King Philip Regional High School (12)	16:02
10)	Connor Rog	Fairfield, Conn.	Fairfield Prep. (12)	16:03

Girls

Place	Name	Hometown	High School	Time
1)	Angel Piccirillo	Homer City, Pa.	Homer Center High School (12)	18:01
2)	Abbey Leonardi	Kennebunkport, Maine	Kennebunk High School (12)	18:05
3)	Catarina Rocha	Peabody, Mass.	Peabody Veterans Memorial High School (11)	18:19
4)	Holly Bischof	Hainesport, N.J.	Bishop Eustace Prep. School (12)	18:24
5)	Laura Leff	Syracuse, N.Y.	West Genesee High School (10)	18:26
6)	Hannah Oneda	Westminster, Md.	Winters Mill High School (12)	18:26
7)	Alexis Panisse	Bellerose, N.Y.	Benjamin Cardozo High School (12)	18:29
8)	Caroline Kellner	West Windsor, N.J.	West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South (12)	18:35
9)	Meredith Speakman	Carlisle, Pa.	Boiling Springs High School (12)	18:36
10)	Tori Gerlach	Perkasie, Pa.	Penridge High School (12)	18:40

*Race photos and video highlights are available by request or online at www.footlockercc.com

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