

Banner Career for Busch B

Roger Busch made a place for himself in the record books at North Putnam. What most people noticed was the bottom line, "How did Roger do?"

The answers were usually the same. First.

County and sectional champ, Charger Classic champ (meet record), sixth-place finish at the regional, ninth at semi-state, and thirtieth at state. Add to that an all-state selection.

The story of Roger's accomplishments include much more than just

numbers. Roger disciplined himself when it wasn't easy. After the other North Putnam runners had finished their seasons, Roger practiced alone on the familiar course behind the school, cold weather or warm. His only competition was the stopwatch.

On November 9 Roger ran his personal best time at the state meet. Even though he placed thirtieth, he earned the respect of those friends and teammates who would regard him as a winner.



Roger runs in a meet at Greencastle.



South Grove Golf Course was the site of the State Cross Country Meet.



Roger poses before running in the state meet.



Roger (background) follows a group of runners around a turn.