

# Concord wins girls', boys' state cross-country titles

WYOMING — Concord High's cross-country program achieved an unprecedented feat in Saturday's Class D State Meet at Johnson Park.

The Yellowjackets swept the boys' and girls' team titles and also had the two individual champions.

Steve Hubbard won the boys' race in 16:56 to lead Concord to its second straight boys' team championship with 55 points, 36 ahead of second-place Southfield Christian.

Jenny Franssen captured the girls' title in 19:32 to help the Yellowjackets earn Class D honors in their first season of girls' team competition with 68 points, 29 fewer than runnerup Wyoming Lee.

St. Philip's Paul Beasley and Karen Amundson placed second in

their respective individual races.

"I'm extremely proud that a young team like ours could come through like this," said Concord coach Chuck King, who had only one senior among his top five finishers in both the boys' and girls' races.

Hubbard, fourth a year ago as a sophomore, finished 15 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, Bob Moore of Allendale, who also was runnerup a year ago, to Tim Miller of St. Philip.

Moore had won his regional race in 15:49, 37 seconds faster than the time Hubbard had posted on a different course. Saturday's times were much slower due to snow and ice on the three-mile course.

Hubbard gained All-State recog-

nition, as did teammate Mike Kraus, also a junior, who placed eighth in 17:32.

Concord's other scorers were senior Tom Baird, 12th in 17:41; junior Kevin Schupbach, 16th in 17:45; and freshman Tony Hill, 18th in 17:53. Junior Jeff Bauman and sophomore Rusty Pelham placed 56th and 57th, respectively.

Franssen, a sophomore, won by 28 seconds over senior Sue Shackleton of Colon, which placed sixth in the 13-team field with 145 points.

Franssen had come in fourth and Shackleton 14th a year ago.

In addition to Franssen, senior Terri Baird (eighth in 21:23), senior Cindy Franssen (14th in 21:42) and freshman Annalisa Bauman (16th in 22:02) earned All-State honors.

Chris Fedor, 29th in 23:06, completed Concord's scorers. Freshman Jill Nichols placed 40th and junior Sue Wood 72nd.

Colon's Sue Shackleton; her junior sister, Kathy (12th in 21:12); and senior Sheila Schwartz (15th in 21:50) made the All-State team.

Juniors Molly Comstock (43rd in 24:11) and Rhonda Schwartz (73rd in 27:59) rounded out Colon's scorers.

St. Philip's Beasley, a sophomore, finished second in the boys' individual race in 17:11, just 12 seconds behind the winner.

"It's quite a comeback for Paul," St. Philip coach Dave Barnett said of Beasley, who was sidelined for three

weeks earlier this season after suffering a fractured skull.

Beasley underwent surgery, then worked his way back into shape.

"I just can't think of many people who could've done it," Barnett said.

Greg Albaugh of the Tigers finished 12th in 17:48.

St. Philip's two other individual qualifiers, Matt Sheehan and Tom Miller, placed 22nd and 24th in 18:34 and 18:37, respectively.

Amundson took the lead in the girls' individual race at about the one-mile mark, but fell down a short time later on the slippery, snow-covered course. She recovered to finish in 21:16, eight seconds behind the winner.

Teammates Jessie Sullivan and Jenny Schmidt, both juniors, came in fifth and eighth, respectively, in 22:14 and 23:06.

In other state meets:

**Class B:** Tom Kelley of Marshall placed eighth in the individual race, and Sturgis and Lakeview finished 13th and 20th, respectively, in the team competition at Tyrone Hills Golf Course in Linden.

Kelley, unbeaten going into the race and considered to be a state title contender by many area coaches, ran the 5,000-meter course in 16:53.3, well behind the 16:19.9 of individual winner Rusty Karhonen of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

Chris Ingalls of Spring Lake won the team race in 16:06.6.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central captured the team title, compiling 145 points, 48 fewer than runnerup Dearborn Divine Child. Sturgis was 13th with 327 points and Lakeview was 20th with 413.

Keith Keyser and Jeff Ash, both of Sturgis, earned medals for top-15 finishes in the team race. Keyser was 11th in 16:37, Ash 14th in 16:44.3.

Sturgis' other finishers were Brad Harris (49th), Larry Weaver (111th) and Mike Bundy (142nd).

Lakeview was led by Kurt Tribbett, who placed 26th in 16:58.

Other Spartans and their finishes were Mike Blankenburg (77th in 17:30), Pat Farrell (98th in 17:48), Kyle Tribbett (99th in 17:49) and Todd Maddox (113th in 17:59).

Scott Summitt of Coldwater and Clint Crabtree of Harper Creek were 26th and 30th in the individual race, respectively. Their times were not available.

Gull Lake placed 17th in the girls' team standings with 377 points. Jackson Lumen Christi won with 99.

Gull Lake's Kay Gemrich finished 10th in the race in 19:54, about a minute behind state champion Kelly McKillen of Dexter.

**Class C:** Pennfield High's Randy O'Neil and David Howes finished 37th and 39th, respectively, in the individual race at Watervliet.

Olivet's Rick Pewe finished 20th to lead the six area runners, all of whom finished among the top 57 in

the 5,000-meter race.

Pewe's time was 17:37.20. Mayre Alward of Perry finished first in 17:08.10.

O'Neil covered the distance in 18:23.10 and Howes was clocked at 18:27.30. Other area finishers and their times were Todd Cochrane of Quincy, 45th in 18:30.20; Rob McGuire of Olivet, 55th in 18:54.60; and Jeff Silva of Union City, 57th in 18:59.20.

Charlevoix won the team title with 73 points. Greg Bliss of Cass City won the team race in 16:43.

Union City finished 13th in the girls' team standings with 260 points, 200 behind first-place Benzonia Benzie Central. Tammi Silva of the Chargers was 14th in 21:25.30.

Other Union City runners scoring points in the 5,000-meter race were Terri Forrest, 23rd in 21:46.59; Melinda Brauker, 25th in 21:52.39; Pam Inman, 98th in 26:10.01; and Tammy Boston, 100th in 26:56.68.

The Chargers' Tammi Anthony finished 102nd in 27:14.76.

Cindy Reed of Napoleon won the race in 19:36.9.

**Class A:** Ron Mathieson, Battle Creek Central's only runner, finished 58th in a field of 80 runners at IMA Brookwood Golf Course in Flint.

Phil Schoensee of Centerline won the 5,000-meter race in 15:30.

Grosse Pointe North won the team title with 65 points.

## Larsen finishes second in Big Ten cross-country meet

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Lisa Larsen, former Battle Creek Central High athletic star, continues to excel for the University of Michigan.

Larsen, a cross-country and track All-American, placed second individually Saturday morning to help the Wolverines finish third in the Big Ten Women's Cross-Country Championships at the University of Iowa.

Larsen toured the hilly, three-mile course in 17 minutes, 33 seconds, just 8 seconds behind the individual winner.

Iowa captured the meet with 70 points, 6 fewer than runnerup Wisconsin and 10 fewer than Michigan.