



Olivia Frank, at left, is the reason for coach Steve Liebhauser's hairless look. The coach shaved his head after Frank met a team challenge to finish in third place or higher in a cross country race.

Bald head spurs runners

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Anyone who has been to Slice of Heaven lately may think they have to shave their head to work there.

Owner Steven Liebhauser, of Jamestown, also volunteers as the coach of the Quest Montessori middle school cross-country team in Exeter. Liebhauser knows the kids get nervous prior to meets so to lighten the mood at the start of the season, he made a deal with his team. If a Quest student placed first, second or third, Coach Liebhauser promised he would shave his head. "Sure enough, in the first race, islander Olivia Frank placed sixth, in the second race she placed second and that was that," recalled Liebhauser with a chuckle. "She had barely crossed the finish line and could hardly breathe and was reminding me that I promised to shave my head, just in case I forgot."

The next day Frank got to work on her coach's hair with the clippers prior to practice. "That was a little scary, but it was not some-

thing I could back down on," added Liebhauser.

When asked if she thought she or one of her teammates could place in the top three, Frank said "no, because he (Liebhauser) said there would be so many runners and there are only nine of us, so I was pretty sure we wouldn't." Frank was surprised by her success and was thinking about her coach's bet when she crossed the finish line, "but I never thought he would do it, and then he showed up the next day with his shaver."

Following the head shaving, Frank placed first in the Oct. 4 Southern Division Cross Country Meet at Narragansett Pier Middle School against Exeter-West Greenwich, Chariho and Narragansett Pier Middle Schools. At an invitational meet on Oct. 11, Frank placed sixth out of 130 girls. As a seventh grader, this is only Frank's second season running. "Olivia is a natural athlete and just a great kid. She is an inspiration for all the kids on the

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