

Holly runners end ninth Class A cross country

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As Redford Catholic Central High celebrated its third Class A state cross country championship on a cold and gusty Saturday afternoon here at IMA Brookwood Golf Course, Holly Coach Duane Raffin stood quietly inside a tent.

Yes, Raffin was disappointed that his No. 1-ranked Bronchos placed ninth (297 points) in the season finale, just one week after Holly knocked off powerhouse Milford (third) and Milford Lakeland (fourth) to win the regional championship.

And no, Holly's 27-year coaching veteran wasn't surprised to witness Coach Tony Magni's Shamrocks win the crown.

Redford, which won back-to-back championships in 1983-84, outscored runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer 124-145 in a competitive 27-team field.

"The No. 1-ranked team seldom wins the state meet," said Raffin, who led the Bronchos to Class B state titles in both 1977 and 1978. "Everybody's shooting for you, everybody wants a piece of you. Maybe it's too big of a burden to carry."

Yet, contrary to those feelings, Raffin wholeheartedly believed his team was ready to challenge for the championship.

"I thought we were ready to be one of the top five teams," he said. "I don't know what happened. We could analyze it now through doomsday. There's not much to say. Just that we came up flat on the most important day."

Raffin paused and added, "I still think we're one of the best teams in the state."

In the girls' race, West Bloomfield scored 96 points to win its first-ever cross country championship. Ann Arbor Pioneer, last year's Class A state champ, finished second with 104 points.

Although the Shamrocks finished second behind Plymouth Canton at last week's regionals, Magni never doubted his team could go all the Saturday.

"I kept telling the kids that it's anybody's ballgame going into the state finals," said Magni, who's headed Redford Catholic Central's cross country program the past 17 years. "It's anybody's ballgame."

Senior Mike Sheridan placed third in the team race and sixth overall in 15:48.77 to lead the Shamrocks, who finished fifth at last year's state championships.

Magni said the big surprise was Jay Schemanske, the team's No. 4 runner this fall, finishing 16th in 16:11.07.

John Cowan, a junior at Birmingham Brother Rice, placed first overall in 15:33.40. As a team the Warriors finished 11th with 326 points.

Holly posted the area's best team finish in the boys' race behind senior Todd Hill who ran 16:22.95 for 33rd best overall and 22nd in the team race.

Behind junior David Barkley, the Big Nine Conference champ, who placed 15th overall in 16:04.71, Swartz Creek finished 18th with 439 points.

Kearsley placed 19th with 440 points. Freshman Gary Kinnee led the Hornets, finishing 47th overall in 16:31.14.

Flint Central senior Richard Gray earned the best area finish as he crossed the finish line in 16:12.59 for 24th overall.

Meanwhile, it was better late than never for West Bloomfield Coach Lee Averill in the girls' race.

"It's been a long time," said Averill. "I've been trying for 29 years. I'm kind of numb. I've always pictured what it would be like standing up here (in the winners' circle).

"We've won today like we have all year — just jamming the kids in there."

Pacing the Warriors' balanced attack was Amy Fidelman (14th), Tracy Abbott (15th), Karen Reed (21st), Megan Flaherty (22nd), Stacy Abbott (24) and Maureen Reed (27th).

Training on grass rather than a hard track surface and doing less speed drills this fall also proved to be an important factor in the Warriors winning their first



Todd Hill was Holly's first finisher.

cross country championship, said Averill.

"We stayed away from injuries and that was the key," he said.

Locally, Clio scored 518 points for 21st place — the best local team finish. Junior Danyelle Schott placed 62nd overall and 38th in the team race in 20:15.05 to lead the Mustangs.

Andrea Cantu finished 48th overall in 20:06.23 to lead Kearsley, which placed 23rd with 539 points.

Owosso senior Michelle Wheeler posted the best area girls' time, clocking at 19:40.37 for 25th place overall and 10th in the individual race.

Grand Blanc senior Rena Palmer finished in 19:58.54 for 37th place overall and 15th in the individual race, while Flint North-east's junior Wanda Hudson finished 18th in the individual race in 20:06.37.

Ann Arbor Pioneer's freshman Bridget Mann won the state crown in 18:12.17.

Class A state cross country at IMA Brookwood Golf Course

Team legend and scoring — 1 Redford Catholic Central (CCC) 124, 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer (AP) 145, 3 Milford (MIL) 147, 4 Milford Lakeland (ML) 176, 5 East Detroit (ED) 274, 6 Plymouth Salem (PS) 230, 7 Plymouth Canton (PC) 243, 8 Monroe (M) 253, 9 HOLLY (H) 297, 10 Holland (HOL) 319, 11 Birmingham Brother Rice (BBR) 326, 12 Pontiac Northern (PN) 348, 13 Grand Rapids (GR) 351, 14 Swartz Creek (SC) 359, 15 Swartz Creek (SC) 364, 16 Ann Arbor Huron (AAH) 426, 17 Birmingham Groves (BG) 427, 18 SWARTZ CREEK (SC) 439, 19 KEARSLEY (K) 440, 20 Grand Haven (GH) 478, 21 Traverse City (TC) 484, 22 Troy (T) 493, 23 Sterling Hills (SH) 545, 24 Grand Rapids (GR) 580, 25 Grand Rapids South (GRS) 594, 26 Grand Rapids North (GRN) 603, 27 Saginaw Arthur Hill (SAH) 605

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Top finishers — 1 Bridget Mann (AAP) 18:12.17, 2 Tracy Abbott (15th), 3 Amy Fidelman (14th), 4 Karen Reed (21st), 5 Megan Flaherty (22nd), 6 Stacy Abbott (24), 7 Maureen Reed (27th)

Boys' individual race
Top finishers — 1 Brian Hyde, East Kenwood, 15:41.51, 2 Che Mayo, Boy City Monty, 15:41.86, 3 Rob Lee, University of Detroit Jesuit, 15:42.69, 4 Ben Gobo, Farmington, 15:58.03, 5 Rob Huff, Bloomfield Hills Lusher, 16:00.07, 6 Chris Prastoff, Dearborn Edsel Ford, 16:01.11, 7 Brian Molloy, Novi, 16:10.59, 8 RICHARD GRAY, FLINT CENTRAL, 16:12.59, 9 Jeff Gross, Walled Lake Western, 16:17.35, 10 Dianne Finney, Pontiac Northern, 16:19.15

Girls' individual race
Top finishers — 1 Lisa Evves, North Farmington, 19:40.37, 2 Jennifer Ray, Walled Lake Western, 19:50.86, 3 Anna Gray, Belleville, 19:01.15, 4 Julie Barnes, Union, 19:15.21, 5 Sheri Charters, Jackson, 19:28.03, 6 Bridget Mann, Grand Blanc, 19:30.28, 7 Jessica Kluge, St Johns, 19:33.56, 8 Mary Wynoff, East Kenwood, 19:34.86, 9 Wendy Pross, Walled Lake Western, 19:39.82, 10 MICHELLE WHEELER, OWOSSO, 19:40.37

Final-area finishers — 15 Rena Palmer, Grand Blanc, 19:58.54, 16 Wanda Hudson, Flint North-east, 20:06.37, 17 Heather McCallion, Dearborn, 20:08.23, 18 Karen Calkins, Flushing, 20:30.01, 19 Jenny Deweche, Holly, 20:32.89, 20 Jennifer Wendler, Holly, 20:33.20, 21 Bridgette Cahill, Owosso, 20:45.03, 22 Michelle Moody, Swartz Creek, 20:51.63, 23 Melissa Cooney, Carman-Antworth, 21:07.48, 24 Keri Spaulding, Swartz Creek, 21:33.27, 25 Stacy Sparks, Flushing, 22:03.64, 26 Aaron Murphy, Swartz Creek, 22:37.81



Grand Blanc's Lane Allen (17) and Chris Cotton (right) pressure Heritage players.

Grand Blanc dumps Heritage to reach Class A soccer semi

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After the somewhat nonsensical soccer playoff pairings had matched Grand Blanc with a top-ten team Wednesday, the Bobcats deserved a break in the draw.

"They got one on Saturday, easily beating an inexperienced side from Saginaw Heritage, 4-1, in the finals of Region 4.

Grand Blanc advances to meet Troy-Athens in the state semifinals 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Rochester-Adams High School.

For Heritage (14-4-1), the season ends.

"We're young," said Heritage coach William Hartle. "Maybe we were intimidated a little bit. We were not into the game until it was almost over."

A quick beginning by Grand Blanc would be particularly damaging to the Hawks, who start five sophomores. The Bobcats scored three times in the first 20 minutes of the game, leaving Heritage deflated and seemingly disinterested thereafter.

For the second straight match, sweeper Andy Stewart's sideline throw-in led to the Bobcats' first goal.

Greg Hartker used his head to flick Stewart's throw behind him. Where Garrick Rice stood alone in front of Heritage goalkeeper Chad Kingsbury. Rice headed Hartker's pass over Kingsbury and into the net for a 1-0 Grand Blanc lead three minutes into the game.

At the 16-minute mark, Hartker scored his third goal of the playoffs to double the lead. Hartker took Scott Sitko's touch

on an indirect free kick 15 yards away from the net and blasted the ball into lower left corner of the cage.

Four minutes later, Grand Blanc would exploit its aerial superiority again. Defender Chris Cotton outjumped the Heritage defense, getting a head on Mike Haley's corner kick and sending it into the left corner of the net to make the score 3-0.

The Bobcats scored all three goals on restarts after wasting several excellent scoring opportunities on free kicks Wednesday against Birmingham-Brother Rice.

"Then again it doesn't hurt to have some big tall kids and kids who can throw the ball in there like Andy Stewart," said Grand Blanc coach Doug Burroughs. "I thought we were a little confused with our restarts against Brother Rice."

The Hawks' defense seemed a little confused as to finding a way to keep Haley and Hartker away from the net. Heritage stoppers A.J. Wise and Jason Leslie gave Haley and especially Hartker far too much space to work with in the first half.

"If they played up too much, I would have beat them down the center," said Hartker.

True to his word, Hartker did just that when the Hawks tightened up defensively in the second half.

The senior forward took Curt Welermiller's cross well outside the penalty area and headed the ball through the middle to Haley, who broke past the Heritage back line.

Kingsbury had a play on the ball but elected to stay on his line. Haley shot past the keeper for a 4-0 lead four minutes into the second stanza.

Despite Haley's goal, the Hawks, who played Grand Blanc to a 2-1 game earlier this season, grew stronger as the game went on. Heritage gained a measure of respect at the 63-minute mark by getting on the scoreboard.

Senior forward Jamie Tarachas settled Brian Rilko's cross and booted the ball into the upper left corner of the net.

Thereafter, the Hawks pressed but never threatened to close the gap further. Grand Blanc seemed content allowing Heritage to carry the play while countering with Haley and Hartker.

Hartker finished with a goal and two assists for the game. Haley added a goal and an assist for the Bobcats, who face a much tougher assignment in the round of four.

Troy-Athens advanced to the state semifinals by winning Region 3, edging Fraser in Saturday's final 5-4.

Grand Blanc and Troy-Athens met once previously this season. The host Bobcats won 1-0 playing "probably our best game of the year" according to Hartker.

"Coach Tim Storch, he's one of the best coaches in the state," said Burroughs. "They're organized, prepared, fit, and disciplined."

"It will be very difficult to beat them twice in one season." The rematch promises to be a contest worthy of a state final.

Fremont, Chelsea win Class B titles

The Fremont High boys and Chelsea girls took home state championships in Class B cross country, Saturday, at the Tyrone Hills Golf Course.

Oxford was the only area team to qualify in the boys race and the Wildcats finished 13th with 360 points. Fremont was first with 96.

Curt Stevenson led the Oxford with a time of 17:02 which was good for 27th place.

Bob Bates of Coldwater won the team race with a time of 16:05.

Pete McDowell of St. Joseph won the individual race at 16:14. Barry Dece of Linden was the top local finisher with a time of 16:49 good for 15th place.

Two area teams competed in the girls race, Corunna finished 13th with 339 points and Lake-

Ville placed 21st with 426 points. Michelle Radcliffe, of Corunna finished second with a time of 19:13 to lead the Cavaliers and Laura Bell led Lakeville with a 20:15 time good for 20th place.

Lisa Monti of Chelsea won the team race at 19:07.

Ames, Corunna, 17, 10, 26 Terry Browder, Hartland, 17, 11, 27 Dennis Niles, Corunna, 17, 14, 50, Roy Howard III, Lakeville, 17, 32, 56 Scott Bevis, Orionville, 17, 36, 80 Brett Linton, Beecher, 18, 09.

Girls team standings: 1 Chelsea 141, 2 Fremont 146, 3 Jackson Northwest 172, 4 East Grand Rapids 216, 5 Jackson Lumen Christi 245, 6 Peninsula 251, 7 Allegan 259, 8 Grand Rapids South Christian 281, 9 Lowell 287, 10 Grand Rapids Catholic Central 270.

Area teams: 13 Corunna 329, 12 Michelle Radcliffe 19, 13, 7 Vonda Hader 19, 43, 76 Bill Joe Niles 21, 34, 107 Wendy Wahl 22, 13, 147 Jennifer Seely 23, 36, 162 Stacey Freeman 24, 30, 175 Shannon Shilling 26, 41, 21 Lakeville 426, 10 Laura Bell 20, 13, 80 Julie Root 21, 38, 90 Emily Koster 21, 49, 95 Kelli Hornshead 22, 00, 141 Monica McCree 23, 22, 152 Jennifer Howard 23, 45, 172 Melissa DeLeon 26, 04.

Individual results: 1 Nicole Randolph, Tecumseh 18:56, 2 Kim Blawie Wyoming Park 19, 14, 3 Jenny Vye, Buchanan, 19, 20, 4 Jay Sawyer, Colfax 19, 21, 5 Julie Ray, Three Rivers, 19, 39, 6 Amy Sytno, Holland Christian, 19, 46, 7 Jennie Feinacker, Richard Gull Lake, 19, 48, 8 Eileen Mallicha Lutheran North, 19, 57, 9 Megan Young, Cadillac, 19, 53, 10 Tobi McKern, Cheboygan, 19, 55.

Area finishers: 59 Lisa Monty, Mt Morris, 21:25, 60 Sarah Woods, Linden, 21:27, 64 Valerie Egan, Oxford 21:29, 27 Amanda Thomas, Birch Run, 21:45.

Prep football playoff scores

Class A
Muskegon 23, Escanaba 0
Mankato 23, Boy City John Glenn 6
Plymouth Central 23, Ann Arbor Pioneer 21
Lansing Section 14, Brighton 0
Westland John Glenn 20, Dearborn Fordson 7
Birmingham Brother Rice 28, Detroit Mack-Chicago 14
Detroit Martin Luther King 41, Grand Rapids South 0
Lake Orion 28, Troy Athens 0

Class B
Zealand 41, Grand Rapids 6
Three Rivers 13, Dowagiac 7
Oxford 8, Ludington 9
Chaparral Area 45, Frankensmuth 26
Oxford 14, Fenton 10
East Grand Rapids 37, Pinckney 30
Farmington Hills Parkview 23, Evergreen Community 15
Allen Park 33, Milan 26

Class C
Schoolcraft 34, Kalamazoo Michel Catholic Central 15
Parchment 34, Williamston 14
Detroit St. Martin dePorres 12, Onsted 10
Harbor Beach 30, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day 29
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 20, Muskegon Catholic 14
Muskegon Catholic 46, Wyoming Godwin Heights 20
Benzonia-Benzonia Central 14, Iron River West Iron Country 13
Ontonagon 28, Shephard 8

Class D
Hendon 7, North Muskegon 0 (OT)
23-23, Albionville 20
Detroit Creek 38, North Adams 14
Detroit Lutheran West 44, Detroit East Catholic 6
Muskegon City Glen Lake 54, Boy City All Saints 14
Holtville 20, Maroon 14
Lafayette St. Mary 25, Bakersfield 21
Lake Linden Hubbard 27, Rudyard 16

Prep playoff results, pairings

Class A
Region I
Muskegon 23, Escanaba 0
Muskegon 23, Boy City John Glenn 6
Muskegon 23, Midland 10 (OT), Saturday at Flint-Arwood Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Region II
Plymouth Central 23, Ann Arbor Pioneer 21
Lansing Section 14, Brighton 0
Plymouth Central 10 vs. Lansing Section 11, Saturday at Jackson-Wilington Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Region III
Westland John Glenn 20, Dearborn Fordson 7
Birmingham Brother Rice 28, Detroit Mack-Chicago 14
Westland John Glenn 11 vs. Birmingham Brother Rice 10 (OT), Saturday at Westland John Glenn High School, 1:30 p.m.

Region IV
Detroit M.L. King 41, Grand Rapids South 0
Lake Orion 28, Troy Athens 0
Detroit M.L. King 10 (OT) vs. Lake Orion 10 (OT), Saturday at Parkview Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Region IV
Farmington Harrison 23, Evergreen Community 7
Rudyard 23, Albionville 20
Allen Park 19 (1) vs. Farmington Harrison 10 (OT), Saturday at Allen Park High School, 1:30 p.m.

Class C
Region I
Schoolcraft 34, Kalamazoo Michel Catholic 15
Parchment 34, Williamston 14
Schoolcraft 19 (1) vs. Parchment 17 (2), Friday at Midstate Middle College Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Region II
Detroit St. Martin dePorres 12, Onsted 10
Harbor Beach 30, Detroit Country Day 29
Harbor Beach 10 (OT) vs. Detroit dePorres 10 (OT), Saturday at Flint-Arwood Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Region III
Mich. Lutheran Seminary 20, Muskegon Outridge 14
Muskegon Catholic 46, Wyoming Godwin Heights 20
Lutheran Seminary 19 (1) vs. Saginaw Michigan Houseman Field, 7:30 p.m.

Region IV
Benzonia Central 14, Iron River-West Iron Country 13
Ontonagon 28, Shephard 8
Ontonagon 10 (OT) vs. Benzonia Central 19 (1), Saturday at St Ignace-LaSalle High School, 1:30 p.m.

Atherton girls end ninth in Class C

Atherton Girls placed ninth at the Class C cross country team championships at Torrey Pines golf course in Fenton, Saturday.

Senior Stacie Glomson led the Wolverines with her time of 20:25.7, which was good for tenth place. Saturday's race was Glomson's fourth consecutive appearance in the state championships.

The Wolverines finished with a total of 247 points while Southfield Christian won the team event with 102.

In the girls individual race, Bendle's Jenny Doyle finished ninth with a time of 20:25.

No area teams qualified in the boys team race, but in individual competition, Goodrich's Adam Thorne finished 17th in 16:2.

Boys' team results: 1 Che-le-von, 70, 2 Ed-wa-rd, 97, 3 Wyom-ing Godwin Heights, 127, 4 Sand-hill, 171, 5 Che-le-von, 177, 6 Oak Leaf, 181, 7 St. Mary, 178, 7 English, 183, 8 Williams, 186, 9 New-way, 241, 10 Scottville Mason County Central, 241

Boys' individual results: 1 Steve Janson, Breck-en-ridge, 15:59, 2 Michael Ball, Hudson, 16:23, 3 Jay Caruso, Whitmore Lake, 16:35, 4 Andre Rummey, Saginaw, 16:52, 5 Marty Auer, Grand, 17:02, 6 Big Cobb, Southfield Christian, 17:03, 7 Chris Lloyd, Union City, 17:03, 8 Matt Madanski, Breck-en-ridge, 17:07, 9 Tom Krause, Mon-clo-ma, 17:07, 10 Harvey Cook, Flint, 17:08

Area finishers: 17 Adam Thorne, Goodrich, 17:16, 21 Stephen Kraft, Byron, 17:37, 44 Tony

Morrell, Lake Fenton, 17:48, 2, 46 Don Varne, Bendle, 17:51, 3, 54 Eric Gill, Bendle, 18:59, 2

Girls' team results: 1 Southfield Christian, 102; 2 Over 108, 3 Williamston, 123, 4 Longburg, 165, 5 Shelby, 181, 6 Mayville, 190, 7 English, 217, 8 Greenville Catholic Christian, 239, 9 Burton Atherton, 247, 10 Quincy, 249

Atherton finishers: 10 Stacie Glomson, 20:25.7, 30 Cris Olsen, 21:30, 57 Amanda Pauch, 27:03, 63 Matt Hobbs, 27:15, 87 Meg Pauch, 29:04, 2, 110 Shannon Loukas, 24:53, 1

Area finishers: 1 Holly Johnson, East Jordan, 19:33, 2 Valerie Summs, Rose-cam-berg, 19:26, 3 Cindy Furlong, Vermouville Maple Valley, 20:06, 4 Kelli Marquet, Bridgman, 20:14, 5 Rachel Bydarski, 20:17, 6 Julie Bushy, Chokoma, 20:20, 7 Patsy Johnson, City Day, 22, 8 Janice Calkins, Muskegon Outridge, 20:25, 9 Jenna Doyle, Bendle, 20:25, 10 Kim Cooley, Dow-dee, 20:25

Area finishers: 15 Len Crawford, Byron, 20:43, 17, Kendra Shultz, Byron, 20:52, 9