Goodfellow reels in more state titles

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Mike Goodfellow of Oxford quietly won a pair of individual state titles at the Class B state track meet at Jackson Saturday.

Goodfellow won the 1600meter run in 4:22.1 and the 3200meter run in 9:31.3, sparking Oxford to a sixth-place finish/

with 20½ points.

It was the second straight year Goodfellow earned points at the Class B meet in the two events and wrapped up a noteworthy prep career for the senior. Goodfellow has won two Class B state cross country championships among a number of league and regional titles in track and cross country.

However, his accomplishments this season, particularly in the 3200, may have been overshadowed because of Brian Grosso of Walled Lake Western, who became the first prep Michigan runner to break the nine-minute barrier in the 3200-meter run at the Oakland County meet May

Grosso set a Class A state record in the 3200 Saturday in Ypsilanti with an 8:59.2 clocking, finishing more than 20 seconds ahead of runnerup Jason Colvin of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Grosso had run 8:56.8 at the Oakland County meet and, ironically, it was Goodfellow, aiming for his uncle's school record in the 3200-meter run, who pushed the pace early, enabling Grosso to break nine minutes.

Tom Carney of Milford quietly took fifth in the 3200-meter run in the Class A state meet with a sparkling 9:25.7 effort. The race may have been the fastest ever in Michigan prep history because the eighth-place runner ran 9:26.4.

■John Myatt of Avondale took fourth in the Class B 1600 with a 4:26.2 effort as he scored all of the Yellow Jackets' points.

Brarmington Harrison's Chad Burgess had his best effort of the season when he took fourth in the 800-meter run in 1:56.2. Burgess had slowly recovered from a knee injury suffered during the basketball season. It was the second year he earned points in the event at the Class B state meet. As a standout basketball and football player, Burgess is

arguably one of the best threesport athletes in the state.

Jennifer Smith of Clawson took fifth in the 100 and fourth in the 200 at the Class B meet.

■Southfield's Oakland County domination in the relays is complete. The Bluejays won the state 400- and 800-meter relay titles, took second in the 3200-meter relay and third in the 1600-meter relay. Anchorman Cassidy Wright nearly fell on the 1600-meter relay, but did a balancing act on the final turn after being bumped by another runner enabling the Bluejays to score.

■Hameera Newman of Country day took fourth in the Class C girls 300-meter hurdles and Sharon Peters of Farmington Harrison was seventh in the Class B race.

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