

SWA ousted in regional soccer final

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It was a position the Saginaw Heritage soccer team had been in before: on the road in the regional playoffs in cold weather and windy conditions.

But unlike two years ago when the Hawks fell to Grand Blanc, Heritage came up a winner this time, beating Southwestern Academy 3-0 in the Class A regional finals Saturday.

The loss stopped SW Academy's deepest drive ever in the playoffs. Until this season, the Knights (12-10-1) had never won a tournament game.

Heritage, ranked eighth in the state with a 20-1 record, advanced to the state semifinals Wednesday at Troy Athens. The victory also marked the farthest the Hawks have ever been in the tournament.

"Two years ago, we played Grand Blanc in weather like this and we hated it," Heritage Coach Bill Hartle said. "We just went into the tank."

"This year I told the kids that I didn't care if there was six inches of snow or if it was raining and wet, doggone it, we're going to play hard today. These guys have been together a long time and this may have been the last chance for the seniors."

The game at Grand Blanc High was played in temperatures in the 30s and winds gusting between 30-40 mph. The cold weather made for a dead ball on most passes. The wind direction also played a part in all three goals, which were all scored in the second half.

"The wind helped them out a bit," SW Academy Coach Mario Hollins said. "The wind played a factor in the game and helped them get into the swing of things."

The Knights had the advantage of a diagonal cross-wind in the first half, but couldn't score despite sending eight



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Chad Hiser (left) of Heritage works against SWA's Patrick Navis.

shots toward the Heritage net. The Hawks took over in the second half, using the gusts to fire 19 shots (11 on goal) on the SWA goal.

The Knights managed only three shots against the wind in the second half.

"I think we did a good job in the first half in containing them," Hollins said. "A goal could have helped us out and would have given us momentum. But I'm pretty happy with the season. A lot of

people didn't think we would get this far."

Heritage broke a 0-0 tie six minutes into the second half when senior Chad Hiser scored the first of his two goals. Chad Kingsbury made it 2-0 with a breakaway goal at the 24-minute mark, and Hiser capped it with another goal three minutes later. Hawks freshman goalie Troy Hiser made 11 saves for the shutout.

3 area runners in top 10 at wind-chilled 'A' final

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NUNICA — In 30 years at Kearsley High, Don Marsh thought he had seen everything.

Then the veteran coach went to Saturday's Class A state cross country meet at Terra Verde Golf Course.

"This is the worst I've ever seen in all my years," Marsh said. Few of the folks who were on hand would argue.

The mercury hovered near 30 degrees all day, winds gusting up to 30 mph made the temperature feel like it was in single digits, there were snow flurries from start to finish, and the course was soft and sloppy thanks to a week of rain.

ALL IN ALL, it had to rank as one of the most miserable days in the history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association cross country finals.

While none of the Flint-area teams enjoyed a memorable day, Kearsley junior Gary Kinnee managed to crack the top 10 in the team race.

Kinnee, one of the pre-meet favorites, finished fifth in 16:49.54, well behind the pace set by winner Bill Crosby of Walled Lake Western.

Crosby covered the 3.1-mile course in 16:18.01 to finish more than 20 seconds ahead of runner-up Brian Pickel of Milford, who edged Crosby for first place in last year's team race.

Kinnee stayed with Crosby for the first mile but struggled running into the wind on the second mile. Crosby led Kinnee by 12 seconds after two miles and widened the gap in the final mile.

"I'm disappointed," said Kinnee, who won a Class A state track title in the 3,200 meters last spring. "I was fine at the mile but there was just no footing. He (Crosby) started to pull away at about a mile and a half and I just couldn't go."

"I tried to hide behind some of the bigger guys (to break the wind) but it didn't work."

MANY COACHES and runners could be overheard criticizing the poor condition of the course at Terra Verde, located about 10 miles east of Muskegon. Add that to the poor weather and it wasn't much of a surprise that virtually every runner struggled.

"It was terrible," Kinnee said. "I was trying not to think about it, but the whole second mile was into the wind. The whole course was terrible. I feel sorry for the (competitors in the) other races."

Swartz Creek posted the best finish of any Flint-area boys' team, ending 13th with 315 points. Kearsley was 18th and Flushing 23rd in the 27-team field.

Junior Rick McDowell paced Creek by finishing 12th in the team race with a time of 17:11.15. Flushing's top runner was senior Kent Young in 25th with a time of 17:28.66.

While Kinnee was the only Flint-area runner to crack the top 10 in the team race, two other area contestants finished among the top 10 in the race for runners who qualified as individuals.

Grand Blanc junior Robert Dickie was fifth in the individual race with a time of 17:15.10 and Carman-Ainsworth senior Jeremy Hurbert was sixth in 17:50.56.

WHILE CONDITIONS were poor for the boys, they were even worse later in the day when the girls ran.

Defending state champion Holly posted the best finish of an area team, coming in 16th with 376 points. Swartz Creek was 23rd and Carman-Ainsworth 25th.

Swartz Creek senior Stacie Cecil was the top area finisher with a time of 21:15.88 for 28th place in the team race. Senior Jenna DeWaelche led Holly with a time of 21:21.24 for 32nd place, and Carman-Ainsworth sophomore Kate Lef-

ten was 84th in 22:17.03.

In the individual race, Kearsley freshman Janelle Shepard was the top area finisher with a time of 21:30.38 for 23rd place.

Class A cross country

Boys' team race

Team scoring — 1. Walled Lake Western 166. 2. Monroe 168. 3. Grand Rapids Christian 219. 4. Milford 225. 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer 225. 6. Redford Catholic Central 226. 7. Royal Oak Dondora 239. 8. Portage Northern 254. 9. Detroit Henry Ford 286. 10. Holland 291. 11. Barkley 301. 12. SWARTZ CREEK 315. 13. Adron 320. 14. Brighton 371. 15. Muskegon Mona Shores 380. 16. Belleville 419. 17. FLINT KEARSLEY 445. 18. Traverse City 456. 19. Port Huron Northern 457. 20. Warren DeLaSalle 522. 21. Birmingham Brother Rice 528. 22. FLUSHING 530. 23. Sterling Heights Stevenson 563. 24. Detroit Osborn 605. 25. Kalamazoo Central 614. 26. Grosse Pointe South 708.

Top 10 individuals, team race

1. William Crosby, Walled Lake Western, 16:18.01. 2. Brian Pickel, Milford, 16:38.86. 3. Edward Reilly, Royal Oak Dondora, 16:45.66. 4. Dean Rugh, White Lake Lakeland, 16:49.33. 5. GARY KINNEE, Flint Kearsley, 16:49.54. 6. Warren Johnson, White Lake Lakeland, 16:51.37. 7. Neil Murphy, Holland, 17:01.53. 8. Matt Krupinski, Monroe, 17:02.14. 9. Steve Witak, Redford Catholic Central, 17:06.30. 10. Phil Laprad, Monroe, 17:07.28.

Flint-area teams

Swartz Creek — 12. Rick McDowell 17:11.15. 45. Rick Pifer 17:51.41. 59. Mark Griwatch 17:58.20. 90. Jim Cocking 18:19.29. 109. Jason Erba 18:31.08. 169. Aaron Brown 19:34.25. 174. Andy Moody 19:53.87. Kearsley — 50. Randy Kinnee 17:54.25. 91. Janairo Brown 18:19.88. 145. Mark Crist 18:55.12. 154. Rick Taljanik 19:10.17. 178. Ryan Loiselle 19:32.40. Flushing — 25. Kent Young 17:28.66. 71. Steve Tunnicliff 18:08.53. 141. Jeff Pierce 18:53.63. 142. Todd Meredith 18:53.90. 151. Matt McKane 18:59.76. 178. Neil Hurley 20:03.84. 183. Rock Tonda 20:41.32.

Boys' individual race

1. Bradie Laduc, Waterford Kettering, 16:40.30. 2. Jeff Ort, Niles, 16:58.62. 3. Chris Hincas, Romeo, 16:59.17. 4. Ryan Kennedy, Rochester, 17:09.79. 5. ROBERT DICKIE, Grand Blanc, 17:15.10. 6. JEREMY HULBERT, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 17:15.56. 7. John Crawford, Novi, 17:15.94. 8. Geoff Nitterhouser, Romeo, 17:17.06. 9. Chad Tibbets, Ann Arbor Huron, 17:22.64. 10. Scott Leary, Okemos, 17:24.85. Flint-area runners — 49. Jason DeWaele, Holly, 18:05.47. 69. Jim Ruff, Central, 18:26.96. 71. Bill Thompson, NorthWestern, 18:33.25. 82. Chad Montague, Clio, 17:04.28. 84. Brian Agle, Davison, 19:15.25. 86. Brent Bushey, Carman-Ainsworth, 19:18.42.

Girls' team race

Team scoring — 1. Traverse City 110. 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford 121. 3. Brighton 141. 4. Walled Lake Western 202. 5. Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley 234. 6. Mount Pleasant 249. 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer 251. 8. Grandville 260. 9. Livonia Stevenson 281. 10. Sterling Heights Stevenson 281. 11. Grosse Pointe South 282. 12. Milford 325. 13. East Kentwood 336. 14. Flat Rock Woodhaven 344. 15. Troy 367. 16. HOLLY 376. 17. Monroe 414. 18. Portage Northern 414. 19. Holland West Ottawa 418. 20. Okemos 446. 21. SWARTZ CREEK 529. 22. Grosse Pointe North 537. 23. Port Huron Northern 581. 24. Troy Aihans 607. 25. FLINT CARMAN-AINSWORTH 610. 26. Birmingham Seaholm 638. 27. Detroit Redford 662.

Top 10 individuals, team race

1. Christy Goodison, Sterling Heights Stevenson, 19:17.83. 2. Michelle Leri, East Kentwood, 19:31.89. 3. Tracy Priska, Sterling Heights Stevenson, 20:05.66. 4. A. Karinik, Livonia Stevenson, 20:19.05. 5. Bridget Mann, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 20:24.88. 6. Hilary Green, Brighton, 20:27.24. 7. Allyson Mann, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 20:34.78. 8. Karlene Kurtz, Traverse City, 20:37.19. 9. Carolyn Shosey, Brighton, 20:42.53. 10. Jennifer Roy, Walled Lake Western, 20:47.86.

Flint-area teams

Holly — 32. Jenna DeWaelche 21:21.24. 46. Deborah Barton 21:36.51. 74. Danielle Kovach 22:06.72. 77. Michelle Parker 23:11.16. 143. Jennifer Weisdorfer 23:29.32. 165. Farah Suvanto 24:12.80. Swartz Creek — 28. Stacie Cecil 21:15.88. 46. Amie Wagner 21:37.38. 118. Jennifer Krabzar 22:54.04. 164. Michelle Dondora 24:11.76. 171. Lisa Dzurak 24:38.90. 185. Heather Seymour 26:55.60. 186. Michelle Buano 28:28.40. Carman-Ainsworth — 84. — Kate Laffen 22:17.03. 121. Christine Anthony 22:56.86. 129. Andrea Zinton 23:17.06. 136. Erin Mercer 23:21.77. 140. Emily Berner 23:22.94. 155. Karyn VanSipe 23:50.64.

Girls' individual race

1. Elke Thompson, Dondora, 20:04.35. 2. Anna Gray, Belleville, 20:27.72. 3. Becky Caldwell, Wyandotte Roosevelt, 20:35.42. 4. Malia Dixon, Livonia Ladywood, 20:36.65. 5. Ingrid Ouellette, Bay City Western, 20:38.92. 6. Brandy Graft, Ulica, 20:40.14. 7. Keegan Keafover, Farmington North, 20:44.27. 8. Emily Shively, Farmington North, 20:51.27. 9. Laura Reig, West Bloomfield, 20:51.45. 10. Dawn Hartwig, Trenton, 20:51.64. Flint-area runners — 23. Janella Shepard, Kearsley, 21:30.38. 70. Heather McLellan, Davison 22:38.45. 72. Tracy Mowhinney, Central, 22:48.56. 75. Tressa Rowley, Okemos, 22:56.22. 82. Courtney Muelman, Wasco, 23:28.04. 90. Elizabeth Smith, Courtney, 23:58.06. 95. Steacy Sparks, Flushing, 24:57.93.

Wesleyan wins grid finale

The name Tuttle figured prominently in North Branch Wesleyan's 20-0 football win over Owendale-Gagetown Saturday.

First, Adam Norton ran 66 yards for the Eagles' (6-3) first touchdown and Joey Tuttle passed to Norton for the two-point conversion. Then Andy Tuttle scored on a 44-yard TD run. Joey Tuttle passed to Aaron Ferrier 12 yards for the Eagles' final score.

Owendale-Gagetown finished the year at 4-5.

Powers' McCarthy third in Class B race

BIG RAPIDS — Powers Catholic's Erin McCarthy finished third in the girls' individual race, and Ortonville boys placed eighth as a team in Saturday's Class B cross country championships Saturday.

McCarthy's performance earned All-State honors. Heather Moore (10th) of Hartland and Emily Kaiser (11th) of Lakeville also earned All-State laurels.

Ortonville cracked the top 10 with a 262-point performance. Linden was 12th with 337, Oxford 19th with 422

among boys' teams.

Fairmont racked up 122 points to claim the boys' title. Saline placed second with 160, with St. Joseph rounding out the top three with 201.

Individually, Beaverton's Jeff Christian ran a first-place 16:39 followed by St. Clair's Robert Busquaert (second, 17:01) and Matt Angel (third, 17:08). Durand's Fred Bedore was the top area runner placing fifth at 17:17.

Class B cross country results
Boys' race

Top 10 teams: 1. Fairmont 122. 2. Saline 160. 3. St. Joseph 201. 4. Jackson Lumen Christi 204. 5. Big Rapids 219. 6. Cedar Springs 247. 7. Coldwater 251. 8. Ortonville 262. 9. Divine Child 263. 10. Caladonia 294.

Area finishers: 5. Fred Bedore (Durand) 17:17. 21. Matt Ames (Corunna) 17:35. 84. Mark Johnson (Corunna) 18:45. 88. Tom Jacobs (Fenton) 18:50. 90. Scott Sirl (Powers Catholic) 19:13.

Girls' race

Team standings: 1. Jackson Lumen Christi 95. 2. Chelsea and Big Rapids 134. 4. Fremont 175. 5. Maittawan 202. 6. Hilldale 208. 7. Potosky 226. 8. South Christian 289. 9. Gaylord 302. 10. Southgate Aquinas 304. 20. Lakeville 480.

Area finishers: 3. Erin McCarthy (Powers) 20:30. 10. Heather Moore (Hartland) 20:48. 11. Emily Kaiser (Lakeville) 20:22. 16. Olivia Lake (Durand) 21:13. 27. Michelle Mayhew (Fenton) 21:34.

Atherton girls 4th in 'C' race

For the fourth time in the past five years, Atherton High's girls' cross country team placed among the top 10 teams in the state Class C cross country meet.

Atherton placed fourth in the girls' team race Saturday at Frankenmuth with 190 points. Southfield Christian won the meet with 53 points followed by Onsted with 155 and Blissfield with 180. New Lothrop girls finished 13th with 258 points.

Atherton was led by Amanda and Ashleigh Fouch who placed seventh and 12th, respectively. Both runners earned All-State honors. Jody Krupp was the top finisher for New Lothrop in 28th.

In the girls' individual race, Bendle's Amanda Gould earned All-State honors placing eighth.

No local teams qualified for the boys' meet, but Brett Walker of Atherton led area runners in the individual race, placing 31st.

Class C cross country results

Girls' race

Team standings: 1. Southfield Christian 53. 2. Onsted 155. 3. Blissfield 180. 4. Atherton 190. 5. Frankenmuth 203. 6. Williamston 207. 7. Tri-County 216. 8. Copac 233. 9. Clara 237. 10. Shepard 250. 11. Napoleon 251. 12. Benzie Central 254. 13. New Lothrop 258. 14. Carson City Crystal 258. 15. Quincy 294. 16. Kalamazoo Hackett 306. 17. Buchanan 344. 18. Elk Rapids 360.

Area finishers: 7. Amanda Fouch (A) 20:53. 12. Ashleigh Fouch (A) 21:10. 28. Jody Krupp (NU) 21:42. 29. Nancy Gross (NI) 21:42. Kelly Gaultier (NI) 21:53. 54. Chrissy LeMouik (A) 22:23. 55. Angie Moulton (A) 22:35. 57. Stephanie Steek (A) 22:41. 83. Becky Kuchar (NI) 23:37. 85. Tracy VanOrder (NI) 23:44. 98. Laura Hummel (A) 24:19. 124. Shannon Lawlor (A) 26:50.

Individual race area finishers: 8. Amanda Gould (Bendle) 20:19. 16. Lori Crawford (Bendle) 20:53. 40. Jenny Doyle (Bendle) 21:58.

Boys' race

Team standings: 1. Charlevoix 76. 2. Carson City 90. 3. Grant 144. 4. Lashby 153. 5. Buchanan 172. 6. Clara 193. 7. Mayville 212. 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 220. 9. Sandusky 222. 10. Flat Rock 224.

Area finishers: 31. Brett Walker (Atherton) 17:55. 38. Damian Swigart (Atherton) 18:03. 52. Jason Raman (Bendle) 18:27. 58. Charlie Ballmar (Atherton) 18:39. 59. Christopher Kaigan (Goodrich) 18:45.

Icelander teams win

The Flint Icelanders Squirt Mustangs downed Flint I 3-2 Saturday. Josh Common had two goals for the Icelanders (4-0) while Ryan Hoover added a goal and an assist.

The Icelanders' Mite AA team downed Fraser 6-5. Billy Kilbreath scored a goal and three assists for the Icelanders (7-2-1) including the game-winning goal. Tony Finateri added two goals and three assists for Flint.

MSU women win

EAST LANSING — Former Beecher star Marie Williams scored four points and pulled down five rebounds as Michigan State edged the Chicago Challengers 64-60 in a women's exhibition basketball game Friday night.