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OFF AND RUNNING IN THE STATE MEET--Class Benton Park was the site of the '72 Class A cross country state finals. Flint Kearsley won it with Livonia Stevenson No. 2. Five area runners captured All-State honors. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Stevenson Roars To 2nd In State

The '72 state cross country meet was an Observer success. Redford Union Athletic Director Howard Kraft couldn't have put on a better show and area athletes couldn't have given it a better 200 per cent. Flint Kearsley captured team honors with 116 points but right behind in second place was Paul Holmberg's Stevenson squad with 127 points. Kearsley ran 12-14-22-25-43 for 116 while Stevenson ran 2-8-27-36-54 for 127 points.

STEVENSON'S Dave Mathia was second across the line in the team race behind Tom Hammer of Grosse Pointe North. Hammer came in at 15:52 and Mathia was next at 16:02. Steve White was No. 2 man for Stevenson in eighth place at 16:13.3, Rick Galindo No. 3 man in 27th place at 16:41.1, Bill Walker No. 4 man in 36th at 16:51 and Chuck Minear No. 5 man in 54th at 17:08.6.

The individual race of 85 runners was won by Wayne Memorial's Walter Nowak. He dashed across in 15:56 with Farmington's Mike McGuire second at 16:02.2. Southfield's Dan Henry was third at 16:09.2 and John Yurchis of Garden City East fifth at 16:15.5.

The Class A All-State team was picked from the day's top 15 times, combining both the team race and individual race.

Five Overland runners placed in the top 15, which is one-third of the All-Staters from 188 Class A high schools. Overland covers only 17 Class A high schools.

Not a bad showing at all.

ALL-STATERS from the area include Stevenson's Dave Mathia and Steve White, Farmington's Mike McGuire, Southfield's Dan Henry and Garden City East's John Yurchis.

Franklin Scores But... Churchill Wins No. 8

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The pressure was on. Churchill had to win, Franklin had to win. Only one would win and one would lose. Churchill was boasting a perfect 7-0 record which included a six game shutout streak, while Franklin stood at 5-2 with victories the past two years in the meetings between the two clubs. Many believed that the winner would be the one who made the fewest number of errors.

FRANKLIN ERRED and Churchill played good hard nose football. Churchill had its shutout string broken at six but scored its first victory ever over Franklin, 20-8, and is now one game away from a perfect season with Livonia Stevenson on tap this Friday afternoon. "Defense is the name of the game," said Churchill Coach Ken Kaestner. "Our defense came up with a tremendous showing, it was just super." "We forced their quarterback into making mistakes," added Kaestner. "We dropped him five times for a minus 50 yards at tending to pass." And from the other side of the field: "We (Franklin) lost our own game," said Franklin Coach George Lovich. "We blew too many plays and made way too many mental errors."

"Our defenders left their zone two of the touchdown passes," added Lovich. "The wet field really hurt us. We couldn't get outside and that all but killed our outside option play." The offensive battle featured Churchill's Bobby Blaes against Franklin's Joe Jinnett. Both hit on seven of 15 passes but Jinnett was dropped on five occasions and was in constant pressure from

the front Charger livesome. CHURCHILL was fired up and caught Franklin. Franklin won the coin toss and elected field position instead of receiving the ball. Churchill received but had to punt and Franklin took control on Churchill's 42. Jinnett passed to Ron Urban for a first down on the 28 and a five yard penalty called against Churchill made it first and five on the 22. DAVE HOCHSTADT was stopped for no gain and a pass sailed over the head of Tony Dattilio. Dan Quinn was stopped on the 21 by Churchill's Don Forest and Hochstadt was halted on the fourth down play, one yard short of a first down. Churchill ran three plays and punted and Franklin took control again on Churchill's 48. Dattilio was all alone in the flat but dropped a Jinnett pass and the Patriots were forced into a punting situation. Franklin got the break it had been looking for and Churchill was called for roughing the kicker. It was first and 10 on the Charger 27. Churchill's Kevin Arnold dropped Jinnett for a 10 yard loss and a penalty halted a short spirited drive with Franklin's Dattilio booting it into the end zone. After a quick exchange of punts, Churchill took control on its 21 with 10:20 left in the half.

PHIL DAMASKA spurred for five yards and Franklin was called for "spiling on." So it was first and 10 on the 37 and Phil Skender broke loose for six and Damaska chalked up a first down on the 47. Blaes hit Dave Brubaker for seven yards and Phil LaPave for another first down. Blaes then switched to his running game and pounded out gains of three and 14 yards

and a first down on the Franklin 25. Blaes ran it down to the 20 and Franklin set in and Churchill was faced with a third and five. OFF-SETTING penalties gave Churchill a break and another third down play after the first attempt failed. Blaes combined with Damaska to the Franklin 16 and hit Ron Miller on a 13 yarder. Slender then tumbled in and with 5:16 left in the half, Ernie Comini converted and Churchill was up, 7-0. Both teams were then warned for hitting after the whistle. CALMER HEADS prevailed and the half ended with Churchill up, 7-0. Churchill received the second half kickoff, ran three plays and punted to the Franklin 10. Hochstadt was knocked back to the five and Foster halted Jinnett on the eight. Arnold threw Jinnett for another loss on the five and Dattilio was in for the punt, back in his own end zone. "BLOCKED PUNT" was in the air and Arnold broke through, a Franklin block was missed, a shoulder ducked, and Churchill recovered on the Patriot four yard line. Tom Moore ran it to the three and Blaes hit Brubaker who was all alone in the end zone for six points. Comini split the uprights and it was a 14-0 ball game. Frank was a far cry from out of it.

ON A DRIVE started from his own 38, Dattilio broke loose for 12 yards and Hochstadt

spurred to the Churchill 37. Jinnett then found Dattilio alone down the right sidelines and hit his mark and Churchill's shutout streak came to an abrupt halt. Jinnett passed to Kevin Markwardt for two points and with 4:48 left in the third quarter, the score was tied to 14-14. Churchill picked itself up and instead of letting down after the Franklin score, which was only the second touchdown its defense has given up in eight games, the Chargers were on the loose. Damaska ran for a first down on the 38 and Moore sprinted to the 49. Blaes hit Foster for a first down on Franklin's 35 and an unsportsmanlike penalty pushed it to the 20.

BLAES HIT Ron Miller who was left alone in the end zone corner when Guy Burke strayed away. The kick was no good but the margin pushed to 20-8 at the end of three quarters. Franklin struck back with the aid of two penalties and it was a first down on the Churchill 26. Jinnett went to the air and Al Leirstein picked off a pass on the 20 after a Franklin end slipped to the mud. Churchill was forced to punt and Franklin again went to the air with Skender picking off a stray Jinnett pass and Franklin's hopes were gone. Churchill collected 12 first downs to Franklin's six and outstruck the Patriots, 141 to 76.

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