

Boys Zone 2 Report - 2023-24

(prepared by Zone 2 VP - Mike Harfoot - North Farmington)

Once again, Zone 2 gives me a chance to brag about some amazing team performances this year. At the state meets, Zone 2 took home half of all the trophies across the 3 state meets. At D1, Catholic Central, coached by Jessica Stoddard took home the 3rd place trophy. At the D2 meet, Zone 2 really stepped up taking all 4 trophies. Groves, coached by Nick Valice, repeated as state champions. Seaholm, coached by Brenden French and Farmington, coached by Drew Hansz, tied for second place, only one point behind Groves for the championship. U of D, coached by Drew Edson took home the 4th place trophy completing the sweep by Zone 2. At the D3 meet Cranbrook-Kingswood, coached by Paul Ellis, won another state championship following up last year's championship and Cranbrook-Kingswood's 6th championship in the last 11 years. Congrats to all the coaches and teams. Finally, Drew Hansz from Farmington was awarded the MISCA Division 2 Coach of the Year as voted on by his peers. Paul Ellis from Cranbrook-Kingswood was awarded the MISCA Zone 2 Coach of the Year Award as voted on by his peers. Congratulations to both of those coaches for earning those prestigious awards.

Oakland County Championships

Our annual Oakland County Championship Meet was held at Waterford Kettering for the first time and was an exciting day from start to finish. Cranbrook-Kingswood coached by Paul Ellis ended up running away with the championship separating themselves from a very talented field by over 80 points. The next 4 finishers all finished top 3 at their respective state meets. Congratulations Paul and all the Cranbrook-Kingswood athletes.

Oakland County final standings - 1st - Cranbrook-Kingswood, 2nd - Catholic Central, 3rd - Groves, 4th - Farmington, 5th - Seaholm, 6th, Rochester, 7th - Stoney Creek, 8th - Adams, 9th - Oxford, 10th - South Lyon, 11th - Novi, 12th - Brother Rice, 13th - Troy, 14th - Notre Dame Prep, 15th(tie) - Milford, 15th(tie) - Country Day, 17th - Lake Orion, 18th - West Bloomfield, 19th - Bloomfield Hills, 20th - Walled Lake Northern

OAA Red Division

The OAA Red division was a dog fight all year. Seaholm, Groves and Farmington traded punches all season. Seaholm, coached by Brenden French ended up winning both the regular season title and won the league championship meet. Congratulations to the Maples Other finishers were : 2. Farmington, 3. Groves, 4. Adams, 5. Lake Orion, 6. Rochester

OAA White Division

In the White division this year Troy, coached by Kyle Larson, finished alone in first. Stoney Creek battled tough, but in the end Troy ended up winning the league meet by about 20 points. Congratulations to the Colts. Other finishers were : 2. Stoney Creek, 3. Bloomfield Hills, 4. Oxford, 5. West Bloomfield, 6. Troy Athens

OAA Blue Division

In the OAA Blue division, Clarkston coached by Amber Miller finished the dual meet season undefeated, but Royal Oak, coached by Darrin Millar pulled out the victory at the league meet. Because of that, the two teams shared the OAA Blue title. Congratulations to the Wolves and Ravens Other finishers were ; 3. North Farmington, 4. Berkley, 5. Ferndale, 6. Avondale, 7. Southfield A&T, 8. Harper Woods (DNS league meet)

Catholic League

In the Catholic League Cranbrook-Kingswood, coached by Paul Ellis, won a close meet with Catholic Central, coached by Jessica Stoddard, only 5 points behind them. Other finishers were: 3. U of D, 4. Brother Rice, 5. Ann Arbor Green Hills, 6. De La Salle, 7. St.Frances Cabrini, 8. Divine Child

MHSAA State Meet – Division 1

Congratulations to Jessica Stoddard and Detroit Catholic Central, who finished in 3rd place and was the highest scoring Zone 2 team. Other top 25 finishers were Rochester Stoney Creek (7th), Rochester (8th), Oxford (12th), Troy (16th)

MHSAA State Meet – Division 2

Congratulations to Groves coached by Nick Valice for winning another state championship banner to hang. Congratulations also to Farmington, coached by Drew Hansz, and Seaholm coached by Brenden French for finishing tied for 2nd only 1 point behind Groves. Finally, congratulations to Drew Edson for finishing 4th and taking home another state meet trophy. Other top 25 finishers were - Adams (14th), Brother Rice (15th)

MHSAA State Meet – Division 3

Congratulations to Cranbrook-Kingswood coached by Paul Ellis who finished the D3 State Championship meet as State Champions for the 2nd consecutive year. This is also the program's 6th state championship in the last 11 years. Other top 25 finishers were - Detroit Country Day (7th), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (18th)

Zone 2 Coach of the Year – Paul Ellis - Cranbrook-Kingswood

Our Zone 2 Coach of the Year is Paul Ellis from Cranbrook-Kingswood. Paul and his team had an amazing season. They dominated the very competitive Oakland County Championship finishing over 80 points in front of 2nd place. They followed that up by winning the Catholic League Championship over some very competitive programs. After that, they went to the D3 State Championship meet and ran over the competition finishing 137 points ahead of 2nd place. Congratulations to Coach Ellis and all the athletes from Cranbrook-Kingswood on a truly spectacular season.