

Monroe boys swamp field in Class A cross country

By BRENDAN SAVAGE
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Monroe High's cross country team redefined dominance Saturday afternoon at IMA Brookwood Golf Course.

The Trojans had four of the top seven finishers in the boys' team race to score a modern-day record 39 points and win the Class A state championship. Seniors Phil Sandborn and Tim Pitcher finished 1-2 for Monroe, which posted the best team score since World War II.

Swartz Creek was 16th for the best finish by an area team. Kearsley was 18th, Clio was 27th. Pioneer senior Gabrielle Brown was first in the team race with a time of 19:04.0. Brown was second last year to former teammate Danielle Harpell. Edsel Ford senior Meredith Saillant was second in 19:13.3 and Jackson's Laura Franklin was third. Swartz Creek junior Michelle Moody had a time of 20:31.8 for 20th place, the best showing of any area girl in the team race. Kearsley's Pam Sordly was 42nd in 20:44.4 and Clio's Roberta Shumate was 93rd in 21:42.2.

In the individual races — for runners who qualified through their performances in the regional but did not have their teams qualify — Niles senior Dave Couch won the boys' title and Midland senior Allison Mendyk was the girls' champ. Couch clocked 16:30.58 to finish almost 10 seconds ahead of runner-up Tom Weiss from East Lansing. Defending individual champion Brian Grosso of Walled Lake Western, a heavy favorite to repeat, slumped to fifth place. Clio sophomore Dan Smith was the area's top individual finisher. He was 14th in 17:10.26. Central's Richard Gray, the City Series and Saginaw Valley Conference champion, finished 25th. Carman-Ainsworth's Rick Carr was 30th and Big Nine Conference champion Marcus Funches of Kearsley was 36th.

- 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP) 112, 3. Milford (MI) 127, 4. Milford Lakeland (ML) 155, 5. Redford Catholic Central (RCC) 224, 6. Troy (T) 231, 7. Sterling Heights Stevenson (SHS) 255, 8. Grand Ledge (GL) 287, 9. Birmingham Brother Rice (BBR) 299, 10. HOLLY (H) 331, 11. Kalamazoo Loy Norris (KLN) 344, 12. Pontiac Central (PC) 346, 13. SWARTZ CREEK (SC) 348, 14. Sterling Heights Stevenson Henry Ford II (SHSII) 399, 15. Dearborn Fordson (DF) 405, 16. East Kentwood (EK) 449, 17. University of Detroit-Jesuit (UDJ) 466, 18. Wyandotte (W) 481, 19. Warren DeLaSalle (WD) 484, 20. DAVISON (D) 500, 21. Rockford (RF) 521, 22. East Detroit (ED) 539, 23. Detroit Murray-Wright (DMW) 539, 24. Grosse Pointe South (GPS) 539, 25. Livonia Franklin (LF) 597, 26. Portage Central (PC) 653, 27. Muskegon Mona Shores (MMS) 691.

Oxford runner Class B champ



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Islanders snap loss streak

Pat LaFontaine scored 10 seconds into overtime to give the New York Islanders a 4-3 NHL win over the Washington Capitals Saturday night, snapping a five-game losing streak. Randy Wood had scored from the right circle with 8:28 remaining in regulation to give New York a 3-2 lead, but the Capitals tied the game with 2:18 left when Geoff Courtnall scored from 20 feet.

Fowler High swept the boys' and girls' state Class D cross-country championships at Frankenmuth. The Fowler boys beat runner-up Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 52-97. Gurvinder Singh of Richardson was the individual winner in 16:59. The Fowler girls finished 85 points to defeat defending champion Suttons Bay by 12. Katie Martin of Colon had the best individual time, 21:18.

Atherton runner third in Class C girls race

Atherton's Tammy Ballmer landed a spot on the Class C All-State cross country team with a third-place finish Saturday at the state high school championships at Bath.

- 6. Julie Bush (CV) 21:13, 7. Andrea Foote (M) 21:16, 8. Tammy Calb (SC) 21:21, 9. Gail Labair (M) 21:26, 10. Beth Grienske (CC) 21:30, 11. Jackie Callum (MO) 21:33, 12.郝 Moore McBride (DW) 21:35, 13. Sandy Hicks (TA) 21:37, 14. Leigh Richardson (CV) 21:38, 15. Justine Crimmins (I) 21:40.

Ballmer, who covered the 3.1-mile course in 21 minutes, four seconds, was nine seconds behind winner Teri Osborn of DeWitt. Laurel Hay of Tawas Area was second in 21:01. Stacey Kilburn of White Pigeon won the girls' individual race in 20:07.

- 1. Stacey Kilburn, White Pigeon, 20:07; 2. Renee Essemacher, 20:20; 3. Holly Johnson, East Jordan, 20:37; 4. Andrea Ripley, Olivet, 20:47; 5. Megan Cronin, Harbor Beach, 20:54; 6. Jenny Stuhl, Lansingburg, 20:56; 7. Pam Dickman, St. Louis, 20:58; 8. Angela Moore, Lutheran West, 21:05; 9. Gina Glover, Kingsley, 21:11; 10. Marci Halbein, Shephard, 21:21; 11. Charlene Marten, Hart, 21:27; 12. Rebecca Woodliff, Homer, 21:29; 13. Melissa Babcock, Sandusky, 21:40; 14. Amy Millsbaugh, Dundee, 21:41.

Mayville won the girls' title with 128 points, followed by Ida with 153 and DeWitt with 162. Atherton finished seventh with 216 points. Other finishers for Atherton were Stacie Glomson (23rd in 21:57), Gretchen Olson (27th in 22:05), Shelli Burger (64th in 23:16) and Shannon Lawlor (99th in 25:19). Amy White finished 110th and Nikki Hobbes finished 113th.

- 1. Scott Miller (CV) 16:43, 2. Chris Long (S) 16:55, 3. Jeff Christian (B) 17:18; 4. Jay Bruse (B) 17:19, 5. Dennis Miller (C) 17:24, 6. Rob Oldt (C) 17:30, 7. Gehry Weisner (CV) 17:31, 8. Ryan Ortega (GH) 17:36; 9. Robert Adams, Cantonville, 18:04, 10. Julian Petzold, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 18:05, 11. Harvey Cole, White Cloud, 18:08, 12. Tom Krause, Mancelona, 18:09, 13. Robert Barnes, Muskegon Okridging, 18:11, 14. Kevin Elliott, Kent City, 18:14; 15. Steve Thomas, Elk Rapids, 18:15.

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Top 15 girls (team race):
1. Osborn (DW) 20:55; 2. Laurel Hay (TA) 21:01, 3. TAMMY BALLMER (A) 21:04, 4. Kerry Little (VCL) 21:07, 5. Rachella Bydlowski (I) 21:09,