

Boys Zone 2 Report - 2024-25

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Zone 2 once again had an amazing season with highlights from start to finish. We have 2 state championship teams to celebrate once again this year. U of D, coached by Drew Edson, won their first state championship after coming close a few times in previous years.

Cranbrook-Kingswood, coached by last year's zone 2 coach of the year Paul Ellis, won their 3rd championship in a row and 7th in the last 12 years. Congratulations to Drew, Paul and their teams. Drew Edson from U of D was named MHSAA D2 coach of the year and Erica Thomas was named the Zone 2 coach of the year. Congrats to Drew and Erica for winning those prestigious awards. You are both very deserving of the recognition these awards bring.

Oakland County Championships

The Oakland County meet was held at Lake Orion this year and ran by Ben Winn and his amazing staff. Catholic Central, coached by Jessica Stoddard, captured the championship this year. CC improved on their finish position again this year after finishing runner up last year and 3rd the year before that. Farmington, coached by Drew Hansz and Cranbrook-Kingswood, coached by Paul Ellis, rounded out the top 3

Oakland County final standings - 1st - Catholic Central, 2nd - Farmington, 3rd - Cranbrook-Kingswood, 4th - Stoney Creek, 5th - Adams, 6th, Troy, 7th - Huron Valley United, 8th - Seaholm, 9th - South Lyon, 10th - Novi, 11th - Rochester, 12th - Lake Orion, 13th - Groves, 14th - Brother Rice, 15th - Bloomfield Hills, 16th - Country Day, 17th - West Bloomfield, 18th - Oxford, 19th - Clarkston, 20th(tie) - Royal Oak, 20th(tie) - Walled Lake Central

OAA Red Division

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

OAA White Division

In the White division this year Stoney Creek, coached by Erica Thomas, finished alone in first. Bloomfield Hills battled tough, but in the end Stoney ended up winning the league meet by about 50 points. Congratulations to Stoney Creek. Other finishers were : 2. Bloomfield Hills, 3. Groves, 4. Oxford, 5. Clarkston, 6. Royal Oak

OAA Blue Division

In the OAA Blue division, Troy Athens, coached by Matt Butka, finished the dual meet season undefeated, and then went on to run away with the championship meet, winning by over 160 points. Congratulations to Matt and the Red Hawks Other finishers were ; 2. Berkley, 3. West Bloomfield, 4. North Farmington, 5. Avondale, 6. Ferndale, 7. Southfield A&T, X. Harper Woods (DNS league meet)

Catholic League

In the Catholic League U of D, coached by Drew Edson, won by over 120 points over some very talented teams. Catholic Central took 2nd and Cranbrook-Kingswood took 3rd. Final finishers were: 1. U of D, 2. CC, 3. Cranbrook-Kingswood, 4. Ann Arbor Green Hills, 5. Brother Rice, 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 5th place and was the highest scoring Zone 2 team. Other top 25 finishers from zone 2 were - Bloomfield Hills (9th), Troy(12th), Adams(14th), Rochester(15th), Lake Orion(22nd), West Bloomfield(23rd)

MHSAA State Meet – Division 2

Congratulations to U of D, coached by Drew Edson for winning their first state championship banner to hang. Congratulations also to Seaholm coached by Brenden French and Farmington, coached by Drew Hansz, and for finishing 3rd and 4th and bringing home more hardware for their trophy cases. Zone 2 had 2 other top 10 finishes with Stoney Creek, coached by Erica Thomas, finishing 5th and Groves, coached by Nick Valice, finishing 6th. Other top 25 finishers from zone 2 were - Brother Rice(11th), Ann Arbor Green Hills(14th)

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 3rd consecutive year and 7th Championship in the last 12 years. Congrats to Paul for building and maintaining a dynasty. Other top 25 finishers from zone 2 were - Detroit Country Day (7th), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (18th)

Zone 2 Coach of the Year – Erica Thomas - Stoney Creek

Our Zone 2 Coach of the Year, as voted on by the zone coaches, is Erica Thomas from Stoney Creek. Erica has done a masterful job of building Stoney Creek into a consistent power house in the area. Under Erica's care, Stoney Creek has steadily improved over the years and is reaping the benefits of her leadership. They won the Oakland County meet for the first time in 2022 and had their highest finish at the state championship meet in school history finishing 5th this past season. Congrats Erica and keep up the great work.