

Kimball runners win MSA-SMA Meet

By TOM BAKER
When it comes to cross country, both Southfield High School and Southfield-Lathrup have some rebounding to do this season.
Lathrup, under new coach Jerry Minewasser, graduated most of its team from last year. Southfield, coached by Chuck Biele, graduated an excellent runner in Scott Stone, and started this season with only one experienced cross country runner.

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the combined Metro Suburban Association-Southeastern Michigan Association Meet last Monday afternoon at Royal Oak Kimball High. Neither team was a threat to win the 11-school race, but the results were encouraging for both local coaches.

The MSA was the league's 27th best team Kimball, an SMA school, took the team title, scoring 30 points. The rest of the field included Hazel Park (SMA) 82 points, Birmingham Groves (MSA) 101, Royal Oak Dondero (MSA) 122, Lathrup (MSA) 130, Birmingham Seaholm (SMA) 137, Rochester Adams (MSA) 147, Bloomfield Hills Laher (MSA) 174, Berkley (SMA) 202, Southfield (SMA) 206, and Ferndale (SMA) 224.

Kimball's Mike Naas won the individual race, establishing a course record of 15:19.4. Ron Lessorad of Dondero finished second in 15:46, and Bill Morgan of Groves took third in 15:51.

LATHRUP'S FASTEST runner was Larry Kling, a junior, who finished (9th) in 14:21. Other Lathrup runners in the meet were Dave Thomas (11th in 14:22), Dave Clifford (13th, 14:41), Rod Taylor (18th, 17:09), and Bill Levine (40th, 17:12).

Bob Church, a junior, led Southfield's runners. He finished 35th in 17:02. Other Southfield runners and their finish: Scott Brandon (54th, 17:49), Dennis Sleep (60th, 18:47), Steve Hyman (70th, 18:49) and Sean Rowley (72nd, 18:18).

Minewasser, who took over as cross country coach at Lathrup when Dale Peterson resigned, said he was pleased with his runner's times.

"Those were pretty good times for our boys," said Minewasser, who also coaches boys' track at Lathrup. "We ran at Kimball in a dual meet two weeks ago, and these (Monday's) times are much improved over those times. We're talking about an improvement of 30 seconds in some cases."

"The way I look at it, we were the ones who kind of won that meet for the MSA. We were kind of a proval team. Had we run faster, the only teams we could have beaten would have been Dondero and Groves (both MSA teams). Had we run slower, then Seaholm (an SMA school) would have finished ahead of us and the SMA would have won the meet."

Lathrup had a good turnout of about 20 athletes for the cross country team. Clifford, a senior, was the team's top runner last season, but he's being pushed hard by newcomers Kling and Thomas, according to Minewasser.

Berkley High's girls' tennis team looked good in defeating Southfield-Lathrup, 61-32, but the Bears' victory didn't remain on the books for long. Lathrup ended up winning the non-league meet by forfeit.

Following the meet, Berkley coach Barb Spuler mentioned to Lathrup coach Ed Wasta that her No. 3 doubles team, Sue Green and Julie Rubin, had played in a club tournament on the previous weekend. Playing in a private tournament during the season is a violation of a state rule, so Berkley had to forfeit the meet to Lathrup, which unexpectedly lifted its record to 4-3 overall.

"It's official now," Wasta said. "The letters have been sent and everybody knows. I'm sure the state's been contacted and all that. We got a letter (from Berkley) saying, 'Yes, we forfeit the meet to you.'"

"It's ridiculous," Wasta continued. "It's really a pretty little thing. It's the old church-basball league thing. As far as I'm concerned, Berkley beat us and our record should be 3-4. But officially, it's 4-3."

Berkley's Green and Rubin didn't play Sept. 23 when the Bears defeated Southfield High, 5-2, in a Southeastern Michigan Association meet. Southfield's only Michigan victory came in No. 3.

IN MORE recent meets, Lathrup dropped a 4-1 decision to Bloomfield Hills Laher, one of the best girls' tennis teams in the state, on Sept. 24. Last Monday, Lathrup blanked Royal Oak Dondero, 7-0.

Both were Metro Suburban Association contests.

Laher looked strongest at No. 1 singles where Robbie Radon defeated Lathrup's Nancy Glen, 6-2, 6-0. "Radon is impressive," Wasta said. "She's tough. She's the best I've seen this year."

The three doubles matches went three sets. Lathrup won the No. 2 doubles match with Jill Adams and Sandy Pomer beating Laura Reece and Paula Taylor, 6-4, 2-6.

Top 15 runners: Mike Naas, Royal Oak Kimball, 15:46; Ron Lessorad, Royal Oak Dondero, 15:46; Bill Morgan, Birmingham Groves, 15:51; Steve Posson, Birmingham Seaholm, 15:57; Chuck Brooki, Hazel Park, 16:01; Keith LaCombe, Royal Oak Kimball, 16:01; Paul Newton, Rochester Adams, 16:06; Steve Valente, Rochester Adams, 16:09; Greg Bell, Birmingham Seaholm, 16:11; Larry Kling, Southfield-Lathrup, 16:21; Dave Thomas, Southfield-Lathrup, 16:22; Blake Taylor, Rochester Adams, 16:23; Bob Stark, Royal Oak Kimball, 16:26; Dennis Truby, Royal Oak Kimball, 16:28; Wendal Parks, Hazel Park, 16:30.

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