

Stockbridge remains Defending champ wire great team effort We don't have 21-16). Portland's Megan Genham.

Defending champ wins Class B boys regional; Ionia takes girls crown

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HASLETT— The Stockbridge boys cross country team dominated its opponents all season, but the Panthers were determined to not let up and less their forces

So, before entering the Class I regionals on Saturday at Haslett the Panthers shaved their heads to unify for their goal — to repeat a state champs. Now, they are on step away from achieving that goa after winning the region and qualifying for states.

"We just wanted to totally do as good as we could," said Jamie List er, Stockbridge's top runner. "We didn't want anybody to come closs to us. We wanted to go to states on a roll. We never doubted ourselves If we do as good as we can, I don's see anybody that can beat us. Bu we are going to have to run as good as we can to win states. Last year nobody expected us to win."

Cool winds and muddy trails didn't hinder Lister from finishing first with a time of 16:33 to help the Panthers win with 24 points. Haslett's Ryan Kelly finished second with a time of 16:39 and Eaton Rapids' Mark Bradley was third, displayed to the control of the property of the control of

the two other teams to qualify for states. The Greyhounds finished with 54 points, while Haslett trailed with 137.

In the girls race, ionia, Haslett and Fowlerulle all qualified for states. The Bulldogs won the region with 87 points, followed by Haslett (109). Fowlerville the Hastings with 118 points for third place but was able to qualify for states through a tie-breaking system. Hastings did not have a sixth runner, while Fowlerville's sixth runner, bawn Langdon, finished Towner, Dawn Langdon, finished Towner, Dawner, Dawner

Hastings' Charissa Shaw and Lori Maiville finished 1-2 with times of 20:01 and 20:23. Stockbridge's Natalie Kendall finished third with a time of 20:41.

Although no Ionia girls finished in the top five, the Bulldogs placed five girls in the Top 25 to give them the win. Jennifer Flanders led the way, finishing sixth with a time of 20:52.

"We've been getting stronger each meet," said Ionia coach Chris Young. "We packed well. It was a

great team effort. We don't have that great lead runner." Along with Lister, four other Panthers finished in the Top 10.

Coach Jim Lister still is cautious heading into Saturday's Class B state meet at Grand Rapids Golf Club.

Considering his team won states last year without having ever been ranked in the top 10, Jim Lister knows all about underdogs.

"I have everybody back from last year, and they are all running better than last year," Jim Lister said. "We knew what job we had to do. Next week's race is the most important race. They just get sc loose that sometimes I have to get them to work on getting serious more than anything.

"My main concern is to get no injuries. If we can go in there healthy and run to our potential we will be hard to beat. Like las year, there could be teams that no body knows about and could jumi up and bite us. This year with u being ranked No. 1, everybody knows about us so it is totally different."

one of those who has been chasing Stockbridge all season long is Kelly, who set a Haslett school record Saturday. He is determined to catch up to Jamie Lister at the state meet

"I'll make Lister think abou most behind him," Kelly said. "feel real strong. He's usually beat en me by about 20-25 seconds. If don't beat him that is fine, but he will help me finish high in the statement."

anything less than a state championship would be a disappointment for the top-ranked team.

"This year we are just a lot stronger and a lot more confident." Clark said.

Others who qualified for states in the boys individual run are Perry's Todd St. Clair (9, 17:12), Ion's Josh Wittenbach (12, 17:24) Ben Campbell (17, 17:41) and Ben Parker (28, 18:94), Corunna's Mat Grulke (16, 17:39) and Jason Canze (22, 17:57), Lakewood's Roy Wise (18, 17:43), Mason's Chad Chadwell (20, 17:49), Linden's Eric Lindman (23, 17:58) and Hassing's

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21:16), Portland's Megan Geaham (13, 21:18) and Mason's Kim Manes (20, 21:42).

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Linden—28. Myers, 22:06, 33. King, 22:34; 49. Marsh, 23:24; 50. Starrs, 23:25; 57. Farhner, 23:49. Corunna—5. Gilbert, 20:51; 59. Luft, 23:53; 60. Noetzel, 23:53; 62. Kersjes, 23:55; 63. Barclay, 23:56. Waverly—47. Hardwock, 23:20; 61. Moore, 23:54. 69. Tuttle, 24:11; 70. Slate, 24:13; 77. Woloszyn

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