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Northville boys cross country places fourth at Wayne County meet

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Northville runners Josh Morrisey (left) and Ben Steinig compete at the Wayne County Championship (Photo: Mark McCaslin)

Senior captain Josh Morrisey clocked a season-best time as he led the Northville boys cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the Wayne County Championship held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Plymouth finished atop the 31-team field for the fourth straight year and scored 90 points, narrowly defeating runner-up Salem, who had 91. Dearborn Divine Child scored 135 to finish third, and Northville tallied 148.

Carter Solomon of Plymouth won the five-kilometer race in 14 minutes, 58 seconds, outpacing Dearborn Divine Child twins Anthony and Michael Hancock, who finished in 14:59.03 and 14:59.36, respectively. Morrisey took 16th place in 16:42.

"We lucked out with a beautiful day and the fast times reflected that," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Wayne County has a lot of talent, which made for a competitive race. Josh stepped up and ran a season-best time. 45 boys on our team ran season-best times today."

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Northville's other scorers were senior Ben Steinig (21st, 16:46), sophomore Brian McCallum (26th 16:55), freshman Brandon Latta (40th 17:11) and sophomore Peyton McCaslin (45th 17:17).

Rounding out the Mustangs lineup were junior Nathan Hayes (62nd, 17:29) and senior Josh Hardy (69th, 17:37).

"I was really proud of the team today," Morrisey said. "With our No. 1 runner out, we knew we had to step up and a lot of us did that. I love this course and being here today gives us the confidence to compete at a high level come regionals."

Mustangs split double dual

Northville split its KLAA West Division double-dual meet on Tuesday at Bennett Arboretum.

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Led by junior Jacob Meek, the Mustangs downed Howell with a perfect score, 15-50. Meek finished in 16:58.

Defending state champion Plymouth took the first three places in the race and beat Northville by one point, 29-30.

Hayes (17:29), Morrisey (17:33), McCallum (17:42) and McCaslin (17:44) also scored for the Mustangs.

"These guys are ready to make the jump to the next level in their racing, and they showed that today," assistant coach Colin Riley said.

Northville, who holds a 3-3 record, will wrap up their dual meet season on Tuesday against cross-town rival Novi at Bennett Arboretum.

"I'm looking forward to it," Hayes said. "I'm hoping for good weather and we'll have some good races."

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