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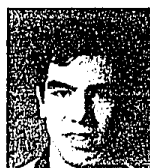
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State champion is lone non-senior star

By Marly Budner
staff writer

THERE'S ONLY ONE underclassmen on the 1989 Eccentric All-Area Boys Cross Country team. But the seven other seniors on the squad certainly wouldn't mind having him on their team.

The lone underclassmen is Birmingham Brother Rice Junior John Cowan, none other than the newly crowned Class A state champion. Cowan also is one of three All-Staters on the team, recently picked by a panel of area coaches.

Rice's two other stars include John Rottenberk and Dave Eick. Other members of the eight-man squad come from five different schools — Derk Walkotten from Seaholm, Jeff Cox from Troy, Kurt Rillema from Groves, Rob Huff from Lahser and Jon Fry from Andover.

George Browne of Birmingham Groves was selected as coach of the year.

Following is a brief profile of each first-team member.

JOHN COWAN: Brother Rice has produced some outstanding, college-bound cross country runners over the years. But only one of them — All-American Pat Davey in 1973 — had ever won an individual state championship. That is, until this year. Cowan, a junior, won the individual Class A state title with a time of 15:33.4 — his best of the season. In only his second year of varsity competition, Cowan was second at the regional, third in the Catholic League and ninth at the county meet. Cowan also gained All-State honors last year. "He was injured at the start of the season and missed a lot of training," said Brother Rice coach Bob Stark. "But I told him as early as August he could probably win the state title. He has a lot of talent, plus a lot of speed that most cross country runners don't have. It also has a high level of concentration that it takes to be a great athlete." Cowan, who maintains a 3.8 grade-point average, is a member of the concert band and is active in school plays.

JEFF COX: Cox has been a member of the Troy cross country team for four years. He was the team's most valuable runner this year and posted his best time of 16:31 at the state meet where he placed 35th overall. Cox finished fourth at the regional and 35th at the county. "He led us all year. We knew he was going to be there for us — he was just very consistent all year long," said Troy coach Jim Heinke. "He set goals for himself and he reached them. He was very focused all year."

DAVE EICK: A senior, this was Eick's first season of primarily varsity competition. And he did well. Eick placed fifth in both the regional and Catholic League meets, plus he ran to 13th place overall at the county meet with a time of 16:46.6. His personal best time this year was 16:23.9 at the state meet, where he took 36th place overall. "He was the most improved runner on the team," said Rice coach Bob Stark. "He had a minor injury at the state meet which may have cost him All-State honors. But he was a hard worker this year with a high grade-point average."

JOHN FRY: Fry was two-for-two in his cross country career at Andover, and was a state qualifier in both his years of varsity competition. A senior captain for the Barons, Fry was fifth overall in the Southeastern Michigan Association meet, seventh at the state regional and 25th in the county. He placed 18th in the Class A state individual race. Fry's best time of the season was 16:32 in a dual meet against Troy. "He was off to a great start and performing well this year, but he got sick and lost a lot," said Andover coach Paul Dain. "He battled back, though, and ended up the season right where he started. He was consistent and ran well at the state, although not as well as he had hoped at the beginning of the season."

ROB HUFF: After four years of varsity competition, Huff finally gained All-State status this fall. He deserved the honor. A senior, Huff was first overall in the Metro Suburban Activities Association meet, third in the county, fourth at the regional and fifth in the Class A state individual race. He also won the MSA's S.M.A. crossover race and placed third at the Holly Invitational. Huff's best time this year was 15:50 in a dual meet at Southfield-Lathrup High School. "He's a fine quality runner who simply became more consistent in all of his races," said Lahser coach Don Holston. "He's one of the hardest-working kids I've ever had. He was a great kid to have on the team and we're going to miss him." Huff, Lahser's co-captain the past two years, was the team's most valuable runner this year. He was a state qualifier throughout his prep career.

KURT RILLEMA: Rillema has been one of Groves' most consistent runners the past three years. In fact, Rillema has been his team's top runner in all but three races over that time. This season, the Falcon senior was second in the league (behind Rob Huff), sixth at the regional, 30th at the county and 34th at the state. His season-best time was 16:33 at the Class A state meet. Rillema also qualified for the state individual race last

year. "He played soccer as a freshman, then he decided to run after winning the school's Fun Run," said Groves coach George Browne. "He broke 18 minutes as a sophomore, 17 minutes as a junior and was consistently under 16 this year. He only missed one meet in three years."

JOHN ROTTENBERK: Rottenberk had a distinguished racing career at Birmingham Brother Rice. Four times he's been named All-Catholic and All-Regional, and the past two years he's made All-State. "He's been the backbone of our team since we've placed third twice, ninth and 11th at the state meet during his years at Rice," said Warriors coach Bob Stark. "Plus, we won four regional titles during that time. He's just a natural talent." Rottenberk, a senior, was third at the regional, fourth in the Catholic League and 13th at the state meet, where he produced his best time of 16:10.6. He also took 19th at the county meet.

DERK WALKOTTEN: Considering this was his first year of varsity cross country competition, Walkotten had an incredible season. He was 11th in the state individual race with a time of 16:20, he took third at the regional and was 10th in the county. Walkotten, who previously played football and soccer in the fall, was the Southeastern Michigan Association's best runner this season. "What he did was amazing for such a little background that he had," said Seaholm coach Ken Shively. "Imagine what he could have done if, say, he started in the sport as a sophomore. He was a real leader for us. We didn't do good as a team, but he provided great leadership."

GEORGE BROWNE: Browne's team has posted consecutive 9-1 dual-meet records the past two years. The Falcons lost last year to West Bloomfield and this year in an early-season meet to Berkley. However, they went 7-0 in Metro Suburban Activities Association competition in winning their second straight league tournament. Groves was eighth at the county meet, second at the regional and 17th at the state meet. "It was the first time since 1979 that we had qualified as a team for the state meet, and it was the best finish ever for Groves teams at the state meet," said Browne, who finished his sixth season at Groves after spending the previous 20 years at Detroit Country Day. "We knew it would take a lot of work for us to win this year and go to state because we were in a tough regional. Our two best performances of the year were at the regional and state meet."

Huff, Walkotten continue racing seasons

Two members of The Eccentric's 1989 All-Area Boys Cross Country team have continued their seasons in prestigious post-season races in Michigan.

Both Derk Walkotten from Birmingham Seaholm and Rob Huff from Bloomfield Hills Lahser repre-

sented Michigan in the Mid-East Cross Country Race over the weekend in Dayton, Ohio. The race, sponsored by The Athletic Congress, included teams from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Michigan.

Huff won the state qualifier at Burr Park in Ann Arbor with a time of 15:33. Walkotten finished 18th overall in 16:11. Huff and Walkotten were two of 10 runners who made the Michigan team.

Another Birmingham resident — Rob Lee — placed third in that Ann Arbor race with a time of 15:42. Lee attends University of Detroit Jesuit

High School.

Huff and Walkotten are expected to participate in another big race — the annual Kinney Invitational in Milwaukee — over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

The Kinney Invitational is considered one of the biggest races for a high school cross country runner.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1990

Notice is hereby given that the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 1990. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 1989 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Parks and Recreation Commission Administration Office, 2800 Walkline Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

1990 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY	
REVENUES	AMOUNT
Taxes	\$5,170,000
Fees, Charges, Miscellaneous	4,560,040
Total	\$9,730,040
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$9,730,040

A copy of the proposed 1990 budget will be available at the above address on and after Tuesday, November 28, 1989.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, FILE NO. 89-18101M

GRANT CLARK, Plaintiff

RENEIDA M. CLARK, Defendant

ORDER TO ANSWER
At a session of said Court held in the Court House in the County of Oakland, Michigan, on October 11, 1989, Present: Richard D. Kuhn, Circuit Judge.

On the 11th day of August, 1989, an action was filed by the above named plaintiff against the above named defendant in this Court to obtain a divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the said defendant shall answer or take such other action as is permitted by law on or before December 14, 1989. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a judgment by default against said defendant.

The defendant shall be notified of the action by:

- (1) publishing a copy of this order once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where the defendant resides, if known, and if not, in the county where the action is pending; and
- (2) sending a copy of the order to the defendant at his or her last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication. If the plaintiff does not know the present or last known address of the defendant, and cannot ascertain after due diligent inquiry, mailing of the order is not required.

RICHARD D. KUHN, Circuit Judge

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1989 ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
John Cowan	Brother Rice	Junior
Jeff Cox	Troy	Senior
Dave Eick	Brother Rice	Senior
John Fry	Andover	Senior
Rob Huff	Lahser	Senior
Kurt Rillema	Groves	Senior
John Rottenberk	Brother Rice	Senior
Derk Walkotten	Seaholm	Senior
George Browne	Groves	Coach

SECOND TEAM

Granbrook: Marzuki Stevens; Athens: Scott Glasgow; Troy: Ahmed Ali; Groves: Mark Hauser; Orchard Lake St. Mary's: Chuck Kosnowski; John Watson: Southfield Christian: Brigg Cobb; Rochester: Scott Patton.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Rochester: Ray Thompson; Troy: Ed Andrews, Alex Ramos, Davo Jaworski; Birmingham Groves: Jacob Povirk, John Nowak, Brad Rillema; Birmingham Seaholm: Matt Franke; Bloomfield Hills Lahser: Bill Fletcher; Bloomfield Hills Andover: Merrick Sakwa, Scott Poudrask; Bloomfield Hills Granbrook: Peter Donaldson, Chris O'Brien, Ryan Carne, John Kaufman, Pritham Roddy; West Bloomfield: Mark Smith, Terry Price, Tom Bausano; Southfield-Lathrup: Alan Donnelly; Auburn Hills Avondale: Hiep Dinh, Randy Carpenter; Rochester Adams: John Griffin; Southfield: Sean Allor; Birmingham Brother Rice: Bill Freeman, Curt Glowinski.

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