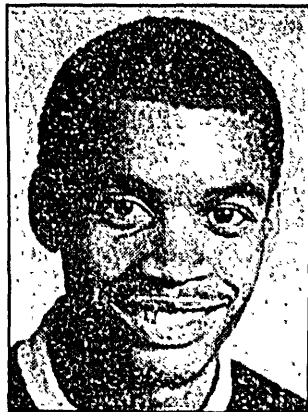




No. 1-ranked Holly started Saturday's state Class A meet with high hopes at IMA-Brookwood Golf Course but placed only eighth.

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Northern's Anthony Hamm  
Tops Class A runners

## Viking harrier Hamm attains goal; Holly falls short

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After winning last week's Class A regional cross country meet in Port Huron, Northern junior Anthony Hamm said his goal was to be the state champion before he graduated.

But the Viking star surprised even himself Saturday by turning in the best time in the state Class A meet at IMA Brookwood Golf Course.

Hamm beat 88 other runners in the individual race with a 15:42.03 clocking. He nipped by .36 seconds the time registered by Monroe's Todd Williams in the team race. All told, 283 boys ran.

"I didn't know what his time was," said Hamm, who romped to a 16.56-second victory over Lake Orion's Cliff Dwelle. Grand Blanc's Scott Colvin was third in 16:11.56.

"Mainly, I wanted to get the feel of the first mile, pick it up in the middle and break from the pack," Hamm said. "I wanted to finish in the top three. I definitely surprised myself."

Hamm became the first Flint-area runner to win the state individual title since Holly's Matt Stack did it as a junior in 1980.

The performance by the Northern standout highlighted the area's showing in the meet.

Holly, which was undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state, plunged to eighth place. Swartz Creek was the top area contingent by placing sixth.

Utica Eisenhower picked up the school's first state championship by winning a tight four-team duel. Eisenhower had 173 points, Monroe 180, Rochester 184 and Dearborn Edsel Ford 192.

"In the girls' meet, Sterling Heights Stevenson also became a first-time champion. Stevenson's 127 points beat runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer by 27.

Mark Zauel took seventh to lead Holly. But the finishers were too spread out after that. Ken Os-

mun was 35th, Troy Radell 50th, Dave Elmer 73rd and Bob Jacobs 127th.

"It's always disappointing when you don't run as well as you hope you can," Holly Coach Duane Raffin said. "But the state meet does that. We were flat. It wasn't our sharpest performance of the year."

Harold Mueller gave Swartz Creek its highest individual finish ever in a state meet by placing second to Williams. Mueller's 15:47.28 was 4.89 seconds slower than the highly-touted Monroe runner. Mueller, a junior, improved 18 places from last year's state meet.

"Mueller ran a heck of a race,

because that kid took him out awful hard," Creek Coach Dave Carey said. "The kid ran a 4:35 opening mile and took everybody out of it."

The Dragons' Paul Sisovsky joined Mueller on the all-state team by placing 11th in 16:19.45. Art Main was 28th, but Creek's lack of depth prevented it from challenging for the title. Shaun Hardiman was 106th and Ned MacArthur 115th.

"We ran pretty much as well as we could," Carey said. "We've been hurling in the fourth and fifth men all year. We hoped to get



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them 70th or 80th."

Davison took 13th place with 351 points. Kearsley was 22nd with 489 in the 28-team event.

The Cardinals were led by David Madrigal, who was 18th in 16:28.81. Kearsley didn't have a finisher until the 81st spot when Joe Tobin came across in 17:11.62.

The two area girls' teams were nestled near the bottom of the standings. Cllo was 20th with 483 points and Kearsley was last among 26 teams with 715.

Beth Bushong led the Mustangs by placing 52nd in 20:25.00. Ruth Loucks was Kearsley's top finisher in 102nd place in 21:26.73.

Northern's Deborah Jinnah had the best time among area girls, running a 19:56.61 to place 17th in the individual race.

Denys Adams of Okemos ran the course in 18:19.37 for the best time among the girls. She beat defending state champion Laura Matson of Bloomfield Hills Andover by 33.58 seconds in the individual race. Kris Salt of Dearborn Edsel Ford won the team race in 18:32.71.