

State Finals 2017 CHELSEA = STATE CHAMPIONS

At Michigan International Speedway	11/4/2017 50 Degrees 12Mph ESE wind. Raining.	
Place	Team	Points
1.	Chelsea	96
2.	Corunna	110
3.	Lansing Catholic	165
4.	St. Clair	166
5.	N.D. Prep	206
6.	Fremont	232
7.	Linden	284
8.	St. John's	289
9.	Flint Powers	292
	(27 teams competed in Div 2)	

Individual Results		
Place:	Name:	Time:
	5 Tom Oates	1539
	11 Jensen Holm	1551
	26 Carson Rabbitt	1612
	42 Connor Gilbreath	1629
	59 Foster Thorburn	1641
	87 Will Scott	1659
	228 Jeremy Northrop	1846
	Bold = All State	
	(245 runners in race)	

Coach Eric Swager's Comments:

What a great day! We came in and did what we have done all year, executed our race strategy with confidence and toughness. I knew that there were several other teams that would be gunning for us, so I told the guys to focus on passing people in the last two miles and kicking hard at the end. We were in fifth place as a team at the mile mark, but took over in the last 1 K to secure the victory.

Tom Oates, Jensen Holm, and Carson Rabbitt all earned All-State recognition, running nearly dead even splits enroute. Connor Gilbreath finished his high school career by running a lifetime best time. Foster Thorburn sealed the deal by beating his seed by 12 places. Will Scott also set a PR, breaking 1700 for the first time. Jeremy Northrop battled through a knee injury to round out our places.

This group has put in more miles than any other group I have ever coached, and this strength translated directly into our consistent performance all year. They have a calm, even demeanor and don't get freaked out by weather or unexpected occurrences.

I would like to thank the huge group of fans that came out to cheer us on, as well as the administration and fellow coaches and parents that have been amazing throughout the season. We are truly blest, and these guys deserve the credit for this awesome accomplishment!

