



## \*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\*

### Rocha and Cheserek Capture First Place Titles in 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Northeast Regional

**RACE HIGHLIGHTS:**

Catarina Rocha of Peabody, Mass., and Edward Cheserek of Newark, N.J., won the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships (FLCCC) Northeast Regional today.

Edward Cheserek, a senior at St. Benedict's Prep. in Newark, N.J, wins his second consecutive FLCCC Northeast Regional title in 15:22, qualifying for the opportunity to defend his National Championship title in San Diego, Calif. on December 8. Jonathan Green of Berlin, Mass, placed second in 15:37, and Shawn Wilson of Marlton, N.J., placed third in 15:43. Cheserek was in the lead as they entered the woods and never relinquished the coveted spot throughout the race, followed by Green and Wilson. Green is a two-time FLCCC National Finalist.

Catarina Rocha, a senior from Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, claimed the title in 17:50, qualifying for the National Finals for the third consecutive year. Megan Curham of Warren, N.J., finished second in 18:09, and Katie Lembo of Penfield, N.Y., finished third in 18.11. Lembo was in the lead at the one-mile mark with Rocha not far behind. At the two-mile mark, Rocha made her move to take the lead and claimed the Northeast Regional title.

**WHEN/WHERE:**

Saturday, November 24, 2012  
Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, N.Y.

**WEATHER:**

5,000-meter course; good race conditions; 43 degrees; windy with partly-cloudy 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.8 at Morley Field, Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif.

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*(see attached chart for race results)*

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**2012 Foot Locker Cross Country Championships – Northeast Regional Results  
Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, New York**

**Boys**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Time</b>
1)	Edward Cheserek	Newark, N.J.	St. Benedict's Prep. School (12)	15:22
2)	Jonathan Green	Berlin, Mass.	St. John's High School (12)	15:37
3)	Shawn Wilson	Marlton, N.J.	Cherokee High School (12)	15:43
4)	Brendan Shearn	Frackville, Pa.	North Schuylkill High School (12)	15:46
5)	Kyle Kroon	Toms River, N.J.	Toms River South High School (11)	15:46
6)	Trevor Crawley	Cumberland, R.I.	Cumberland High School (12)	15:48
7)	Max Norris	Narberth, Pa.	Harrilton Senior High School (12)	15:49
8)	Chris Alvarado	Fairfield, Conn.	Fairfield College Preparatory School (11)	15:50
9)	Brent Kennedy	New Kensington, Pa.	Kiski Area High School (11)	15:51
10)	Austin Pondel	Columbus, Pa.	Corry Area High School (12)	15:51

**Girls**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Time</b>
1)	Catarina Rocha	Peabody, Mass.	Peabody Veterans Memorial High School (12)	17:50
2)	Megan Curham	Warren, N.J.	Villa Walsh Academy (12)	18:09
3)	Katie Lembo	Penfield, N.Y.	Penfield High School (11)	18:11
4)	Regan Rome	Dallas, Pa.	Dallas High School (11)	18:14
5)	Anoush Shehadeh	Larchmont, N.Y.	Phillips Academy Andover (10)	18:15
6)	Mackenzie Barry	Mendham, N.J.	West Morris Mendham High School (11)	18:23
7)	Marissa Saenger	Clarence, N.Y.	Clarence High School (11)	18:32
8)	Marisa Ruskan	Bound Brook, N.J.	Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School (12)	18:32
9)	Megan Reilly	Warwick, N.Y.	Warwick Valley High School (9)	18:36
10)	Kennedy Weisner	Saint Marys, Pa.	Elk County Catholic High School (11)	18:37

**\*Race photos and video highlights are available by request or online at [www.footlockercc.com](http://www.footlockercc.com)**

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