

# Howell harriers run hard in KVC

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The Brighton High boys showed that winning the Kalamazoo Valley Conference cross country title can be as easy as one, two, three.

The Bulldogs had three runners take the top three spots as they won the title with 26 points.

Lakeland, which had beaten Brighton earlier in a dual meet, finished second with 37 points.

Next came Novi (98), Milford (113), South Lyon (140) and Howell (149). Hartland ran only three runners and did not place.

Because of their earlier loss to the Eagles, the Bulldogs shared the overall KVC title with Lakeland.

Brighton's trio of triumph was made up of Jeff Trembath, Andy Ritter and Mark Hansen.

"They got out to a good start," Brighton coach Rob Ritsema said. "They just ran all together."

Trembath finished first at 16:54. Ritter was second at 17:00. Hansen placed third at 17:04.

Rounding out the top five for the Bulldogs was Matt Twerk in eighth at 17:25 and Matt Kishel in 11th at 17:45. Keith Erickson took 14th at 17:57 and Joe Ward was 23rd at 18:21.

Howell's Ricky Bauer placed a surprising fourth at 17:14, finishing ahead of all five Lakeland runners. During their dual meet, all five Lakeland runners had beaten Bauer.

Next for Howell was Chris Clay at 19:29. James Smith took 36th at 20:10. Scott Gosselin came in 38th at 20:20. Greg Burda was 40th at 21:12. Craig Webber placed 44th at 21:57.

Due to an injury to top runner Scott Newman and other disciplinary problems, Hartland ran only three boys.

Matt Devitt took 37th at 20:10. Brad Newman was 42nd at 21:58. Brandon Richmond came in 43rd at 21:59.

In the girls' race, Brighton's girls took second with 52 points, finishing behind Novi (35).

Next came South Lyon (107), Hartland (110), Milford (113), Lakeland (137) and Howell (156).

Brighton's top runner was Megan Osborn in fifth at 20:26. Erin Wendt took eighth at 20:50. Michelle Chase was 11th at 21:00. Kristyn Buck came in 13th at 21:05.

Morgan Cook came in 15th at 21:16. Amanda Brown placed 16th at 21:23.

Lindsay Towne took 27th at 22:12.

Brighton also took nine of the top 11 places in the junior varsity race.

Hartland's Kristen Kloosterhouse finished second overall at 18:50 to lead the Eagles.

Cathy Hus was next for Hartland at 21:50. Lindsey Walker came in 26th at 22:12. Katie Conlan took 30th at 22:45. Amy Schopp placed 31st at 22:57.

Howell was paced by Jenny Thurner in 10th at 20:58. Erin Peeling took 24th at 22:06. Melissa Smith was 38th at 23:49. Jessica Beach came in 41st at 24:11. Katie Nye took 45th at 25:07. Jill Atkins was 46th at 25:28. Angela Nolan took 47th at 25:32.

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