

Falcons 3rd at S'craft

Are cross country dynasties in the making at Northville and Redford Union?

Northville and Redford Union repeated as boys' and girls' champion, respectively, last weekend at the Schoolcraft College Cross Country Invitational.

And, to keep the script even more familiar, Wayne's Doug Tolson was the first harrier to cross the finish line again this year in the boys' race. Tolson had a time of 16:06.3 last weekend at Cass Benton Park.

Angie Mogielski, a Redford Union freshman, set the pace in the girls' race. Her effort was 19:33.7.

Because the course was changed for the three-mile run this year, both winning efforts were new records.

Northville, with its five scorers all finishing among the top 25 runners, had an easy road to the team championship. The Mustangs tallied 58 points to 123 for Livonia Stevenson.

Three of Northville's five scorers are sophomores.

FARMINGTON, 128 points, gave the Spartans a good run for the money by fore setting for third place. Wayne finished fourth and Livonia Churchill fifth.

Tolson, who left the pack far behind, was almost a second ahead of North-

ville's Harry Couyoumjan, who placed second in 15:57.7.

Paul Osborn, from Livonia Franklin, was right at Couyoumjan's heels, placing third in 16:00.5.

Richard Dubois, who placed fifth in 16:19.2, was Stevenson's best finisher.

Even though Garden City East placed 15th in the 19-team field, Mike Stapleton, East's premier runner, finished seventh with an effort of 16:26.6.

Two other area harriers made the all-invitational team by finishing in the top 10.

John Grant, from Stevenson, placed ninth in 16:35.8 and Jeff Bristow, from Livonia Franklin, was 10th in 16:40.6.

Farmington also had a pair of representatives. John Murphy, who finished sixth in a time of 16:21.7, and Bill Atkinson, who placed eighth in 16:29.6.

One hundred twenty-five runners finished.

ONLY SIX TEAMS could start a minimum five runners to qualify for the girls' championship, which turned out to be a two-school race between RU and Livonia Stevenson.

The Panthers scored 43 points, Stevenson 59.

Ten RU runners were among the top 23 finishers. Fifty-seven girls finished the race.

Mogielski's field-besting effort was 19:33.7.

RU's Julie Morris placed sixth, 20:15.9; Nancy Adams, ninth, 20:35.4; Pam Sionkowski, 12th, 21:03.6; Gail Asiala, 15th, 21:49.3; Marilyn Hocking, 16th, 21:51.6; Julie Foldi, 18th, 21:54.3; Carol Owens, 19th, 21:58.4; Ki Gruner, 21st, 22:09.8; and Mary Arcand, 23rd, 22:16.0.

"The most surprising thing was that Mogielski finished first," said RU coach Mike Krafchak. "That's really only the second race she's ever run. That was really a pleasant surprise."

Krafchak also praised the work of his entire team.

"Our team has a tendency to be ready early in the season. We're starting to put them together now," said Krafchak.

Livonia Stevenson, which finished a close second to RU, placed two girls on the all-invitational team as did Ladywood, which finished third as a team.

Stevenson's Lori Bennett was second in 19:43.3, and teammate Sally Zehnal placed 10th in 20:12.6.

Ladywood's two top 10 harriers were Kathy Gibbins, who finished third in 19:54.1, and Anita Brown, who placed fifth in 20:15.9.



They're off and running, over hills and through valleys, in a three-mile race at Cass Benton Park during Schoolcraft College's annual cross-country invitational. (Photo by Santa Fabio)

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