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## **Seidel and Cheserek Claim National Titles at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals**

**San Diego, Calif., December 10, 2011** – Molly Seidel of Hartland, Wis., and Edward Cheserek of Newark, N.J., won the 2011 Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals (FLCCC) at Morley Field, Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif., today. The runners competed in perfect racing conditions, under clear and sunny skies with a temperature in the mid-60s.

In the girls' race, Erin Finn of West Bloomfield, Mich., a two-time FLCCC National Finalist, dominated from the start, powering through the field and hitting the first mile in 5:20. Finn continued to push the pace maintaining her lead for the first half of the race. Midwest Regional Champion Seidel, a senior at University Lake School, started to close the gap approaching the two-mile mark, separating herself from a chase group of runners. For the remainder of the race, the two ran neck-and-neck, until the home stretch, when Seidel was able to overcome Finn to capture the title in 17:22. Finn placed second in 17:24, and Laura Leff of Syracuse, N.Y., finished third in 17:34.

The boys' race was virtually a two-man show between Cheserek and two-time FLCCC National Finalist Futsum Zeinasellassie of Indianapolis, Ind. The two runners battled for the lead, each unwilling to let go of the top spot. In one of the most epic finishes in the 33-year history of the race, Cheserek, the Northeast FLCCC Regional Champion, surged ahead to claim the National Title in 14:52, with Zeinasellassie, finishing behind him in 14:53. Nathan Weitz of Spokane, Wash., placed third in 15:21.

The Foot Locker Cross Country Championships is comprised of four regional 5K races, which took place across the country in the Midwest (Kenosha, Wis.), Northeast (Kings Park, N.Y.), and South (Charlotte, N.C.) on Nov. 26, and the West (Walnut, Calif.) on Dec. 3, culminating in the National Finals here today. The pre-race and race footage can be viewed online at [footlockercc.com](http://footlockercc.com).

**\*Photos are available upon request or online at [footlockercc.com](http://footlockercc.com)\***



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### 2011 Girls

### National Finals

Place	Time	Bib	Name	Grade	Region	School	City	State
1	17:22	31	Molly Seidel	12	Midwest	University Lake School	Hartland	WI
2	17:24	33	Erin Finn	11	Midwest	West Bloomfield H.S.	West Bloomfield	MI
3	17:34	15	Laura Leff	10	Northeast	West Genesee H.S.	Syracuse	NY
4	17:36	12	Abbey Leonardi	12	Northeast	Kennebunk H.S.	Kennebunkport	ME
5	17:36	41	Karlie Garcia	11	West	Oakmont H.S.	Roseville	CA
6	17:37	23	Grace Tinkey	11	South	First Presbyterian Day School	Macon	GA
7	17:38	13	Catarina Rocha	11	Northeast	Peabody Veterans Memorial H.S.	Peabody	MA
8	17:39	42	Kelsey Braithwaite	12	West	Box Elder H.S.	Perry	UT
9	17:40	43	Makena Morley	9	West	Bigfork H.S.	Bigfork	MT
10	17:40	32	Julia Bos	11	Midwest	Grand Rapids Christian H.S.	Rockford	MI
11	17:45	22	Sophie Chase	11	South	Lake Braddock Secondary	Burke	VA
12	17:45	29	Karis Jochen	11	South	A&M Consolidated H.S.	College Station	TX
13	17:47	11	Angel Piccirillo	12	Northeast	Homer-Center H.S.	Homer City	PA
14	17:56	39	Lindsey Burdette	12	Midwest	Hanover-Horton H.S.	Horton	MI
15	17:57	38	Alexandria Fons	10	Midwest	Franklin H.S.	Franklin	WI
16	18:02	24	Megan Moye	12	South	Cosby H.S.	Moseley	VA
17	18:04	45	Nikki Hiltz	11	West	Aptos H.S.	Aptos	CA
18	18:05	21	Cali Roper	12	South	Willis H.S.	Conroe	TX
19	18:06	25	Olivia Ortiz	11	South	Lakewood Ranch H.S.	Bradenton	FL
20	18:07	37	Nicole Mello	11	Midwest	Hickman H.S.	Columbia	MO
21	18:07	35	Maria Hauger	11	Midwest	Shakopee H.S.	Shakopee	MN
22	18:08	48	Cami Chapus	12	West	Harvard-Westlake H.S.	Pacific Palisades	CA
23	18:14	44	Jordan McPhee	10	West	Mount Rainier H.S.	Normandy Park	WA
24	18:15	49	Anna Maxwell	10	West	San Lorenzo Valley H.S.	Felton	CA
25	18:17	34	Taylor Manett	12	Midwest	Rockford H.S.	Rockford	MI
26	18:18	36	Sydney Scott	12	Midwest	Denver South H.S.	Idaho Springs	CO
27	18:18	47	Clare Carroll	10	West	Vista del Lago H.S.	Folsom	CA
28	18:18	14	Holly Bischof	12	Northeast	Bishop Eustace Prep School	Hainesport	NJ
29	18:19	26	Samantha George	12	South	Millbrook H.S.	Raleigh	NC
30	18:20	17	Alexis Panisse	12	Northeast	Benjamin Cardozo H.S.	Bellrose	NY
31	18:20	40	Kaylee Flanagan	11	Midwest	Lake Park H.S.	Roselle	IL
32	18:21	46	Sydney Segal	11	West	Beverly Hills H.S.	Beverly Hills	CA
33	18:21	16	Hannah Oneda	12	Northeast	Winters Mill H.S.	Westminster	MD
34	18:22	28	Alana Hadley	9	South	Ardrey Kell H.S.	Charlotte	NC
35	18:30	30	Lily Williams	12	South	Lawton Chiles H.S.	Tallahassee	FL
36	18:33	18	Caroline Kellner	12	Northeast	West Windsor-Plainsboro H.S.	West Windsor	NJ
37	18:35	50	Emily Nist	12	West	Bishop Kelly H.S.	Meridian	ID
38	18:37	27	Bridget Blake	11	South	Dr. Phillips H.S.	Orlando	FL
39	18:38	20	Tori Gerlach	12	Northeast	Pennridge H.S.	Perkasie	PA
40	18:46	19	Meredith Speakman	12	Northeast	Boiling Springs H.S.	Carlisle	PA

### Team Results

Place	Team	Score	Places For Team
1	Midwest	42	1 2 10 14 15 20 21
2	Northeast	52	3 4 7 13 25 27 28
3	West	61	5 8 9 17 22 23 24
4	South	63	6 11 12 16 18 19 26



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1	14:52	51	Edward Cheserek	11	Northeast	St. Benedict's Prep. School	Newark	NJ
2	14:53	71	Futsum Zeinasellassie	12	Midwest	North Central H.S.	Indianapolis	IN
3	15:21	82	Nathan Weitz	12	West	The Oaks Classical Christian Academy	Spokane	WA
4	15:22	72	Jake Leingang	11	Midwest	Bismarck H.S.	Bismarck	ND
5	15:23	63	Daniel Vertiz	12	South	Ronald Reagan H.S.	San Antonio	TX
6	15:24	84	Andrew Gardner	11	West	Mead H.S.	Spokane	WA
7	15:24	75	Tony Smoragiewicz	12	Midwest	Rapid City Central H.S.	Rapid City	SD
8	15:25	64	Joshua Brickell	11	South	Peachtree Ridge H.S.	Suwanee	GA
9	15:25	65	Thomas Graham	12	South	Cary Academy	Cary	NC
10	15:28	66	Sean McGorty	11	South	Chantilly H.S.	Fairfax	VA
11	15:29	83	Dallin Farnsworth	12	West	Highland H.S.	Pocatello	ID
12	15:30	62	Ahmed Bile	12	South	Annandale H.S.	Annandale	VA
13	15:30	55	Dustin Wilson	12	Northeast	Chestnut Hill Academy	Philadelphia	PA
14	15:31	61	Craig Nowak	12	South	Cypress Woods H.S.	Cypress	TX
15	15:32	56	Matthew McClintock	12	Northeast	Madison Area Memorial H.S.	Athens	ME
16	15:33	53	Timothy Ball	12	Northeast	Piscataway H.S.	Piscataway	NJ
17	15:34	81	Darren Fahy	12	West	La Costa Canyon H.S.	Carlsbad	CA
18	15:35	60	Connor Rog	12	Northeast	Fairfield Prep.	Fairfield	CT
19	15:42	67	Jacob Thomson	11	South	Holy Cross H.S.	Louisville	KY
20	15:42	69	Robert Domanic	11	South	Hebron H.S.	Lewisville	TX
21	15:44	52	Daniel Lennon	12	Northeast	Peru Central H.S.	Morrisonville	NY
22	15:46	57	Jonathan Green	11	Northeast	St. John's High Shrewsbury	Berlin	MA
23	15:46	68	Thomas Madden	11	South	Skyline H.S.	Front Royal	VA
24	15:47	59	Christopher Allen	12	Northeast	King Philip Regional H.S.	Norfolk	MA
25	15:51	73	Michael Clevenger	12	Midwest	MacArthur H.S.	Decatur	IL
26	15:53	74	Malachy Schrobilgen	12	Midwest	Oak Park-River Forest H.S.	Oak Park	IL
27	15:53	76	Evan Chiplock	12	Midwest	Saginaw Heritage H.S.	Saginaw	MI
28	15:57	78	Ryan Polman	12	Midwest	Independence H.S.	Independence	OH
29	15:58	80	Samuel Berger	12	Midwest	Zionsville Community H.S.	Zionsville	IN
30	16:01	87	Luis Luna	12	West	Pine H.S.	Santa Rosa	CA
31	16:02	86	Cameron Miller	12	West	Stockdale H.S.	Bakersfield	CA
32	16:03	79	Addison DeHaven	10	Midwest	Brookings H.S.	Brookings	SD
33	16:07	77	Grant Nykaza	11	Midwest	Beecher H.S.	Beecher	IL
34	16:07	85	Billy Gaudreau	12	West	St Margaret's Episcopal School	Dana Point	CA
35	16:10	54	Joel Hubbard	12	Northeast	Marshfield H.S.	Marshfield	MA
36	16:16	88	CJ Albertson	12	West	Buchanan H.S.	Fresno	CA
37	16:21	90	Kevin Durham	12	West	El Toro H.S.	Lake Forest	CA
38	16:22	89	Miles Smith	11	West	St John Bosco H.S.	Lakewood	CA
39	16:28	70	Chris Godwin	12	South	Buchholz H.S.	Gainesville	FL
40	16:54	58	Blake Udland	12	Northeast	Millburn H.S.	Short Hills	NJ

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1	South	44	5 8 9 10 12 14 19
2	Midwest	58	2 4 7 22 23 24 25
3	Northeast	63	1 13 15 16 18 20 21
4	West	63	3 6 11 17 26 27 28



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