

Mattoon Harriers Take Decatur Meet

DECATUR—Mattoon, Charleston, Stephen Decatur, Decatur MacArthur and

Hoopeston Runners 1st

KANKAKEE — Hoopeston claimed the title, Watseka eked out third place, and Paxton barely missed sectional qualification as the Wauseca Conference made a strong showing in the district cross country meet run over the Kankakee Elks Country Club here Tuesday.

Hoopeston, whose Don Hasler placed fifth and Ernie Linares 10th, was comfortably first in the team running with 72 points. Watseka, with John Apgar its highest finisher ninth in line, shaded Manteno for third teamwise, 108 to 109. Paxton, with Don Frichtl finishing seventh, was shaded by Kankakee West for fifth.

Mike Lehman of St. Anne repeated as individual champion, covering the three-mile course in 15:52.6.

In addition to Hasler and Linares, Hoopeston's Steve Rhodes ran 12th, Mike Young 18th, and Dwayne Shepperd 27th. Back in the pack, Watseka had Benny Marcier 19th, Dave Rasdell 20th, Steve Keath 28th, and Bob Tonner 32nd. Paxton's Jim Niewold ran 22nd, Charles Kemmitzer 34th, Alan Scales 35th, and Gayle Merdon 58th.

FIRST SIX TEAMS

Hoopeston 72, St. Anne 90, Watseka 108, Manteno 109, Kankakee West 152, Paxton 156.

FIRST 10 INDIVIDUALS

1. Mike Lehman, St. Anne, 15:52.6 (three-mile course); 2. Bob Reid, Manteno; 3. Ed Kempus, Wilmington; 4. Mike Siefert, Bradley-Dourbonnals; 5. Don Hasler, Hoopeston; 6. Jim Raffin, St. Anne; 7. Don Frichtl, Paxton; 8. John Bessette, Kankakee West; 9. John Apgar, Watseka; 10. Ernie Linares, Hoopeston.

Decatur Lakeview all advanced to the prep cross country sectional Saturday to be hosted by Champaign Centennial.

Decatur Eisenhower's Bob Liddell was the top individual finisher in the district meet run Tuesday with a record, 15:57.6 clocking over the three-mile course.

The top five teams and top 10 individuals from Tuesday's district competition advance to the sectional.

TEAM RESULTS

1. Mattoon, 38; 2. Charleston, 44; 3. Stephen Decatur, 120; 4. Decatur MacArthur, 126; 5. Decatur Lakeview, 169; 6. Warrensburg-Latham, 244; 7. Decatur Eisenhower, 247; 8. Fisher, 248; 9. Argenta, 251; 10. Mahomet-Seymour, 277; 11. Tuscola, 279; 12. Mt. Zion, 283; 13. Cerro Gordo, 306; 14. Monticello, 307; 15. Arcola, 362; 16. Clinton, 475.

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS

1. Bob Liddell (Dec. Eis.), 15:57.6; 2. Dave Hoover (Mat.), 3. Alan Crason (Lak.), 4. Harold Fudge (Char.), 5. Kent Davis (Mat.), 6. Toby Franklin (Char.), 7. John Duggins (MacA.), 8. Rich Spark (Mat.), 9. Comor (Mat.), 10. Junior Percy (Char.).

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