



Flyers battle elements to finish fourth

Hanneman earns all-Ohio honors

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COLUMBUS — St. Paul did not bring back a Division III championship Saturday night but a fourth-place finish with two-time defending state champion Lima Central Catholic proves the program has reached the level its coach, Dave Weisenberger, set four years ago.

Sugarcreek Garaway took the state crown with a two-day total of 608, followed by Columbus Academy at 621 and the Flyers and LCC both checked in with 625. LCC gained the third place with a fifth-player tiebreaker score.

St. Paul, though, does have a first team All-Ohio player in Andrew Hanneman.

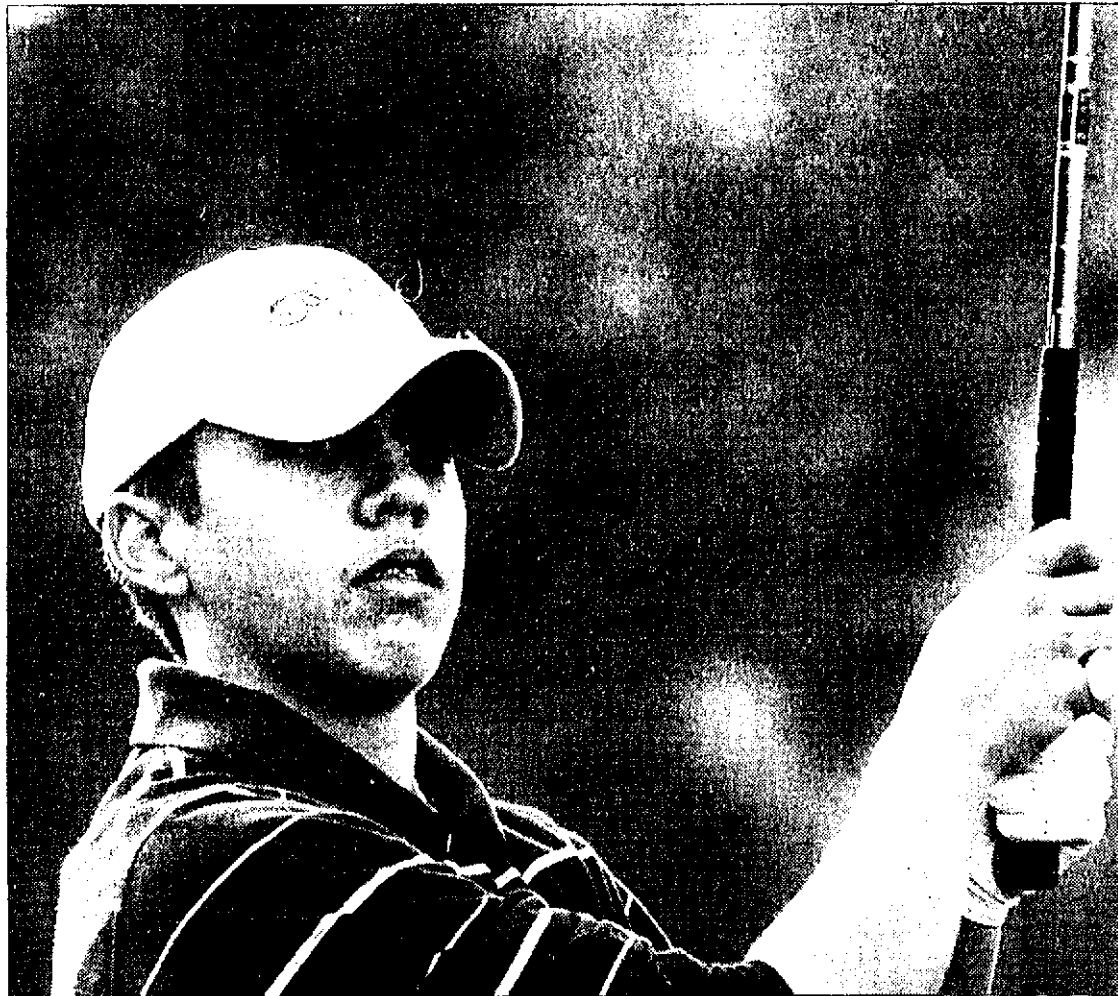
The junior shot an unbelievable 34-38—72 in the rain and wind on Saturday for a two-day total of 146 to finished second overall.

LCC senior Paul Marshall posted 144 for the top spot overall.

The low 10 scorers are named first-team all-state by the OHSAA.

Other St. Paul scores Saturday included sophomore Tyler Alge with 43-38—81, followed by seniors Shane Theisen with 40-42—82, Drake Toney at 41-42—83 and Rob Mansfield notched 44-47—91.

Over the two days, Theisen finished with 155, Alge and Toney



St. Paul junior Andrew Hanneman, shown during a practice round Oct. 11 at Eagle Creek Golf Course, shot a two-day total 146 over the weekend during the Division III portion of the state tournament on The Ohio State University Gray Course. Hanneman finished second overall and earned all-Ohio honors.

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both had 162 and Mansfield recorded 177.

"It was a tough day to play golf," Weisenberger said. "Just

seconds before our group went off we saw this white cloud com-

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ing across the course. It was sleet, an amount that quickly covered the greens.

"Officials called everyone in and we waited for 90 minutes for the sleet to melt. It is not easy for high school golfers to wait."

Weisenberger said there is just so much he can teach over the course of a season, but already knows what his priority will be for next year.

"Every player is going to learn to hit a knock-down shot, wind-boring shots so important when playing in the conditions of this weekend," he said. "The players that could hit them Saturday scored a lot better."

"I saw players resort to metal clubs on a 180-yard par 3 hole. That's how hard the wind was blowing. Certainly it is important to carry the ball a long ways like Shane does on his tee ball, but Saturday the high-carry shot into the wind was your worst enemy."

"Mark that down, next year all my people will go into matches fundamentally sound, have a decent short game, and be able to hit the knock-down shot."

Who St. Paul was paired with on Saturday was no asset either.

"Garaway won the tournament because it was paired away from what golfers call "head games" Weisenberger said.

"And there are no rules broken by players who back away from shots several times," he added.

"It is just that players like mine who like to get into some kind of rhythm by playing quickly and in doing so keep from stress, never did reach that kind of comfort level."

Weisenberger believed his team learned from the experience and hopes that carries over to the younger players.

"All of that will be stored in memory banks for the next trip," the Eagle Creek Golf Course pro said. "And there will be a next trip. Our goal was to top five this weekend and we reached it."

"The seniors, headed by Shane and Drake, have now turned the leadership over to Andrew. Tyler gets his turn in 2006. There are any number of underclassmen waiting to help. And all of them will have that knock-down shot."

New London freshman Logan Cooke, playing as one of the individuals in the field, also failed to handle the weather Saturday, skying to a 44-46—90 after an opening day 80 for 170.

"The weather had a huge impact," Cooke said. "I learned how to take the pressure. I just need to practice on the stuff I'm not great at right now."

Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic took seventh at 650, which was 25 strokes behind St. Paul and 42 off the pace set by champion Sugar Creek.

The Panthers were paced by senior Steve Claar. He backed his 74 on Friday with an 39-44—83 Saturday for a two-day total of 157.

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Balance pays off for Edison boys' team in SBC meet

CASTALIA — Balance proved beneficial for Edison's boys' team Saturday in the Sandusky Bay Conference league meet at Lions Park.

The Chargers defended their crown with two runners earning first-team all-league honors and another two on the second team.

Edison scored 42 points for the win to outdistance Huron at 68.

For the Chargers, Jeff Meinert claimed second overall in 16:34, while Josh Dow recorded fifth in 17:15 for first-team honors.

Pete Hill gained eighth at 17:41 and Tyler Johns grabbed 11th in 17:50 for second team honors.

Also for Edison, Zach Rospert registered 16th in 18:03, followed by Bryant Strayer at 20th in 18:12 and Cameron Ground, 34th, 18:60.

"It was a great day for the team," coach Dean Stansfield said. "They ran well in not-so-well conditions. All of these guys worked hard in the summer."

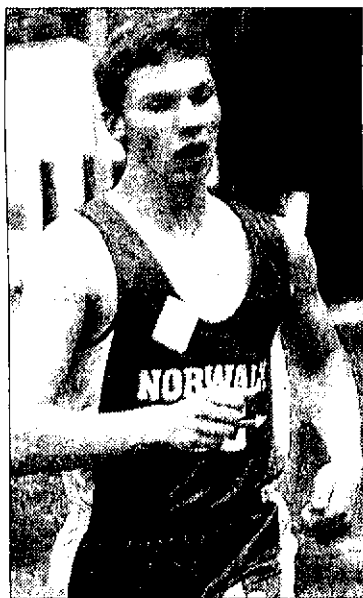
Huron's Scott Lasch finished first overall in 16:26.

After the top two teams were Perkins at third with 71, followed by Margareta t 92; St. Mary Central Catholic, 106; Oak Harbor, 116; Port Clinton, 187 and Clyde, 203.

In the girls' competition, Edison finished sixth with 135.

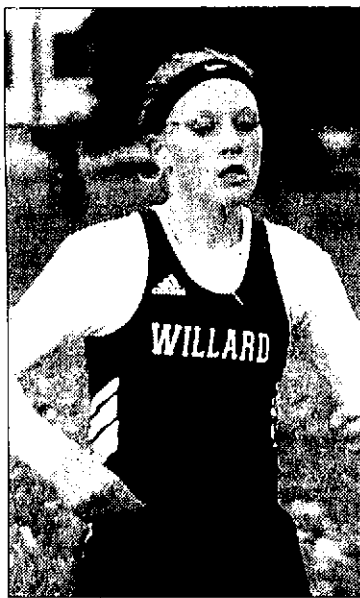
But Sarah Foster placed second overall in 19:37 for first-team all-SBC honors.

Also for the Lady Chargers, Carrie Shover posted 21st in 21:57;



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Norwalk senior David Springer runs in the Northern Ohio League meet Saturday at Amann's Park in Galion. Springer finished 12th to earn second-team all-league honors.



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Willard's Tracey Stockmaster competes Saturday in the NOL meet. Stockmaster finished first overall and collected first-team all-league honors.



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Kelsey Parker, 35th, 23:14; Caitlin Smith, 37th, 23:20; Jessica Pulaski, 40th, 23:32; Mandi Wurmsler, 42nd, 23:39 and Erin Flannery, 55th, 32:44.

Perkins, led by Jenna Baker, who collected first overall at 19:24, finished first with 45.

Oak Harbor notched second at 64, followed by SMCC 83; Port Clinton, 88; Huron, 91; Edison; Margareta, 157 and Clyde, 244.

Meanwhile, in the Northern Ohio League race, Tiffin Columbian swept both races, but there were individual accolades among Willard and Norwalk runners at Amann's Park in Galion.

Featheringill, a Flashes senior, edged Columbian's Chris Seamon 16:26-16:27 for the individual title. Shelby's Cory Arnold was also in the mix.

"All year, he's been beaten by

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those two kids," Willard coach Dominick Fratta said of Featheringill. "The young man always seems to come up big."

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New London girls' squad repeat as FC champions

ASHLAND — For the second straight season, New London's girls' team brought home a Firelands Conference league meet title.

The Ladycats finished with 48 points in Saturday's meet at Crestview to beat Mapleton by 10 points.

"I am so pleased for those girls," New London coach Dan Olien said. "They worked so hard in the summer. They deserve it. They went out there and competed."

Crestview took third with 76 points, followed by St. Paul with 101; Western Reserve, 115; Monroeville, 135 and Plymouth, 152.

South Central doesn't have teams on either the girls' or boys' sides.

Gabrielle Wuensch paced the Ladycats with the top overall spot in 20:53 for first-team all-league honors.

Also gained first-team honors were New London's Danielle Wuensch at 21:21 and Western Reserve's Samantha Boyd, seventh, 21:58.

The second team included St. Paul's Amanda Allard with eighth in 22:02 and St. Paul's



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Caity Fitzgerald, ninth, 22:03; Plymouth's Ashley Speicher, 12th, 22:37 and New London's Megan Shepherd and Holly Perkins, 13th and 14th in 22:59 and 23:04, respectively.

The honorable mention team included Monroeville's Lynsey Schaffer, 15th.; St. Paul's Sarah Nickoli, 16th, 23:08; New London's Tiffany Trimble, 16th, 23:20; Monroeville's Megan Schaffer, 18th, 23:28; Monroeville's Charlene Downing, 20th, 23:43 and Western's Brittani Sterk, 21st, 23:49.

In the boys' competition, state-ranked Crestview topped New London 23-54 for the FC title.

"Crestview is third in the state and they put on a show,"

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Olien said. "Zac and Troy matched up with them well. We need to bring our pack up. We're not finished with our peaking phase yet."

Behind those two were Mapleton at third with 93; Plymouth, 114; St. Paul, 132 and Western, 141.

Monroeville didn't field a full team.

First-team all-FC selections were New London's Zac Sendelbach at fourth in 17:38 and Troy Coombs, fifth, 17:47.

Second team choices were Plymouth's Skylar Branstool at eighth in 18:20 and Evan Fackler, ninth, 18:21 and Monroeville's Jon Wilhelm, 11th, 18:41.

The honorable mention team included New London's Brandon Lang at 15th in 18:50 and Kyle Cramer, 16th, 18:59; Monroeville's Jared Simon, 19th, 19:23; New London's Nathan Grys, 20th, 18:59 and St. Paul's Josh Beebe, 21st, 19:28.

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