



Northville High School Boys Cross Country Program

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10/18/18 KLAA Conference Meet Recap:

The Northville boys cross country team finished third at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Championship at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton on Thursday.

Last year's state runner-up Plymouth won the meet with 30 points followed by Brighton with 56. The Mustangs scored 99 points, and Salem was fourth with 115.

"Brighton and Plymouth didn't surprise anybody today," Northville head coach Tim Dalton said. "I'm happy with our third place finish."

The Mustangs were led by senior Nick Couyoumjian in seventh. He time of 15:49.89 is his fastest this season.

After Couyoumjian, Northville had three other KLAA All-Conference (top 28) finishes from sophomore Sean McKee, 15th (16:21.11), senior Raymond Jiang, 19th (16:27.66), and senior Alex Flegal, 27th (16:49.37).

Junior Josh Hardy closed the scoring for the Mustangs, finishing 31st in a career best 16:53.22. Juniors Josh Morrissey (37th, 16:57.97) and Ben Steinig (39th, 16:58.42) rounded out the Northville lineup.

"Today was about our team," Dalton said. "To paraphrase Bo Schembechler, 'there is no man or coach that is more important than the team,' and we try to instill that in each of our athletes."

The Mustangs will look to return to the MHSAA State Championship for the first time since 2016 on Saturday, when they compete in the regional championship on Oct. 27th at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"It's going to be a dogfight," Dalton said of the regional meet. "There are a few teams that are capable of making it out. We've got a target on our backs. We need to show up and compete."

JV

Led by freshman Brian McCallum's second place finish, the Mustangs JV team won, scoring 24 points, edging Brighton who finished with 37 points.

McCallum (16:56.64) went under 17 minutes for his second consecutive race. Junior Alex Beloui, 4th (16:59.13), sophomore Matt Krahe, 5th (16:59.46), sophomore Sam Craig, 6th (16:59.75), and junior Brandon Liu, 7th (17:02.90) scored for the Mustangs.

"Winning the JV Conference Championship is something that we certainly take an awful lot of pride in," Dalton said.

Fifty five percent of the team ran personal best times at the meet.

Picture: The 2018 Mustangs finished 3rd at the KLAA Conference Meet.

