

JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Bailey's golden run

TAKES TITLE IN PERFECT RACE

Torin Chen

CROSS-COUNTRY runner Bailey Habler overcame mud on a hilly terrain to capture his maiden state title.

Bailey, 10, of Malabar, mastered a technical course at Oran Park on his way to gold in the under-10 boys division at the NSW cross-country championships in September.

The Sweat Sydney, Centennial Park, runner executed a perfect race plan of staying with the lead runners before hitting the front on his own at halfway.

"The hardest part was the mud because it slows you down, and you slip and slide," he said.

The state title earned him a trip to his maiden national

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championships in Perth, where he bagged a top 10 placing on a challenging course.

"There were a lot of hills and lots of sand," he said.

"A lot of people were tripping over."

Representing Malabar Public School, the Year 4 student finished second at the NSW All Schools cross-country championships.

The youngster started cross-country running two years ago and trains for up to three hours a week at Centennial Park.



Malabar's Bailey Habler won the NSW under-10 boys cross-country championships. Picture: JOHN APPELYARD