

# SLUH Posts A Surprising Third Place

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There were not many surprises in Saturday's District 2 cross country meet at Ladue Junior High. As predicted, it rained. As expected, CBC standout Chris Borsa easily won the boys' race, and as anticipated, powerhouse Eureka dominated the girls' division.

One slight upset did occur, however. St. Louis University High's team qualified for the sectional meet on Saturday at Jefferson Barracks. Kirkwood, which had been strong all season, did not finish in the top four, and thereby failed to qualify for the next round of competition as a team.

SLUH Coach Jim Goeke commented on this year's district assignments.

"This is the toughest this district has been in three or four years. Four of the top 15 teams in the area are in this division," he said. "I was pleased with the team's overall performance, and we're looking forward to doing well in sectionals."

In the boys' and girls' divisions, the top four teams, along with the top 10 male finishers and top five female finishers, qualified for the sectional meet.

CBC's sensation, Borsa, tore up the rain-drenched course and finished with a time of 15:35, 49 seconds ahead of his closest competitor. Borsa, who many feel will be a top competitor at the state meet Nov. 3 in Jefferson City, looks forward to Saturday's race as a preview to that event.

"Sectionals will determine a lot for state," he said. "I'm glad I'll be able to see these people before state."

Northwest took top team honors in Saturday's event, accumulating 59 points. The Lions will move on to the next level along with Eureka, SLUH and Fox.

Despite missing the team qualification by just three points, Kirkwood will send five runners to Jefferson Barracks this weekend. They include Jeff Wagner, Scott Ridenour, Matt Fairchild, Scott Foy and Matt DeWein.

Also moving on to the next round of competition are Bryan Jaynes, Jon Minney and Alan Hicks of Webster, and Dan Cohen from Ladue.

In the girls' division, Eureka took first place by finishing first, second and third overall, and running up a point total of just 19.

Eureka's D'etra Mixson won the race with a time of 19:53.

Kirkwood finished a distant second with 69 points. The Pioneers had two medalists in Peggy Ehrhardt (sixth) and Rose Eichelberger (ninth).

DuBourg also qualified for the sectional meet with a third-place finish.

"We set this as a goal at the beginning of the year," said DuBourg Coach Tom Flanagan. "The competition was tough, especially from Eureka and Kirkwood, but our top runners did very well."

DuBourg had two medal winners, including Sue Smart, who placed seventh overall with a time of 21:46 and freshman Michelle Brillos, who finished 10th at 22:01.

"Sue and Michelle ran very well today," said Flanagan. "I'm looking towards those two, along with Cheryl Kincaid to move on to state."

DuBourg (102) and Fox (103) edged Webster Groves for the two remaining qualifying spots. But in the somewhat confusing qualifying system, the Statesmen's top four runners did advance to the next round of competition.

Individuals from Webster who will run at Jefferson Barracks on Saturday include Julie Bergfeld, Becky Thorne, Alicia LaChance and Wendy Warford. Marin Millar, who finished 14th, will be Ladue's sole representative at sectionals.