

Davison Leads Flyers To Cross-Country Title

COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 4 — Senior Darren Davison, turning in one of the finest races of his career, led Lindbergh to its first Missouri high school cross-country championship Saturday over a two-mile course at A.L. Gustin Golf Course.

Coach Tom McCracken's Flyers, seventh in last year's meet, scored 79 points Saturday.

Northwest of House Springs was second with 89, repeating its runner-up finish of 1971.

Northwest's John Prasuhn was a surprise winner of the individual title. He crossed the finish line with a time of 9 minutes 48 seconds, comfortably ahead of standout sophomore Steve Welch of Hannibal, who clocked 9:49.5. Brad Hawthorne

of Lee's Summit was third in 10:10.

DeSmet's Paul Heck and Hazelwood's Alton Davis, two of the favorites for the individual crown, finished back in the pack. Davis was sixth and Heck twelfth.

Lindbergh, relying on outstanding depth all season in rolling to an undefeated record, got another good team effort Saturday. Davison finished eighth and the other Lindbergh runners placed No. 21 (Mark Leicht), No. 22 (Gary Steffens), No. 24 (Dave Bender) and No. 37 (Jim Lattner).

Said Prasuhn, "I made no change in my running strategy for this race. Our coach makes us run a lot of hills during the season so I was prepared for this course. Everybody went out pretty fast at the first. This was without a doubt my best run of the year."

Lindbergh's title was the twenty-first for a St. Louis area school in the 23-year history of the meet. Springfield Central won in 1951 and Raytown South won in 1970.

TEAM TOTALS—Lindbergh 79, Northwest of House Springs 89, Lee's Summit 99, Hazelwood 113, Riverview Gardens 118, Parkway North 152, Raytown South 152, Normandy 196, Jefferson City 231, Sedalia Smith-Cotton 232, Kansas City Oak Park 241, Knob Noster 35.

INDIVIDUALS — 1. John Prasuhn, Northwest of House Springs; 2. Steve Welch, Hannibal; 3. Brad Hawthorne, Lee's Summit; 4. Alan Adams, Raytown South; 5. Brad Reese, Ft. Osage; 6. Alton Davis, Hazelwood; 7. Paul Lammert, Hillsboro; 8. Darren Davison, Lindbergh; 9. Riek Dennison, Lee's Summit; 10. Dennis Myrick, Northwest of House Springs; 11. Warren Wisner, Raytown South; 12. Paul Heck, DeSmet; 13. Charles Evans, Columbia U-High; 14. Art Cripps, Ritouour; 15. Riek McGowan, Riverview Gardens. Time—9 minutes 48.0 seconds (2 mile course).

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Virgin Smashes His State Record

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 4—Lebanon's Craig Virgin blistered his own record and boosted his record of consecutive cross-country victories to 48 Saturday by winning the Illinois high school meet. The state title was the second straight for the precocious senior, who established course records in 47 races in the last two seasons. He covered the three-mile course Saturday with a time of 13 minutes 50.6 seconds. That smashed the mark of 13:59 he set last year. Elmhurst York retained its team championship, easily outdistancing second-place Arlington Hersey. York scored 84 points and Hersey 164.

Alton was the only St. Louis area school to finish among the top 10. Coach Jim Wigger's Redbirds were seventh.

TEAM TOTALS—Elmhurst York 84, Arlington-Hersey 164, LaGrange

Lyons 175, Riverside-Brookfield 191, Rockford-Gullford 196, Naperville 234, Alton 256, Deerfield 257, Peoria Central 258, Oak Park 259, Maine East 272, Chicago Lane Tech 276, Mattoon 382, Lebanon 384, Moline 392.

INDIVIDUALS — 1. Craig Virgin, Lebanon; 2. Stan Vanier, Centralia; 3. Paul Sewell, Rockford-Gullford; 4. Dean Erhard, Deerfield; 5. Bill Santino, Crystal Lake; 6. John Unger, Riverside-Brookfield; 7. Tony Mageloen, Woodstock; 8. Dave Allen, LaGrange Lyons; 9. Jerry Jorge, Danville; 10. Bruce Franks, Springfield Southeast; 11. Arline Jackson, Schaumburg; 12. Craig Young, Stillman Valley; 13. Gary Marshak, Maine East; 14. Jim Eicken, Peoria East; 15. Jim Brown, Chicago St. Francis de Sales. Time—13 minutes 50.6 seconds (3-mile course record; old record 13:59.0, by Virgin, 1971).