



Northville boys cross country finishes third at Spartan Invite

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The Northville boys cross country team finishes in third place at the Michigan State Spartan Invitational in East Lansing. (Photo: Northville Cross Country)

The Northville boys cross country team notched a third-place finish at an invitational meet for the second consecutive week.

The Mustangs scored 133 points in the 33-team Green Division field at the Michigan State Spartan Invite, held at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing.

Caledonia won the meet with 77 points. Zeeland West was runner-up, scoring 98 points.

“We were competitive in this race. It gave us a good gauge of where we are at as a whole,” Northville coach Tim Dalton said.

Zeeland West senior Ethan Senti was the individual winner of the five-kilometer race in 15 minutes, 52 seconds.

“The sun came out right before the race started and it was humid,” Dalton said. “I stressed to the boys that it was humid for everybody, so we needed to just go out and compete.”

Northville junior Jacob Meek again paced the Mustangs with his fourth-place finish in a time of 16:56. Freshman Brandon Latta was next across the line for Northville - his highest finish on the team this season - as he took 26th in 17:35, just edging senior teammate Alex Beloui, who finished 27th in 17:36.

“Brandon showed some promise early on this summer at our team camp in northern Michigan and he has been pretty consistent the last few meets,” Dalton said. “He really stepped up for the team today.”

Rounding out the scoring for the Mustangs were senior Josh Hardy (17:54) and senior Adrien Jund (17:55), who took 40th and 44th, respectively.

Freshman Brady Heron (46th, 17:59), sophomore Peyton McCaslin (53rd 18:03), senior Ben Steinig (70th, 18:16) and sophomore Brian McCallum (146th, 19:10) completed Northville’s lineup.

“I’m pleased with how we competed as a team,” Dalton said. “This is one of the most competitive meets in the Midwest. It’s not easy to earn a trophy here.”

Mustangs down Hartland, Canton in double-dual

The Mustangs kicked off their KLAA season with wins against Hartland and Canton in a double-dual meet on Tuesday.

Hartland’s Riley Hough broke the tape with a time of 16:35. Northville’s Meek was next across the line in 16:52, followed by Grant Hoffmeyer of Canton in 17:06.

Beloui (17:10) was the second Mustang runner to finish, followed by the freshman duo of Latta (17:16) and Heron (17:26).

“Hartland and Canton both have some good runners, so we knew they both would be tough matchups,” Dalton said. “Brandon (Latta) and Brady (Heron) worked together throughout the race and put down some good times. We had a number of guys who ran well.”

The Mustangs next double-dual will be one of the most competitive three-team meets in the state this season, as it will consist of three top-ten ranked teams. Brighton, the top ranked team in the state will host sixth-ranked Salem and the 10th-ranked Mustangs at Huron Meadows Metropark on Tuesday.

“Two really good teams (Brighton and Salem),” Dalton said. “But we have a good team too. I’m anxious to see how we matchup with them and how it all plays out next week.”

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