

# Diemer, Wyoming Lee Take State Run Titles; Christian Falls Short

By Scott Scholten

HASLETT — For Brian Diemer, it was just like any other time he has run this fall.

For Wyoming Lee, it was just like earlier in the decade.

But for Grand Rapids Christian, it was much like last year.

Diemer and Lee both wound up with state championships and Grand Rapids Christian wound up with another near miss at the Class B-C cross-country meet on a sunny Saturday.

Diemer, South Christian High School's distance star, cruised to victory in the race for individual runners in Class B to improve by one notch his finish of one year ago.

Lee notched the third state championship in its history and first since 1972 on what Coach Art Kraai termed "a great team effort."

But Christian, City League champion and rated No. 1 in the state, came up 12 points short of Holly, a team it had defeated earlier in the year in an invitational, in the race for the Class B team title.

All fall, Diemer, the Sailors' fine-tuned running instrument, has stayed at least 20 seconds ahead of his opposition.

The runners in the state finals also would have gotten a nice rear view / — if they were carrying binoculars.

While Diemer was crossing the finish line situated at the 50-yard line of Haslett High School's football field, his competition still was winding through the weeds well behind the field.

Diemer finished in 16:12.9 over a course that was 300 yards longer than the prescribed three miles; his nearest pursuer, Kurt Mast of Holland Christian, crossed the finish line in 16:41.3

"This is what I've wanted since last year," smiled Diemer, not even

breathing hard after winding his way through the finish chute. "A state championship. I also wanted the fastest time, but I don't know if I got it yet."

He didn't. His winning time was two seconds slower than that of Mark Smith of Cadillac, individual winner of the team race.

Lee, which won back-to-back state titles in 1971-72 under Coach Art Kraai, added a third, despite placing only one runner among the top 15.

"I didn't think we'd win it," said Kraai. "Breckenridge was favored. They were No. 1 all season."

But Lee's 123-point total was 12 ahead of Breckenridge at 135.

Bill Bainbridge led the Rebel surge with a sixth place finish in 16:49.8. Then came the tightly-banded Rebels who provided the victory: Jody Lowing 21st, Wendell Ratliff 26th, Jim Melinn 30th and Scott Holford 40th.

In the individual race, White Cloud's Mike Maie ran to second place in 16:51.

"John Brink ran his greatest race of the season," praised Christian Coach John Warners. "He saved the best for last, and got stronger during the second half of the race."

Brink, two-time City League champion, surged from seventh place halfway through the race to a third-place finish in 16:34.4, but it wasn't enough to bring the Eagles the title.

West Michigan runners nearly owned the top ten places in the individual race in Class B. After the 1-2 finish of Diemer and Mast, Al Ross of Ludington finished third, John Adams of Spring Lake fourth, Phil Walcott of Jenison sixth and John Foss of Delton eighth.

## Class A-D

With four finishers in the top 15, Brighton High School notched only 85

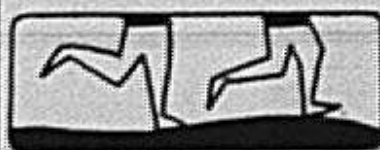
points to run away with the Class A cross country state championship Saturday at Howell and Akron-Fairgrove edged Mancelona by three points to take the Class D title.

Grand Haven placed 10th in the 25-team Class A division.

Doug Tolson of Wayne Memorial won the individual team race and Jim Miller of Adrian took the individual race, both finishing in 14:47.4. Brian Nevins of Rockford finished 13th in 15:26. East Kentwood's Mike Schmucker and Steve Orchard came in 19th and 38th and Bob Brock and Dave Niles of Holland West Ottawa finished 22nd and 29th.

In the Class D individual race, Trent and Wade Chipman of Saranac completed the race seven seconds apart in sixth and seventh. Allendale's Shannon Moore finished 11th.

Rod Vrevard of Detroit East Catholic had the best Class D time, winning the team race in 15:18.



## Cross country College

### NAIA District 23 Cross-Country Meet at Spring Arbor

Hillsdale 34, Saginaw Valley 37, Aquinas 82, Ferris State 113, Northwood Institute 120, Spring Arbor 164, Grand Valley State College 214, Lake Superior 230.

## High School

### STATE MEETS

#### CLASS A

##### At Howell

##### Team results

Brighton 85, Grand Blanc 95, Royal Oak Kimball 194, Grosse Pointe North 207, Flint Kearsley 218, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 223, Jackson 231, Portage Northern 241, Northville 285, Grand Haven 286, Warren Tower 307, Stevenson 325, Edsel Ford 334, Southfield Lathrup 340, Dearborn Fordson 360, Flint Northern 395, West Bloomfield 406, Port Huron Northern 416, Wayne Memorial 443, Swartz Creek 444, Royal Oak Dondero 444, Walled Lake 443, Howell 490, Grosse Pointe South 494.

##### Top 15 team race

Doug Tolson (Wayne Mem) 14:47, Todd Snow (Jack) 14:51, Steve Orlando (Royal Oak Kimball) 14:57, Mike Moore (Grand Blanc) 14:59, Brian Olsen (Jackson) 15:00, Bill Fluharty (Edsel Ford) 15:01, Steve Leach (Brighton) 15:06, Larry Fischer (Grand Haven) 15:09, Kevin Hurley (Brighton) 15:11, Mike Lasley (Royal Oak Dondero) 15:16, Jim Schmidt (Grosse Pointe North) 15:17, Doug Moore (Brighton) 15:20, John Robins (Grand Blanc) 15:23.

##### Top 15 individual race

Jim Miller (Adrian) 14:47, Mike Kilpela (Ann Arbor Huron) 14:53, Kevin Tribbett (Battle Creek Lakeview) 15:00, Charles Broski (Hazel Park) 15:03, Scott Brasington (East Lansing) 15:07, Matt Barnard (Waterford Mott) 15:08, Gordon Sanders (Clarkston) 15:09, Phil Brady (Mt. Clemens) 15:14, STEVE Underwood (East Lansing) 15:19, Brian Murley (Lansing Sexton) 15:21, Chuck Pladerstone (Clio) 15:25, Johan Engholm (Farmington Harrison) 15:26, Bryan Nevins (Rockford) 15:26, Tim Rauh (Dearborn) 15:27, Mark Davis (Waterford Mott) 15:29.

#### CLASS B

##### At Haslett

##### Team results

Holly 169, GR Christian 181, Jackson Lumen Christi 185, Fremont 214, Holt 214, Flint Ainsworth 225, Cadillac 237, Midland Bullock Creek 238, Plainwell 248, Marshall 256, Dearborn Divine Child 264, Big Rapids 332, Otsego 347, Rogers 361, Gull Lake 362, Charlotte 363, Herper Creek 369, Port Huron Central 389, Bishop Gallagher 392, Troy 422, Forest Hills Central 436, Fenton 465, Inkster Cherry Hill 579, Riverview Gabriel Richard 478.

##### Top 15 team race

Mark Smith (Cadillac) 16:11, John Determan (Ainsworth) 16:29, John Brink (GR Christian) 15:34, Bill Stone (Holt) 16:40, Dan Kalsh (Big Rapids) 16:41, Kyle Spann (Midland Bullock Creek) 16:42, Terry Keyser (Midland Bullock Creek) 16:42, Bill Cooke (Midland Bullock Creek) 16:44, Kevin Jewett (Fremont) 16:53, Ken Gamble (Big Rapids) 16:54, Glen Bradley (Charlotte) 16:58, Charles Den (Troy) 16:59, Fred Bisell (Marshall) 16:40, MARRY Haffy (Dearborn Divine Child) 17:00, Don Fiero (Jackson Lumen Christi) 17:02.

##### Top 15 individual race

Brian Diemer (GR South Christian) 16:13, Kurt Meier (Holly Christian) 16:42

17:11, Rich Bean 17:12, Guy Jacobson (Whitehall) 17:15, Tom Pluister (Boyer City) 17:16, Daniel Brown (Mt. Clemens Lutheran N.) 17:20, Kevin Becker (Middleville) 17:24, John Embury (Vandercook Lake) 17:27, Kevin Sutton (Hackett) 17:28, Larry Flynn (Elk Rapids) 17:30.

#### CLASS D

##### At Howell

##### Team results

Akron-Fairgrove 96, Mancelona 99, Greenhills 100, Holy Rosary 107, Bear Lake 137, Concord 173, Detroit Country Day 179, Kingsley 199, Ann Arbor Richard 224, Lansing Christian 228, Lawton 235, St. Martin DePorres 249, Detroit East Catholic 280, Southfield Christian 342.

##### Top 15 team race

Rod Vrevar (Detroit E. Catholic) 15:18, Phil Bedford (Akron-Fairgrove) 15:30, Eric Miller (Ann Arbor Greenhills) 15:39, Paul Ziehm (Bear Lake) 16:02, Kevin Gorman (Concord) 16:10, Kirk Becker (Akron-Fairgrove) 16:12, Tom Seyler (Kingsley) 16:15, Jim Hubbard (Concord) 16:18, Dan Bleh (Mancelona) 16:19, Kyle Detmers (Akron-Fairgrove) 16:21, Mark Selget (Holy Rosary) 16:30, Bill duren (Green Hills) 16:31, Roy Copeland (Lawton) 16:32.

##### Top 15 individual race

Rusty Schafer (Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart) 15:43, Brad McPherson (Morrice) 15:43, Duane Bass (McBain Christian) 16:08, Jon DeGroot (Dainsville) 16:19, Randy Payne (Walkerville) 16:29, Trent Chipman (Saranac) 16:31, Weyde Chipman (Saranac) 16:38, Bill Simaz (Lake Michigan Catholic) 16:40, Scott Tysick (Oakland Christian) 16:41, Wayne Luck (Centreville) 16:42, Shannon Moore (Allendale) 16:48, Steve Cole (Bethany Christian) 16:49, Mike Dunn (Bethany Christian) 16:55, Greg Miller (Pottersville) 17:00, Ralph Livingstone (Alanson-Littlefield) 17:03.

#### Girls state finals

##### Top 15 team race

Beth Huff (Ann Arbor Pioneer Flushing) 18:47, Brenda Clark (Grand Haven) 19:01, Sheila Varga (River Valley) 19:19, Susan Brown (Brighton) 19:30, Pat Hamparian (Brighton) 19:34, Jill Washburn (Rochester) 19:40, Melinda Fischer (Grand Haven) 19:44, Sue Fredrick (Ann Arbor Huron) 19:46, Kathy Selbel (Decatur) 19:47, Janet Fulkerson (Midland) 19:48, Sue Heinlen (Our Lady of Mercy) 19:48, Laurie Bennett (Livonia Stevenson) 19:56, Lisa Franseen (Rochester) 19:58, Dawn Clark (Grand Haven) 19:20, Wendy Tipton (Livonia Stevenson) 20:02.

##### Top 15 individual race

Gail Burch (Whitehall) 18:44, Melanie Weaver (Mason Co. Central) 19:13, Ann Pewe (Olivet) 19:21, Lisa Last (Alma) 19:31, Nora Green (Shepherd) 19:45, Julie Stansberry (Yale) 20:03, Nancy Liponoga (Royal Oak Dondero) 20:07, Cheryl Schaffer (South Lyon) 20:18, Janie Barber (Holt) 20:21, Cheri Warchock (Kalkaska) 20:21, Geri Gaines (Breckenridge) 20:22, Rogin Mapee (Ann Arbor Greenhills) 20:31, Karen Klein (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix) 20:33, Teresa Brink (Okemos) 20:45, Liz Skomch (Divine Child) 20:46.



## Auto racing

### Dixie 500

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — The starting lineup for Sunday's \$185,000 Dixie 500 Grand National stock car race at Atlanta International Raceway, with type of car and qualifying speed in mph:

1. Cale Yarborough, Oldsmobile, 148.424
2. Bobby Allison, Thunderbird, 146.249
3. Lennie Pent, Chevrolet, 144.630

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### CLASS C

Al Haslett

Team results

Wyoming Lee 122, Breckenridge 125, Freeland 161, DeWitt 164, Charlevoix 167, St. Louis 177, East Jackson 199, Clare 202, Onsted 274, Rogers City 288, Hart 290, Cabriai 296, Watervliet 296, Mattawan 306, Clinton 227, Grandville Calvin Christian 360, Marlette 295, Springport 442, Capec 452, Bangor 457, Hudson 469.

Top 15 team race

Dan Shamiyeh (Freeland) 16:16, John Henning (Cabriai) 16:24, Leo Kennedy (Breckenridge) 16:31, Max Curtis (Breckenridge) 16:34, Ron Hensley (DeWitt) 16:49, Bill Bainbridge (Wyoming Lee) 16:50, Jeff Dreuth (Charlevoix) 16:52, Jim Gillis (Breckenridge) 16:53, Bob Love (Rogers City) 16:54, Craig Higby (St. Louis) 16:57, Todd Griffith (Onsted) 16:58, Mark Russell (Charlevoix) 17:01, Roland Hensley (DeWitt) 17:02, Mike LaFleur (Capec) 17:05, Matt Lamourie (Cabriai) 17:02.

Top 15 individual race

Ken Jabe (Flat Rock) 16:42, Mike Malke (white ckoud) 16:51, Francis Burch (Whitehall) 17:01, Byron burns (Carson City Crystal) 17:03, Rod Howard (Galesburg-Augusta) 17:06, Greg Barnett (Mason Co. Central) 17:07, Ed Ford (Forest Hills Northern)