

# Holly repeats as state Class B harrier king

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HASLETT — Holly High's cross country team found strength in togetherness here Saturday afternoon to win its second straight state Class B title.

Without the benefit of a runner in the top 15, Duane Raffin's Bronchos exchanged individual stardom for team achievement to finish with a

169-point performance.

The winning total contrasted with Holly's 83-point triumph of a year ago when it easily outdistanced the second place team by 99 points.

Saturday's meet was a dogfight.

Grand Rapids Christian earned second place with 181, Jackson Lumen Christi was third with 185 and Fremont fourth with 214.

"I don't care if we scored 200 points, we won it and that's all that counts," said Raffin as his team

prepared for trophy presentation

"The days of the low scores are over. There's just too many good individuals around for any one team to be dominant. Our guys ran as a team and that's cross country."

Ainsworth, third in last year's state meet, scored 225 Saturday to place fifth.

Kenn Domerese's Spartans were led by John Determan who copped second place behind Cadillac's Mark Smith.

Smith's winning time of 16:10.9 was

10 seconds better than Determan who was way off the mark from his season-best clocking of 14:36

Most of the times were slower than usual and that was due in part to a course which measured about 300 yards longer than the standard length of 3 miles

Fenton, the other team comprising a 1-2-3 representation from the Metro League, had a score of 465

Holly's leading finisher was Bill Lowande who placed 16th. The other

Bronchos' scorers were Randy Nixon 20th, Matt Stack 30th, Mark Seavey 37th and Al Powell 66th. Don Hamilton (91st) and Greg Morris (98th) rounded out the Bronchos' top seven

In addition to Determan, Ainsworth's scorers were Scott Vadovich 25th, Bill Olson 64th, Rick Palmrose 61st and Brian Earley 73rd

Fenton's five-man total included Winston Stody 39th, Dave Bruder 40th, Gary Crenshaw 113, Dale Keswick 129th, and Kurt Mattson 144th

Kearsley placed 12th in the first sanctioned girls' harrier meet, featuring teams from all classes

The Hornets totalled 292 points while fellow Big Nine Conference contender Flushing grabbed 14th with 318

Rochester won the girls' title with 133 points followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer 149 and Brighton 169. Pioneer's Beth Huff crossed the finish line first in 18:47

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Freshman Brenda Schenk placed 30th to lead Kearsley which got its other points from Pam Draper 42nd, Wendy Gusie 49th, Lynette Rice 66th and Diane Kotsko 105th

Flushing's scorers included Dawn Van Brocklin 31st, Carol Potoczny 43rd, Cheryl Greene 55th, Kim Bare 87th and Betsy Boyer 102nd

The boys' Class C championship was won by Wyoming Lee with 123 points Breckenridge placed second with 135 and Freeland was third with 161 Freeland's Dan Shamiyeh took first place in 16.16 3.

Individual qualifiers for the state meet vied in separate Class B and Class C boys' races and an all-classes girls' race.

Grand Rapids South Christian's Brian Diemer won the Class B individual race with a 16:12.9 clocking. Leading performers from the Flint area included Lakeville's Paul Blackwell ninth, Mt Morris's Dave Michael 14th, Hartland's Rich Christiansen 33rd, Ortonville's Todd Trese 48th and Beecher's Mark Boucher 53rd.

Flat Rock's Ken Jabe won the Class C individual crown with a time of 16:41.6. Bendle's Jeff Baldwin placed 16th to lead area runners while Montrose's Dave Stinchcomb placed 33rd, Atherton's Matt Trevorrow 39th, Atherton's Dennis Gunn 51st and Byron's Jeff Cottle 58th.

Whitehall's Gail Burch was the girls' unattached champion in 18:45.7. Clio's Lisa Burger was the leading area finisher in 19th place. Holy Rosary's Mary Mullally was 27th, Powers' Mary Anne Russell 49th, Holly's Heidi Allen 57th and Clio's Julie Misekow 60th.

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