

Gd. Blanc runs to second place

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HOWELL — The trademark of the Grand Blanc High cross country team over the past three years has been consistency.

The Bobcats lived up to the tag Saturday with a second-place finish in the state Class A cross country meet

Bob Stallcup's harriers were champs last season and were runnersup the previous campaign but couldn't stop a charged-up Brighton team.

Grand Blanc had defeated Brighton a month ago in a meet by 24 points but the Bulldogs' put four runners in the top 15 finishers for 85 points to 95 for Grand Blanc.

Royal Oak Kimball was third with 194 points followed by Grosse Pointe North with 207.

Kearsley was next with 218 points which was good enough for fifth Northern finished 16th with 395 and Swartz Creek tied for 20th with 444 points

Holy Rosary finished fourth in the Class D meet which was also held at Howell.

STALLCUP WAS PLEASED with the showing although it wasn't good enough to defend the title.

"There were three or four teams that could have won this. It would have been nice to win but the team performed very well," he said.

Grand Blanc's Mike Moore ran to the best finish of any area harrier with a time of 14:59.7 for fourth place The winning time in the team competition was 14:47.4 by Doug Tolson of Wayne Memorial High.

Rick Scharchburg was next for the Bobcats in eighth place followed by John Robins in 15th, Mark Moleski in 21st, Rick Brochu in 47th, Jerry Brabbs in 49th and Scott Waller in 92nd

Ernie Jacot was tops for Kearsley in 23rd place. Tony Blankenship was 33rd, Cavin Councilor 43rd, Dan Adas 50th and freshman Ed Arntz was 69th.

The individual competition was won by Jim Miller of Adrian in the same time of 14:47.4 as the team winner Chuck Balderstone of Chio was the top area competitor in the individual race with a 10th place.

HOLY ROSARY accumulated 107 points in its fourth-place finish

Akron Fairgrove won the title with 96 points Mancelona was second with 99 and Ann Arbor Green Hills was third with 100 points

Mark Salgat was the top performer for the Wolverines with an 11th place in a time of 16:24.0 Greg Bennett was 13th in 16:30.3 followed by Tom Mulally 19th, Brian Mulally 23rd, Vic Verhaghe 42nd and Eric Salgat 89th