

Harriers Take Second In State B Meet, Miss Crown By One Point

Chelsea girls cross country team finished second at last Saturday's class B state meet at Huron Meadows Golf Course near Brighton, finishing one point behind Jackson Lumen Christi.

Chelsea missed the top spot, 141-142, despite great stretch runs by several Bulldog runners, including junior Kasey Anderson, who finished second in the team race and third over-all for the day, with a time of 19:21.77.

Going into the meet the Bulldogs were severely hobbled as five top runners were either sick or out for the season.

However, freshman Vicki Bullock, who ran 20:49.64, beat her previous best time by 25 seconds, and Alisha Dorow topped her previous best time by 30 seconds, finishing in 21:22.53. They finished 31st and 52nd, respectively.

"I thought that if we ran well we could finish in the top two," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarke.

"And we ran exceptionally well. I was so proud, it didn't matter where we finished."

Jennifer Rossi was the second Bulldog finisher, taking 13th. Sallie Wilson was Chelsea's fourth finisher, behind Bullock, in 44th place.

Debi Koenn and Robin Mock, two top Bulldog runners all season, had been sick all week and dropped back in the race, finishing 132nd and 134th, respectively.

Melanie Flanigan, Kim Roberts, and Laura Torres didn't compete due to illness or injury.

"Those are all quality runners," Clarke said. "We're talking about all-league, all-region."

"Koenn and Mock have been in

the top 40 in the state. If one of them had been healthy we probably would have won the meet. We'll be good again next year."

Lumen Christi won its fourth state title in five years and it was the second time in two weeks the Titans had edged the Dogs. They won the previous week's regional meet in Bath, 71-78.

Milan, which edged Chelsea in the Southeastern Conference meet, 40-42, and by one point in their dual meet, finished third over-all with 152 points.

SEC rival Saline finished 10th with 282 points.

Anderson and Rossi earned all-state honors for their performances.

In the individual races, Chelsea's John Cattell finished 18th in 16:50.21, missing all-state honors by five seconds, Clarke said.