



# Northville High School Boys Cross Country Program

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## **11/3/18 Northville Boys Cross Country Top-15 in Division 1:**

The Northville boys cross country team wrapped up their season with a 15th place finish at the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Championship at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. on Saturday.

Plymouth won the meet, edging a surprising Walled Lake Central team, 122-127. Dexter was third with 154. The Mustangs scored 372 points.

"Our team ran well," Northville head coach Tim Dalton said. "I told the boys on Friday that it would be close between finishing 10th and 15th and that I believed we could finish right in there."

Senior Nick Couyoumjian once again led the way for the Mustangs with a 30th place finish, his second all-state finish in as many years. He covered the five-kilometer course in 16 minutes, 11.4 seconds.

Next in for the Mustangs were senior captain Alex Flegal, 101st (16:53.6), senior captain Raymond Jiang, 106th (16:55.8), sophomore Sean McKee, 145th (17:06.0) and junior Ben Steinig, 158th (17:14.1). Juniors Josh Hardy, 185th (17:31.3), and Josh Morrissey, 196th (17:38.4) rounded out the Northville lineup.

"The boys competed today," Dalton said. "I'm happy for Nick that he hung on to a top-30 place."

Times were a bit slower than usual throughout the day due to last week's rain softening the course.

"We can sit here and talk about how muddy it was at MIS or how bad the footing was, but the matter of fact is that every team competed on the same course at the same time," Dalton said. "I'm glad our boys aren't making any excuses."

Dalton said his team performed better than many others expected them to. The Mustangs had been on the bubble of being ranked in the top 15 all season long.

"We don't put a whole lot of stock in the rankings that are released each week," Dalton said. "We were ranked just outside the top 15 coming into Saturday. Take a look at the rankings from throughout this fall and compare them with the results at MIS. They don't mean much."

The team loses its top three finishers from Saturday to graduation, but Dalton is confident the Mustangs will pick up in 2019 where they leave off in 2018.

"We lose a lot from our graduating seniors but we have some boys who will step up next year," he said. "I'm excited about it."

**Picture: The 2018 Northville Mustangs Cross Country team finishes 15<sup>th</sup> at the MHSAA State Finals.**

