Anderson, Bowdish Named All-State in Cross Country

Chelsea's Kasey Anderson finished seventh over-all and led Bulldog runners to a third-place finish in the state class B cross country meet last Saturday afternoon at Hudson Mills metropark.

The Chelsea boys finished 20th in their part of the meet, paced by senior Tim Bowdish, who finished ninth over-all.

It was a cold and misty day as the 175 girls and 188 boys ran in the team portions of the meet. Twenty-seven teams were represented in both portions.

It was also a tricky course in that it began extremely wide to accommodate all the runners at the starting line, but narrowed quickly. It forced the runners to run quickly for about a quarter mile to get good position for the narrow part of the course or face being boxed out for most of the run.

Anderson and Bowdish were both named all-state for their performances after finishing in the top 20 over-all. There were four races, the girls team and individual, and boys team and individual. The top 20 runners from the team and individual races combined were named all-state.

Anderson, for the first time, beat Saline's Dawn Toth, making the victory just a little sweeter.

Following Anderson, who ran 19:33, were: Amy Wolfgang, 23rd, 20:13; Sallie Wilson, 31st, 20:25; Jennifer Rossi, 53rd, 20:58; Melanie Flanigan, 78th, 21:25; Debi Koenn, 87th, 21:31; and Robin Mock, 145th, 22:51.

Behind Bowdish, who ran 16:31, were: John Cattell, 42nd, 17:00; Greg Brown, 119th, 17:53; Jeff Wheaton, 130th, 17:59; Lee Riemenschneider, 154th, 18:23; Jason Creffield, 164th, 18:29; and Paul Hedding (who had physical problems) 188th, 20:57.

"I told the boys that if they

finished 20th or higher that I'd be real pleased, so I'm real pleased," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarke. "The girls ran real well, and Kasey ran an exceptional race."

Hillsdale, with 82 points, and Lumen Christi, with 100 points, were far ahead of the rest of the field in the girls meet. Chelsea finished third with 192 points, just ahead of Grand Rapids Christian with 195.

The boys meet was woh by Fremont, with 52 points, way ahead of second place Cranbrook with 137. The Bulldogs had 454 points.



TIM BOWDISH was named all-state by virtue of his ninth-place finish in the state cross country team meet last Saturday.



KASEY ANDERSON became an all-state cross country runner due to her seventh-place finish in the state team meet last Saturday at Huron Mills metropark. She led the Buildogs to a third-place finish in the meet behind Hillsdale and Lumen Christi.

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