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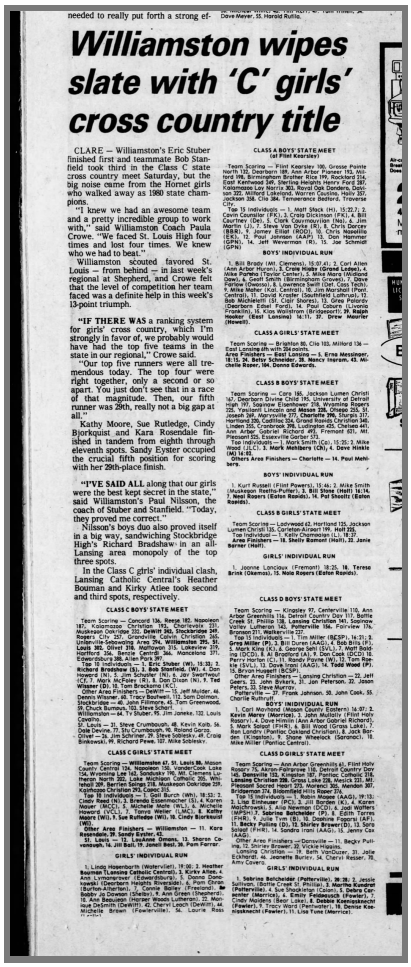

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Williamston wipes slate with 'C' girls' cross country title

CLARE — Williamston's Eric Stuber finished first and teammate Bob Stanfield took third in the Class C state cross country meet Saturday, but the big noise came from the Hornet girls who walked away as 1980 state champions.

"I knew we had an awesome team and a pretty incredible group to work with," said Williamston Coach Paula Crowe. "We faced St. Louis High four times and lost four times. We knew who we had to beat."

Williamston scouted favored St. Louis — from behind — in last week's regional at Shepherd, and Crowe felt that the level of competition her team faced was a definite help in this week's 13-point triumph.

"IF THERE WAS a ranking system for girls' cross country, which I'm strongly in favor of, we probably would have had the top five teams in the state in our regional," Crowe said.

"Our top five runners were all tremendous today. The top four were right together, only a second or so apart. You just don't see that in a race of that magnitude. Then, our fifth runner was 29th, really not a big gap at all."

Kathy Moore, Sue Rutledge, Cindy Bjorkquist and Kara Rosendale finished in tandem from eighth through eleventh spots. Sandy Eyster occupied the crucial fifth position for scoring with her 29th-place finish.

"I'VE SAID ALL along that our girls were the best kept secret in the state," said Williamston's Paul Nilsson, the coach of Stuber and Stanfield. "Today, they proved me correct."

Nilsson's boys duo also proved itself in a big way, sandwiching Stockbridge High's Richard Bradshaw in an all-Lansing area monopoly of the top three spots.

In the Class C girls' individual clash, Lansing Catholic Central's Heather Bouman and Kirky Atlee took second and third spots, respectively.

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(at Flint Kearsley)

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