

North boys continue dominance with Franklinville Invite win

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Reporter

Williamsville North varsity boys cross country continued their winning ways after taking first place at the 16th annual Franklinville Invite Saturday at Ischua Valley Country Club.

North won with a team score of 75. A team from Bradford, Pa. was second with 86 points. Kenmore East (142), East Aurora (181), and Starpoint (201) were third through fifth.

North won the Byron-Bergen Invite two weeks ago.

"We ran exceptionally well," said North head coach Greg Stang. "The competition was much more difficult than at Byron-Bergen."

Stang said the team had a good tempo run in practice the Wednesday before the race that helped them succeed.

North's Mike Dobmeier won the varsity race in 16:06, his best time of the season. Stang said Dobmeier pulled away from Frontier's Josh Zubler just before the 2-mile mark. Zubler finished with a time of 16:14.

North junior Chris Deptula (17:11.4) was 16th overall followed by Jon Adler (17:13, 17th), Kurt Wende (17:14, 18th), and John Bauman (17:38, 23rd). Geoff Hurley (18:01, 40th) and Steve Berus (18:30, 54th) rounded out the team.

Dave Johnson won the junior varsity race in 18:07. He won the JV race at Byron-Bergen. Micah Hildreth (20:12, 30th), Justin Klein (20:30, 40th), Nate Carbrey (21:23, 69th), Jerry Gao (79th, 21:40), Max Eisenbaum (84th, 22:05), Jeremy Benamoz (22:41, 98th), Evan Holme (25:48, 140th), and Aaron Stramaglia (25:50, 142nd) also ran for the Spartans JV.

Kim Berus (21:44, 48th), Meg Flanigan (22:19, 61st), and Kaila Raybuck (22:31, 70th) ran for North in the varsity girls race.

Amherst was fourth overall in the girls race with a score of 179. Mia Symoniak was fourth in a time of 19:16 to lead the Lady Tigers. Arielle Januszkievicz was tenth in 20:13. Brenna Symoniak (21:31), Claire Wietig (21:33), and Victoria Alervall (23:50) also ran for Amherst.

The top four Amherst boys were Matt Santarsiero (17:46), Nick Schepperly (17:59), Alex Bible (18:23), and Adam Wallace (18:48). All were personal record times.

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