

Class A champion

St. Joseph wins in cross country

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YPSILANTI — St. Joseph, the smallest school in the Class A competition, captured the two biggest prizes Saturday in the 50th annual state high school cross country championships on Washtenaw Country Club's 21-mile course.

Tim Tobin won the individual championship in 12:48.9 to lead St. Joseph, with an enrollment of 1,200, to the state championship with 97 points. St. Joseph, a community of about 30,000 people is a mile northwest of Benton Harbor.

Nick Ellis, of Detroit Cooley, finished second to Tobin in the individual competition, but Cooley finished last among the 19 Class A schools. Defending champion Flint Kearsley, which defeated St. Joseph by two points in 1970, finished second with 120 points. The next eight places went to metropolitan Detroit area teams.

"We didn't run a good race last year and were disappointed by our second-place finish," said St. Joseph coach Ron Waldvogel. "We were confident we would win if all the boys ran up to their capabilities." Tobin finished fifth last year. His twin brother Pat came in seventh and teammate Brian Hudson eighth Saturday.

Mike Gilleran, the defending individual champion from Birmingham Seaholm, slipped to fifth.

Muskegon Catholic Central won the Class B championship with 80 points. Auburn Heights Avondale and Oxford tied for second with 98.

Oxford's Doug O Berry, who won the state Class B two-mile track title last spring, added the cross country championship with a 13:10 performance.

Wyoming Lee scored 81 points to win the combined Class C-D championship by 19 points over Carson City Crystal. Mike Burns, of Crystal, took individual honors in 12:56.4.

A special race was held in

each of the three classes for individuals who finished in the top 10 in regional competition but whose teams did not qualify for the state finals. The top two teams from each region advanced to the finals.

Greg Meyer, of Grand Rapids West Catholic, won the Class A special race in 12:50.5. Herb Lindsay, of Reed City, took Class B honors in 13:04 and Lee Davies, of Williamston, was the Class C winner in 13:27.6.

CLASS A

1. St. Joseph, 97 points; 2. Flint Kearsley, 120; 3. Belleville, 125; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 139; 5. West Bloomfield, 176; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 186; 7. Grosse Pointe North, 233; 8. Pontiac Northern, 237; 9. Dearborn, 241; 10. Lincoln Park, 242.

11. Kalamazoo Lov Norrix, 248; Birmingham Brother Rice, 302; Grand Rapids Union, 314; 14. Bay Central, 316; 15. Livonia Stevenson, 316; Harper Woods Notre Dame, 335; Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 338; 18. Bishop Borgess, 427; 19. Detroit Cooley, 441.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Tim Tobin, St. Joseph, 12:48.9; 2. Nick Ellis, Cooley; 3. Bob Hunt, Bay City Central; 4. Jim Cross, Belleville; 5. Kurt Gummars, Kearsley; 6. Mike Manz, Lahser; 7. Pat Tobin, St. Joseph; 8. Brian Hudson, St. Joseph; 9. Mike Gilleran, Seaholm; 10. Joe Smyka, Notre Dame.

SPECIAL CLASS A INDIVIDUAL RACE — 1. Greg Meyer, Grand Rapids West Catholic, 12:50.5; 2. David Burkhart, Southgate; 3. Tom Leveno, Bay City, Handy; 4. Bruce Peloski, Jackson; 5. Joe Caruso, Bedford.

CLASS B

1. Muskegon Catholic Central, 80 points; 2. (tie) Auburn Heights Avondale and Oxford, 98; 4. Alma, 156; Rogers City, 201; 6. Kalamazoo Christian, 206; 7. Charlotte, 222; 8. Sturgis, 237; 9. New Boston Huron, 243; 10. Monroe Catholic Central, 247; 11. Oshtemo, 253; 12. Greenville, 263; 13. Okemos, 302; 14. Vassar, 338; 15. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 355; 16. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 360; 17. Dearborn Divine Child, 378; 18. Corona, 427.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Doug O Berry, Oxford, 13:10; 2. Bill Bytwork, Charlotte; 3. James Dennis, Otsego; 4. Jonathan Watwick, Rogers City; 5. Jim Call, Avondale; 6. Joe Schmitt, Muskegon C. C.; 7. Jim Chenoweth, Charlotte; 8. Tony Luttrell, Avondale; 9. Fred Lang, Sturgis; 10. Dennis Steffick, Muskegon C.C.

SPECIAL CLASS B INDIVIDUAL

1. Herb Lindsay, Reed City, 13:04; 2. Dave LaClair, Pinconnine; 3. Jim Doyle, Riverview; 4. Dave Barle, South Haven; 5. Kim Stafford, Parkman.

CLASS C-D

1. Wyoming Lee, 81 points; 2. Carson City Crystal, 100; 3. Fennville, 137; Mayville, 162; 5. (tie) Fairview and Shepherd, 172; 7. Jackson Vandercook Lake, 174; 8. Watervliet, 175; 9. Hartford, 180; 10. Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 182; 11. Orchard Lake St. Mary, 182; 12. Dansville, 210.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Mike Burns, Crystal, 12:56.4; 2. Doug Moore, Vandercook Lake; 3. Tom Caras, Orchard Lake St. Mary; 4. Kris Glowacki, Shepherd; 5. Pat Carroll, St. Thomas; 6. Jim Sexton, Fennville; 7. Sam Meyer, Shepherd; 8. Bill Fries, Hartford; 9. Greg Long, Lee; 10. Brian Thiede, Vandercook Lake.

SPECIAL CLASS C-D INDIVIDUAL

1. Lee Davies, Williamston, 13:27.6; 2. Greg Sanderson, Lawton; 3. Kevin Lynn, Onsted; 4. Ron Denney, Bangor; 5. Gordon Freestone, Bangor.