

# Urbana Wins Sectional Run

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The Urbana Tigers maintained their dominance of area cross-country Saturday as they placed four men in the top ten to win the Champaign Centennial sectional meet. The Tigers, running under first-year coach Ron Gerriets, also won the Big 12 and

## Centennial Sophs Win

Dennis Millage romped for three touchdowns and Ken Pierce turned in a dazzling 38-yard punt return for the other score to spark Champaign Centennial's sophomores to a 26-20 victory over visiting

Danville district titles.

Urbana withstood another strong challenge from Danville, which scored 62 points to the Tigers' 52. Mattoon was third with 122. These three teams, along with the first ten individuals, travel to Peoria next Saturday for the state meet.

Rantoul's Ken Bilek took individual honors, passing Danville's Joe Earle in the final few yards with a spectacular finishing kick. Bilek's time over the 3-mile Centennial layout was 15:58.2. Earle finished second and Urbana captain Dave Himelick third.

Tigers Gary Utterback, Dave Skadden, and Tim Pittman finished eighth, ninth, and tenth. Urbana's fifth man, Bob

Sandberg, was 25th among runners from teams. Individual runners, like seventh-place finisher Mike Lehman of St. Anne, are sifted out when team scores are tabulated.

Centennial's Jeff McCall just missed a trip to Peoria, placing 11th. Okaw Valley champ Ken Burke of Tuscola finished 14th.

### TEAM RESULTS

52 Urbana	209 Sfr. Woodland
62 Danville	255 S. Decatur
122 Mattoon	256 Charleston
141 Rantoul	278 Dec. Lakeview
153 Sreator	347 Kank. Westview
164 Ch. Centennial	361 Paxton
182 Dec. MacArthur	— Manteno (4 run.)
195 Oakwood	

### FIRST TEN FINISHERS

1. Ken Bilek (R); 2. Joe Earle (Dan); 3. Dave Himelick (U); 4. Don Hudson (DL); 5. Jerry George (U); 6. Jack Ralston (Mat); 7. Mike Lehman (St. Anne); 8. Gary Utterback (U); 9. Dave Skadden (U); 10. Tim Pittman (U). Time—15:58.2 (3 miles).

# Urbana Runners Bid For Sectional Title

The Urbana Tigers will try to continue their dominance of area cross-country Saturday when they take on 14 other schools in the Champaign Centennial sectional meet. Competition is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Led by first-year coach Ron Gerriets, Urbana nipped Bloomington 52 to 54 last Saturday to capture their first Big 12 championship since 1966. Last Tuesday the Tigers defeated Danville 37 to 49 to win the Danville district meet.

Rantoul, Champaign Centennial, and Oakwood also advance to the sectional from the Danville district.

Mattoon, winner from the Mt. Zion district, has won the last two sectional meets at Centennial. The Green Wave, however, finished a distant fifth in the Big 12 and is not expected to win a third straight

title.

Other teams advancing from the Mt. Zion district are Decatur MacArthur, Charleston, Decatur Lakeview, and Stepuhen Decatur.

Streator won the Kankakee district, followed by Streator Woodland, Kankakee Westview, Paxton, and Manteno.

Rantoul's Ken Bilek is the leading candidate for individual honors Saturday. Bilek posted a record time of 15:35 Tuesday over Danville's hilly 3-mile Harrison Park course.

St. Anne's Mike Lehman won the Kankakee district and Lakeview's Mike Larson and Don Hudson were 1-2 at Mt. Zion.

Other top runners include Danville's Joe Earle and Jerry George, Urbana's Dave Himelick and Dave Skadden, Mattoon's Jack Ralston, and Tuscola's Ken Burke.