

AT MAHOMET-SEYMOUR
 Mahomet-Seymour 21, University High 35
 Mahomet-Seymour 20, Fisher 49
 University High 26, Fisher 27
 Mark Johnson (M) 15:30 (3-mile course); 2. James (M) 16:34; 3. Bergman (M) 17:40; 4. Brown (M) 17:48; 5. Fullcock (U) 18:14.

Mahomet-Seymour Stops Monticello

MAHOMET — Mahomet-Seymour, paced by individual winner Mark Johnson, edged Monticello 27-28 and ended the Sages' dual meet winning streak at 17 in a triple dual cross-country meet Thursday.

Mahomet-Seymour also nipped Paxton 28-29. Monticello downed Paxton 23-32.

AT MAHOMET:
 1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 15:35 (3.0-mile course); 2. James (M-S) 16:35; 3. Brewer (Mont) 17:09; 4. Ostgard (P) 17:15; 5. Riggins (Mont) 17:30; 6. Johnson (M) 17:35; 7. Brown (M-S) 17:42; 8. Duck (Mont) 17:50; 9. Smith (Mont) 18:00; 10. Frichl (P) 18:14.

Reo Rorem Runs 1st In Paxton Invitational

PAXTON — Gilman junior, Reo Rorem defeated Mahomet-Seymour senior Mark Johnson to take individual honors in a blistering three-mile race at the fourth annual Paxton Invitational cross-country meet Saturday.

Rorem clocked 15:15.7 to 15:19 for Johnson. A distant third was St. Joseph-Ogden's Tony Johnson in 16:05. Mahomet-Seymour's Bill James was fourth and Gilman's Doug Rowe fifth.

St. Anne had no runners finish higher than eighth, but placed five in the top 16 and repeated as team champion with 61 points. Only 26 seconds separated St. Anne's first and fifth runners.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. St. Anne 61; 2. Tri-Valley 108; 3. Mahomet-Seymour 120; 4. Hoopeson-East Lynn 184; 5. Watseka 194; 6. Mount Zion 197; 7. Unify 205; 8. Paxton 225; 9. Gilman 230; 10. Beecher 233; 11. Bismarck-Hanning 239; 12. Manteno 279; 13. Georgetown 294; 14. St. Joseph-Ogden 335; 15. Fisher 391; 16. Urbana Uni High 417; 17. Clifton Central 444; 18. Poloma 490. Oakwood lacked the necessary five runners to post a team score.

TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS

1. Reo Rorem (Gilman) 15:15.7 (3-mile course); 2. Mark Johnson (M-S) 15:19; 3. Tony Johnson (S-J-O) 16:05; 4. Bill James (M-S) 16:15; 5. Doug Rowe (Gilman) 16:25; 6. Joe Burgess (Beecher) 16:34; 7. Denny Gaddis (T-V) 16:37; 8. Dave Roneln (St. Anne) 16:40; 9. Randy Poche (T-V) 16:43; 10. Jerry Shannon (St. Anne) 16:46; 11. Robin Robertis (T-V) 16:53; 12. Steve Keath (Wat) 16:55; 13. Gerry Schaafsma (St. Anne) 16:55; 14. Tim Rattin (St. Anne) 16:56; 15. Dan Umfleet (MZ) 17:03; 16. Brian Cole (St. Anne) 17:06; 17. Randy Bodine (MZ) 17:08; 18. Marc Brown (M-S) 17:12; 19. John Brazas (Oak) 17:15; 20. Tim Towner (Unify) 17:18; 21. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 17:19; 22. Chris Linhart (Hoop-EL) 17:29; 23. Steve Lowry (Unify) 17:30; 24. Calvin (Hoop-EL) 17:35; 25. Brian Bretz (Hoop-EL) 17:35.

Prep Cross-Country

AT WAPELLA

Mahomet-Seymour 16, Wapella 45
 1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 14:58 (approx. 2.5-mile course); 2. James (M-S) 15:40; 3. Brown (M-S); 4. Miller (M-S).

AT MAHOMET-SEYMOUR

Mahomet-Seymour 52, Tuscola 33
 1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 14:45.5 over 3 mile course; 2. Bill James (M-S); 3. Don Williams (T); 4. Marc Brown (M-S); 5. Scott Brewer (T); 6. Mark Geller (T); 7. Matt Miller (M-S); 8. Mike Withrow (M-S); 9. Terry Krohnung (T); 10. Cliff Ponder (T).

AT TOLONO

Mahomet-Seymour 21, Unify 35
 1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 12:37 (record for 2.5-mile course); 2. James (M-S) 13:32; 3. Brown (M-S) 14:05; 4. Lowry (U) 14:07; 5. Townner (U) 14:21.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 24, ARGENT MOORENA 34

1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 2; Bill James (M-S) 3; Cortright (A-O) 4; Marc Brown (M-S) 5; Ryan (A-O) 6; Johnson (A-O) 7; Richards (A-O) 8; Mike Withrow (M-S) 9; Bob Sivier (M-S) 10; Frichl (A-O) 11; 12. Steve Lowry (A-O) 13; 14. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 15; 16. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 17; 18. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 19; 19. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 20; 20. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 21; 21. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 22; 22. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 23; 23. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 24; 24. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 25; 25. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 26; 26. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 27; 27. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 28; 28. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 29; 29. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 30; 30. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 31; 31. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 32; 32. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 33; 33. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 34; 34. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 35; 35. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 36; 36. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 37; 37. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 38; 38. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 39; 39. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 40; 40. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 41; 41. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 42; 42. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 43; 43. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 44; 44. Dan Ostgard (Pax) 45; 45. 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Rorem Wins Spartan Run, Sets Record

ST. JOSEPH—Gilman junior Reo Rorem, one of downstate Illinois' leading distance runners, won the individual title with a course-record time of 14:36 for 3.0 miles in Saturday's third annual Spartan Classic cross-country meet.

Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson was second in 14:42. He and Rorem outdistanced the rest of the 230-runner field by a

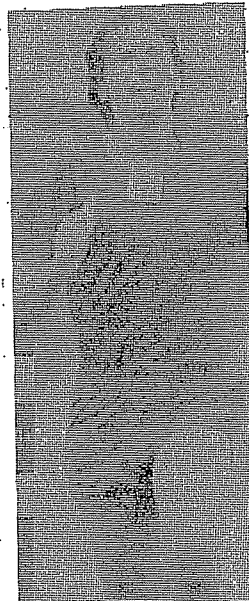
remarkable 300 yards in a race run through the streets of St. Joseph.

Rorem's title bettered the record of 14:47 set by St. Anne's Mike Lehman two years ago.

Effingham St. Anthony, which placed runners third, 13th, 19th, 24th and 49th, won the team title with 108 points. St. Anne was second (143), Monticello third (197), Tuscola fourth (202), Hoopeston-East Lynn fifth (214) and Mahomet-Seymour sixth (223).

Other area runners in the top 10 included ABL's Roger Moore (fourth), Gilman's Doug Rowe (fifth), Monticello's Terry Brewer (sixth), St. Joseph-Ogden's Tony Johnson (seventh), and Mahomet-Seymour's Bill James (ninth).

Among those in the second 10 were Tuscola's Scot Brewer (11th), Hoopeston's Ernie Linares (12th), Cerro Gordo's Steve Fansler (16th), Watsseka's Steve Keath (17th), and Monticello's Steve Duck (20th).



REO ROREM
No. 1 in Spartan Classic

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Effingham St. Anthony 108; 2. St. Anne 143; 3. Monticello 197; 4. Tuscola 202; 5. Hoopeston-East Lynn 214; 6. Mahomet-Seymour 223; 7. Normal U. High 301; 8. (tie) Bismarck-Henning and Paxton 312; 10. Watsseka 316; 11. Chrisman 321; 12. Gilman 347; 13. Unity 349; 14. Blue Mound 383; 15. Kansas 413; 16. Eureka 428; 17. LeRoy 433; 18. Cumberland 457; 19. Warrensburg-Latham 500; 20. New Berlin 521; 21. Casey 539; 22. Georgetown 568; 23. St. Joseph-Ogden 570; 24. Calhoun 587; 25. Cerro Gordo 593; 26. Fisher 611; 27. Rankin 644; 28. Clifton Central 716; 29. Urbana Uni High 724; 30. ABL 738; 31. Polomac 772; 32. Shiloh 809; 33. Rossville 847; 34. Oakwood lacked the necessary five runners.

TOP 25 INDIVIDUALS

1. Reo Rorem (Gilman) 14:36 (record for 3.0-mile course; old record 14:47); Mike Lehman, St. Anne, 1972; 2. Mark Johnson (Mah-Sey) 14:42; 3. Vic Althoff (St. Anthony) 15:31; 4. Roger Moore (ABL) 15:34; 5. Doug Rowe (Tuscola) 15:37; 6. Terry Brewer (Monticello) 15:42; 7. Tony Johnson (SJ-O) 15:48; 8. Fred Brockman (Eureka) 15:49; 9. Bill James (Mah-Sey) 15:53; 10. Shane Clark (Cumberland) 15:54; 11. Scot Brewer (Tuscola) 15:56; 12. Ernie Linares (H-EL) 15:58; 13. Dave Feldhake (St. Anthony) 15:59; 14. Dave Romoin (St. Anne) 16:01; 15. Jerry Shannon (St. Anne) 16:01; 16. Steve Fansler (Cerro Gordo) 16:03; 17. Steve Keath (Watsseka) 16:03; 18. Terry Schurter (Eureka) 16:10; 19. Jeff Weis (St. Anthony) 16:12; 20. Steve Duck (Monticello) 16:13; 21. Tim Ratlin (St. Anne) 16:14; 22. Dave Cook (H-EL) 16:18; 23. Don Williams (Tuscola) 16:19; 24. Greg Schuetz (St. Anthony) 16:20; 25. Kevin Tingley (Chrisman) 16:21.

Normal U-High Invit. - 7th of 19 teams

<p>MAHOMET SEYMOUR 19, LEROY 41 WINS MEET Mark Johnson of Mahomet-Seymour won the University High of Normal Invitational cross-country meet with a</p>	<p>course record time of 14:59. Johnson's clocking was the first under 15 minutes ever by a high school runner on the three-mile course at the Illinois State University Golf Course.</p>	<p>Mahomet's Bill James finished eighth with a time of 16:00. Mahomet finished seventh in the team standings with 147 points. Washington was the team champion with 89 points, Metamora finished second.</p>
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MAHOMET SEYMOUR 19, LEROY 41
WINS MEET
 Mark Johnson (M) 2. Bill James (M) 3. Phil Fretz (L) 4. Mark Brown (M) 5. Mike Wilrow (M-S) 6. Mike Burke (L) 7. Bob Sivewright (M-S) 8. Jeff Climbell (M-S) 9. Alan Zehn (M) 10. Tim Williams (T) 11. Winding (M) 12. Course officials: 3 miles at LeRoy

MAHOMET 24, ARGENTA 31
UNITY 22, ARGENTA 35
 1. Mark Johnson (M) 2. Bill James (M) 3. Leo Cartwright (A) 4. Marco Brown (M) 5. Shawn Lowry (U) 6. Tim Towner (U) 7. Dean Jackson (U) 8. Don Roberts (U) 9. Bill Ryan (A) 10. Steve Lewis 11-14:59, D-3 Miles.

Other Invit:
 Leroy - 3rd of 18 teams

Lightning strikes for winner Danville

4 C-U area teams to sectional run

By Paul Ayars
Of The Courier

The pre-district team favorite in the district meet at Champaign Centennial Tuesday was Rantoul.

But Danville, the defending Big 12 Conference champion, proved that "lightning" does strike twice in the same place.

Danville, which just last Saturday claimed the Big 12 crown on the same course, used balance to again pace the field and push to second a Rantoul team which had beaten Danville in an earlier dual meet.

Although both teams and Champaign schools Central and Centennial plus Urbana advance to the sectional at Rantoul Saturday, Rantoul coach Roger Quinlan would have appreciated the balance which Danville showed.

Three Eagle runners (Ernie Strange, Cliff Bidleman and Art Hess) finished in the top 10, but the next highest finisher, Randy Calicott, was 23rd and the next high scorer, Jeff Young, was 25th.

"Three runners in the top 10 and we still don't win," mused Quinlan as he left Centennial's gymnasium after the awards ceremony.

All five of Danville's scorers were between eighth and 18th Tuesday, adding a touch of irony to the "lightning" theory. When Danville won the Big 12 crown Saturday, lead runner Jeff Owens finished eighth, his same spot Tuesday, and the other four runners finished in the top 18, 14 through 17, respectively.

"They ran just about exactly the same as they did Saturday," Danville coach John Eakle explained, but he added the team got help from a Danville runner Jeff Strader, whose score didn't count in the team standings even though he finished 21st.

"Our sixth man (Strader) went in front of Rantoul's fifth man (Calicott) and that made



Centennial district leaders Mark Johnson (81), Bill James (82) Ernie Strange (111) and Rick Rundus (behind Strange) take charge in first stretch Tuesday (See other stories, pictures on page 12) (Photos by Lou McClellan)

a big difference." He added, "Cross country is a team sport and they just did real well."

Mahomet - Seymour's Mark Johnson, who finds himself first more times than not when he isn't in direct competition with Gilman's Reo Rorem, made a shambles of the individual race. His new course record time of 15:01.7, was almost two seconds better than the old mark and some 28 seconds better than second place finisher Rick Rundus' time.

Rundus won the Big 12 meet Saturday, but was some 13 seconds slower in Tuesday's race. "Johnson is no surprise," said

Dike Stirrett, Rundus' coach, who said Rundus established his position when he didn't push Johnson the second mile of the three-mile trek.

"I opened it up about three-quarters of a mile into the race," Johnson said, "I was hoping there'd be somebody up there to push me at the end."

He expressed disappointment with his time and said "I was hoping to do better. I'll have to do better in the sectional and the state."

Greg Adams, who won the Capitol Conference race Saturday, was one of just several runners Centennial Coach Greg

Dykstra was happy with in the Chargers' fourth place finish. "He ran a good race," the meet host said of Adams, "I was real happy with our fifth man, Bill May, too. I was real happy with our team. We had a few key fellows come through."

Rantoul's sectional Saturday will also feature the top five teams and top 10 runners from both Decatur and Kankakee's districts. Rantoul coach Quinlan called Charleston the team to beat. Rorem, Johnson, Rundus, Strange, Adams and Bigger will represent some of the best talent central Illinois has to offer on an individual basis.

Prep Cross Country
DISTRICT AT CHAMPAIGN CENTENNIAL (20 TEAMS)
TEAM SCORES
Danville 59, Rantoul 62, Champaign Central 78, Champaign Centennial 115, Urbana 116, Mahomet-Seymour 151, Tolo 188, Georgetown 244, Bismarck Henning 245, Fisher 347, St. Joseph-Ogden 350, Rossville 378, Paris 386, Cahlin 388, Potomac 405, Westville 413, Uni High of Urbana 437, ABL (NTS), Chrisman and Oakwood Fifthlan (NS).
TOP 10 FINISHERS
(QUALIFIERS FOR SECTIONAL)
1. Mark Johnson (M-S) 15:01.7 (new course record), 2. Rick Rundus (Central) 15:29, 3. Ernie Strange (Ra) 15:45, 4. Cliff Bidleman (Ra) 15:52, 5. Greg Adams (C Centennial) 15:54, 6. Bill James (M-S) 15:57, 7. Dave Pledger (C) 16:02, 8. Jeff Owens (Dan) 16:03, 9. Art Hess (Ra) 16:05, 10. Rick Thompson (D) 16:12.

DANVILLE EDGES RANTOUL FOR TEAM TITLE

Mahomet's Johnson Beats Central's Rundus In District Run

By **DAVID WOODS**, News-Gazette Sports Writer
It was supposed to be a duel between Champaign Central's Rick Rundus and Mahomet's Mark Johnson. But Dave Walters, who had never before seen Johnson run, knew better.

"Rundus won't beat him," assured Walters. And Rundus didn't — beat Johnson, that is.

Johnson, the world senior from Mahomet-Seymour, used a withering pace to defeat Rundus by almost 200 yards and win the individual championship in Tuesday's district cross-country meet at Centennial Park.

Walters, the 1973 state champion from Lincoln-Way High and the rest of the Illinois cross-country team, were among the more interested observers. Johnson's time of 15:01 set a record for the flat three-mile course, breaking the mark of 15:05.3 set in last year's sectional meet by Decatur Eisenhower's Robin Liddell, who went on to finish 10th in the state.

Rundus was second in 15:29

and 12 seconds slower than the one he ran while winning the Big 12 title Saturday.

Danville's Vikings used group running tactics to register their second straight upset, nipping Rantoul 59-62 for the team title. Danville, a surprise champion in the Big 12 meet, placed runners eighth, 10th, 11th, 14th and 18th. Only 21 seconds separated its first and fifth men.

Central (78), Champaign Centennial (115) and Urbana (116) rounded out the top five

and joined Danville and Rantoul as team qualifiers for Saturday's Rantoul Sectional at Lilly Brookhill Golf Course.

The top 10 individuals also qualified for the sectional, although Johnson and teammate Bill James (sixth) were the only members of the top 10 who didn't come from one of the top five teams.

Finishing 113th and last was the sole girl in the field, University High's Polly Stecyk. She finished almost three minutes behind the boy in 112th. Rantoul placed Ernie Strange third, Cliff Bidleman fourth and sophomore Art Hess ninth, but its fourth and fifth runners were

only 23rd and 25th respectively. "I thought if we were healthy, we wouldn't have any trouble winning this meet," said Rantoul coach Roger Quinlan, noting that freshman star Phil Oakley placed only 28th because of a leg strain.

Mahomet-Seymour's frail-looking Johnson, who is about as physically unimposing as the 5-foot-5 Walters, pulled far ahead of Rundus shortly after the end of the first mile.

"I thought Johnson would pull Rick to a fast time," said Central coach Dike Sturrett. "It's the same problem Rick has had in every race. He won't push the pace in that second mile. It cost him today."

Johnson, who won't be 17 until Nov. 19, reported for cross-country only last year, but qualified for the state meet. He hopes to crack the top 15 in this year's state meet Nov. 2 at Peoria. In the Rantoul Sectional he'll duel small-school rival Reo Rorem of Gilman.

District Summary

TEAM SCORES
(Top five qualify for Rantoul Sectional.)
Danville 59, Rantoul 62, Champaign Central 78, Champaign Centennial 115, Urbana 116, Mahomet-Seymour 151, Unity 188, Georgetown 244, Bismarck-Henning 245, Fisher 347, St. Joseph-Ogden 360, Rossville-Alvin 378, Paris 386, Cahoon 388, Peoria 405, Westville 413, Urbana University High 437. ABL lacked the necessary five runners to post a team score.

TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS
(Top 10 qualify for Rantoul Sectional.)
1. Mark Johnson (Mah-Sey) 15:01.7 (record for 3-mile course; old record of 15:05.3 set in 1973 sectional by Robin Liddell of Decatur Eisenhower); 2. Rick Rundus (Central) 15:29.9; 3. Ernie Strange (Rantoul) 15:45; 4. Cliff Bidleman (Rantoul) 15:52; 5. Greg Adams (Centennial) 15:54; 6. Bill James (Mah-Sey) 15:57; 7. Dave Plager (Urbana) 16:02; 8. John Owens (Danville) 16:03; 9. Art Hess (Rantoul) 16:05; 10. Rick Thompson (Danville) 16:12; 11. Alan Wilson (Danville) 16:13; 12. Robert Mohr (ABL) 16:15; 13. Tony Johnson (S-J-O) 16:15; 14. Kevin Burley (Danville) 16:19; 15. Charlie Wustman (Urbana) 16:20; 16. Greg Smith (Centennial) 16:22; 17. Steve Revak (Central) 16:23; 18. Terry Shepherd (Danville) 16:24; 19. Crarlie Owens (Central) 16:33; 20. Mike Tripplett (Central) 16:37.

Other Sectional Qualifiers
DANVILLE: 21. Jeff Strader 16:39; 57. John Linderman 18:11.
RANTOUL: 23. Randy Calcott 16:40; 25. Jeff Young 17:05; 28. Phil Oakley 17:10; 41. Mark Wright 17:53.
CENTRAL: 24. Ken Miller 16:48; 36. Dave Rundus 17:23; 48. Tom Spence 17:53.
CENTENNIAL: 29. Steve Lawrence 17:12; 31. Mike McGinnis 17:14; 38. Bill May 17:26; 43. Scott Engel 17:37; Mike Stallmeyer 17:48.
URBANA: 22. Bill Toland 16:40; 32. Mike Biehl 17:14; 44. John Weaver 17:40; 60. Eric Luedke 18:16; 68. Ken Ekstrom 18:20.



MARK JOHNSON

Rantoul Seeks District Title In X-Country

The five schools with the largest enrollments are expected to advance to the Rantoul Sectional following Tuesday's 4 p.m. district cross-country meet at Centennial Park.

The five include favored Rantoul, Big 12 champion Danville, defending district champion Champaign Central, Urbana and Champaign Centennial. The top five teams and top 10 individuals in each of the state's 24 districts qualify for sectional competition next Saturday.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals from each of eight sections qualify for the state meet Nov. 2 at Peoria's Detweiler Park. They will be joined by qualifiers from the Chicago Public League meet.

Central tipped Danville in last year's district at Paris, 51-59. Centennial finished third, Rantoul fourth and Urbana fifth.

Big 12 champion Rick Rundus of Central, second to Urbana's Tim Pittman in last year's district, will duel Mahomet-Seymour sensation Mark Johnson for individual honors. Other top individuals include Rantoul's Ernie Strange and Cliff Bidleman, Urbana's Dave Plager and Capitol Conference champ Greg Adams of Centennial.

Area schools will also vie in district meets at Decatur and Kankakee. Mattoon's Ron Radloff and Gilman's Reo Rorem will seek individual titles at Decatur and Kankakee respectively.

CHAMPAIGN CENTENNIAL DISTRICT.
ABL, Bismarck-Henning, Cahoon, Champaign Centennial, Champaign Central, Christian, Danville, Fisher, Oakwood, Georgetown, Mahomet-Seymour, Paris, Potomac, Rantoul, Rossville-Alvin, St. Joseph-Ogden, Tolono Unity, Urbana, Urbana University High, Westville.

STEPHEN DECATUR DISTRICT
Argenta-Oreana, Blue Mound, Cerro Gordo, Charleston, Clinton, Cowden-Herrick, Stephen Decatur, Decatur Eisenhower, Decatur Lakeview, Decatur MacArthur, Maroa-Forsyth, Mattoon, Monticello, Mount Zion, Niantic-Hartstown, Pana, Shelbyville, Tuscola, Warrensburg-Latham.

KANKAKEE EASTRIDGE DISTRICT.
Becher, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Clifton Central, Dwight, Gilman, Grant Park, Herscher, Macomb, East Park, East

Preview

Rantoul Sectional Promises Hot Duel

By DAVID WOODS
News-Gazette Sports Writer
Gilman's Reo Rorem, Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson and Charleston's Harold Fudge, all of whom broke course records in district meets, promise to wage a blistering duel Saturday in the 11 a.m. sectional cross-country meet at Rantoul's hilly Brookhill Golf Course.

Charleston, which had five runners in the top 10 while winning the Decatur District, is favored to win the team title. The Trojans finished third, higher than any other downstate school, in the 38-team Mattoon Invitational earlier this month.

Also challenging for the team title will be Danville, champion of the Big 12 Conference and

Champaign District, and host Rantoul. Defending sectional champion Mattoon, second in the Decatur District, is seeking its sixth straight appearance in the state meet. The top three teams and top 10 individuals will qualify for the state meet Nov. 2 at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

Other teams which qualified for the sectional are Champaign Central, Champaign Centennial, Urbana, Decatur, MacArthur, Tuscola, Mount Zion, St. Anne, Watseka, Bradley-Bourbonnais, Manteno and Beecher.

Rorem, a junior, clocked a record 15:08.5 over the hilly three-mile course in the Kankakee District at Elks Country Club. He was second to Decatur Eisenhower's Robin Liddell in last year's sectional at Centennial Park after losing the lead in the final 200 yards because of a wrong turn.

Johnson broke Liddell's Centennial Park course record of 15:05.3 in the Champaign District with a three-mile time of 15:01.7. Johnson was third in last year's sectional and finished close behind Rorem in the Paxton Invitational and St. Joseph-Ogden Spartan Classic.

Fudge, eighth in last year's sectional, broke Liddell's course record of 15:39.4 with a time of 15:37 in the Decatur District at hilly Scovill Golf Course.

Other individuals seeking state-qualifying finishes include Central's Rick Rundus, Mattoon's Ron Radloff, Monticello's Terry Brewer, Charleston's Tom Titus, Rantoul's Ernie Strange and Cliff Bidleman, Centennial's Greg Adams, Mahomet-Seymour's Bill James, Urbana's Dave Pflager, Bradley-Bourbonnais' Harold Siefert, Watseka's Steve Keith and Gilman's Doug Rowe.

State Harrier Poll

Team	Points
1. (tie) Ralaine, Friend	86
2. Chicago Heights Bloom	66
3. Proviso West	60
4. Elmhurst York	59
5. Rockford Guilford	42
6. Maine East	39
7. (tie) Belvidere	30
8. DeKalb	20
9. Naperville	12
10. Milton	10
11. Others receiving votes: Moline 8, Princeton 6, Joliet West 6.	

JOHNSON STRIDES TO STATE; COACH KING IS OPTIMISTIC

by John Page

Senior Mark Johnson took the final step Saturday in assuring himself of a position in the state cross country meet, while missing, by a single step, a first place rating at the Sectional meet at Rantoul.

Johnson came in second just behind Reo Rorum, a Gilman harrier, Mark paced himself behind Rorum for the first few miles and then overtook him in the last. Johnson and Rorum were head to head at the last ten yards when Rorum made his final stride over the finish line to allow him to enter the one-man finishing chute.

Mark and another Mahomet runner, Bill James, went to the Sectional because of their placement in the District meet at Champaign Centennial. Mark placed first and Bill placed sixth.

Bill James also made a good showing at Rantoul by placing 16th, although this was not good enough to send him to state this Saturday. Mark ran the 3 mile, 70-yard course in 14:42.0.

He hopes to do well at state, and at a recent interview he stated, optimistically, "If I break away at the start and get in a good running position, I should place in the top five."

When asked about competing against Rorum he said, "If I run as well as I hope, I'm gonna beat him."

This year's state meet is at Peoria and Mark hopes to see a lot of support. Coach King encourages everyone to help Mark become Mahomet's first state champion runner.

Johnson second at Rantoul

RANTOUL — Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson was nipped at the finish in a battle for first place by Gilman High School's Reo Rorem Saturday in the Rantoul Sectional Cross Country meet.

Johnson's second-place finish earned him a berth in next Saturday's state finals at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

Rorem was clocked in 14:41.1 over the three-mile course, while Johnson's official time was 14:42.

Mahomet-Seymour's Bill James was fourth in the meet won by Charleston's

Rorem, Johnson 1-2 In Sectional Run

By DAVID WOODS

News-Gazette Sports Writer
RANTOUL—Reo Rorem says the longer the race, the better he runs.

For Rorem, Saturday's sectional cross-country race was just long enough.

The Gilman junior slipped past Mahomet-Seymour senior Mark Johnson with a sudden burst of energy in the last 15 yards of the three-mile race and won the individual title in a lung-searing duel on the rolling hills of Brookhill Golf Course.

Rorem's time of 14:14.1 obliterated the old course record of 15:21 set in 1972 by Rantoul's Ken Bilek. Johnson clocked 14:42.

Charleston placed all five scorers in the top 22 and won its second team title in two years with 52 points. Danville, champion in the Big 12 Conference and Champaign District, was edged for second place by host Rantoul, 98-101.

Mattoon, running for several weeks without two injured regulars, narrowly missed its sixth straight trip to the state meet, scoring 111 points. Members of the top three teams and each of the top 10 individuals qualified for next Saturday's state meet at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

Champaign Central was fifth in the 14-team field, Urbana sixth and Champaign Centennial seventh. Urbana coach Ron Gerriets was pleased with the Tigers' finish, but had reason to grimace. He recently learned that Mark Johnson lived in Urbana before he Mahomet. Charleston's Gary Egan, who was 19th, attended Urbana High as a sophomore two years ago.

Although Ernie Strange (fifth), Cliff Bidleman (12th) and sophomore Art Hess (17th) led Rantoul, coach Roger Quinlan said much of the credit for the Eagles' second-place finish belonged to outstanding sophomore Pat Clifford, who was 43rd. "He ran out of his gourd," Quinlan declared.

Although Rorem and Johnson ran in tandem for much of the race, Johnson moved in front in the final mile.

"When he started going faster, I was just hoping for my sprint at the end," said Rorem, who defeated Johnson by wider margins this fall in the Paxton Invitational and St. Joseph-Ogden Spartan Classic.

Rorem, whose only loss this season was to River'side-Baskfield's Jim Keen in the Mattoon Invitational Oct. 12, is

given some chance of winning the state title. "He's our longshot special," said publicist Jim Flynn of the Illinois High School Association. "I want to finish in the top five," said Rorem, who was ill the week he lost to Keen. "It depends on how I feel."

Mattoon coach Larry Burgess, noting that Rorem and Johnson come from small schools, declared, "We've got to fight the class system in cross-country."

Although the IHSAA hasn't yet switched cross-country to a two-class system similar to the ones prevailing in basketball, wrestling and track, such a change is imminent. Burgess complained that it would prevent small-school stars like Rorem and Johnson from competing in the state meet against large-school runners.

Big 12 champion Rick Rundus of Central ran, perhaps, his finest race of the season, finishing third in 14:56, his fastest three-mile time of the fall.

Completing the top 10, in order, were Charleston's Harold Fudge, Strange, Bradley-Bourbonnais' Harold Siefert, Mattoon's Ron Radloff, Urbana's Dave Pflager, Charleston's Stu Storm and Danville's Jeff Owen. Seven runners broke the old course record.

Narrowly missing a trip to state were Okaw Valley champion Terry Brewer of Monticello (11th) and Capitol Conference champ Greg Adams of Centennial (13th).

Sectional Summary

TEAM SCORES
(Top three qualify for state meet.)
Charleston 52, Rantoul 46, Danville 101, Mattoon 111, Champaign Central 140, Urbana 168, Champaign Centennial 186, St. Anne 216, Bradley-Bourbonnais 225, Decatur MacArthur 242, Mount Zion 281, Manteno 297, Beecher 340, Watseka 398. Tuscola lacked the necessary five runners to post a team score.

TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS
(Top 10 qualify for state meet.)
1. Reo Rorem (Gilman) 14:14.1 (record for 3-mile course; old record 15:21); Ken Bilek (Rantoul) 19:22; 2. Mark Johnson (Mahomet-Seymour) 14:42; 3. Rick Rundus (Central) 14:56; 4. Harold Fudge (Charleston) 15:06; 5. Ernie Strange (Rantoul) 15:16; 6. Harold Siefert (Bradley-Bourbonnais) 15:17; 7. Ron Radloff (Mattoon) 15:20; 8. Dave Pflager (Urbana) 15:24; 9. Stu Storm (Charleston) 15:35; 10. Jeff Owen (Danville) 15:39.
11. Terry Brewer (Monticello) 15:41; 12. Cliff Bidleman (Rantoul) 15:43; 13. Greg Adams (Centennial) 15:44; 14. Tom Titus (Charleston) 15:50; 15. Bill McCune (Mattoon) 15:52; 16. Bill James (Mahomet-Seymour) 15:53; 17. Art Hess (Rantoul) 15:54; 18. Gary Egan (Charleston) 15:55; 19. Charles Owens (Central) 15:58.

OTHER FINISHERS
RANTOUL: 20. Pat Clifford 16:22; 21. Randy Calcott 16:22; 22. Jeff Young 16:32; 23. Phil Oakley 16:40. (All qualify for state meet.)
MATTOON: 24. Mike Lindemann 16:12; 25. Ed Behm 16:28; 26. Ed Behm 16:28; 27. Steve Revak 16:29; 28. Mike Tripplack 16:31.
CENTRAL: 29. Ken Miller 16:21; 30. Steve Revak 16:29; 31. Mike Tripplack 16:31.
URBANA: 32. Bill Toland 16:19; 33. Charlie Wustman 16:19; 34. Ken Ekstrom 16:33; 35. Eric Luedtke 17:03.
CENTENNIAL: 36. Greg Smith 16:10; 37. Steve Lawrence 16:11; 38. Mike McGinnis 16:47; 39. Scott Engel 17:08.
USCOLA: 40. Phil Weaver 16:35; 41.

Harrier unit is selected

Faxton

Five area runners were named to the Paxton Daily Record's All-East Central Illinois Class A cross-country team while seven others were picked for the Class B team.

Area runners on the Class A team, from schools with enrollments of 751 or more, were Central's Rick Rundus, Urbana's Dave Pleger, Rantoul's Cliff Bidleman and Ernie Strange and Centennial's Greg Adams. Class B selections included Reo Rorem and Doug Rowe of Gilman, Mark Johnson and Bill James of Mahomet-Seymour, Tony Johnson of St. Joseph-Ogden, Terry Brewer of Monticello, and Scott Brewer of Tuscola.

All-East Central

CLASS A

Rick Rundus, Central; Harold Fudge, Charleston; Dave Pleger, Urbana; Ron Radloff, Mattoon; Cliff Bidleman, Rantoul; Ernie Strange, Rantoul; Greg Adams, Centennial; Tom Tutus, Charleston; Jeff Owens, Danville; Stu Storm, Charleston.

Honorable mention—Bill McCune, Mattoon; Art Hess, Rantoul.

CLASS B

Reo Rorem, Gilman; Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour; Tony Johnson, St. Joseph-Ogden; Terry Brewer, Monticello; Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour; Steve Keath, Watseka; Scott Brewer, Tuscola; Doug Rowe, Gilman.

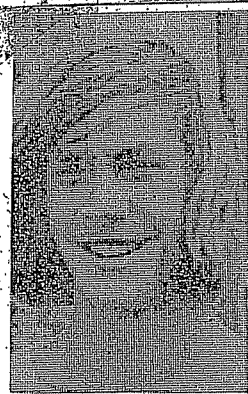
Special mention—Ernie Linares, Hoopston.

Honorable mention—Dan Ostgard, Paxton; Randy Riggins, Monticello; Phil Weaver, Tuscola.

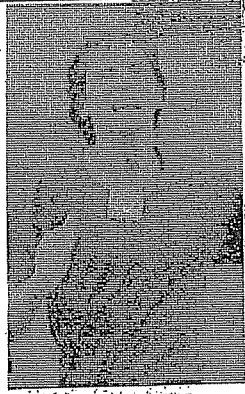
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Steve Keath, Watseka; Jeff Williams, Watseka; Bruce Mueller, Watseka; Ernie Linares, Hoopston; Brian Brelz, Hoopston; Dave Cook, Hoopston; Cady Kavajecz, Paxton.

Special mention—Dan Ostgard, Paxton; Jim Holm, Georgeanna; honorable mention—Doug Rowe, Gilman; Dave Billinger, Rantoul; Dave Ragdall, Watseka.



RICK RUNDUS



REO ROREM

Rundus, Rorem Head Cross Country Stars

Big 12 champion Rick Rundus of Champaign Central and sectional winner Reo Rorem of Gilman are top selections on the fourth annual East Central Illinois prep cross-country all-star squad picked by the Paxton Daily Record.

Rundus, a senior, was named No. 1 in Class A, embracing schools with 751 or more enrollment. Harold Fudge of Charleston, who won the Decatur district crown, was runner-up to Rundus, while Dave Pleger of Urbana was third.

Rorem, a junior, was awarded first place in Class B over Mark Johnson of Mahomet-Seymour, the local district champion, although Johnson ran 13th in the state finals while Rorem was 23rd. Tony Johnson of St. Joseph-Ogden rated third over Okaw Valley

champion Terry Brewer of Monticello, Steve Keath of Watseka, the Wauseca winner, placed sixth.

CLASS A

(School enrollment 751 or more)

*Rick Rundus, Champaign Central, sr.
*Harold Fudge, Charleston, sr.
Dave Pleger, Urbana, sr.
*Ron Radloff, Mattoon, sr.
*Cliff Bidleman, Rantoul, sr.
*Ernie Strange, Rantoul, sr.
Greg Adams, Champaign Centennial, Jr.
Tom Tutus, Charleston, sr.
Jeff Owens, Danville, Jr.
Stu Storm, Charleston, sr.
HONORABLE MENTION: Bill McCune, Mattoon, sr.; Art Hess, Rantoul, soph.

CLASS B

(School enrollment 750 or less)

*Reo Rorem, Gilman, Jr.
*Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, sr.
Tony Johnson, St. Joseph-Ogden, sr.
Terry Brewer, Monticello, sr.
*Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour, sr.
Steve Keath, Watseka, sr.
Scott Brewer, Tuscola, sr.
Doug Rowe, Gilman, sr.
HONORABLE MENTION: Dan Ostgard, Paxton, Jr.; Randy Riggins, Monticello, Jr.; Phil Weaver, Tuscola, sr.
SPECIAL MENTION: Ernie Linares, Hoopston-East Lynn, Jr.
*repeater from 1973

HARRIERS RECEIVE AWARDS; BROWN MOST IMPROVED

by John Page

Mark Johnson was awarded Most Valuable Runner and Mark Brown was selected the Most Improved at Friday's Fall Sports Banquet Cross-Country Award. Mark Johnson and Bill James were elected co-captains this season.

Lettermen this year include seniors Bill James, Mark Johnson, Mike Kelley, Jeff Miller and Matt Miller.

Jeff Clinebell was the only junior lettermen. Sophomore letters were awarded to Marc Brown and Bob Sivier. Mike Withrow was the only freshman letter winner.

Other squad members are Jim Martin, Mark Traub, Gene Fredricks, Jenny Johnson, Rick Leggett, Walter Siedlecki and Mike

1974 CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD

SENIOR LETTERMEN

Bill James
Mark Johnson
Mike Kelley
Jeff Miller
Matt Miller

JUNIOR LETTERMEN

Jeff Clinebell

SOPHOMORE LETTERMEN

Marc Brown
Bob Sivier

FRESHMEN LETTERMEN

Nike Withrow

SQUAD MEMBERS

Jim Martin
Mark Traub
Gene Fredericks
Jenny Johnson

Rick Liggett
Walter Siedlecki
Mike Stute

SPECIAL AWARDS

CO-CAPTAINS

Mark Johnson and Bill James

MOST VALUABLE

Mark Johnson

MOST IMPROVED

Marc Brown

CROSS COUNTRY

	We	They
Sept. 3, 4:15—Tri-Valley	A	20 25
Sept. 10, 4:15—Uni High, Fisher	H	2 0
Sept. 12, 4:00—Paxton, Monticello	H	2 0
Sept. 14, 10:00—Paxton Invitational	A	30 17
Sept. 17, 4:00—Fairbury - Cropsey	H	— —
Sept. 19, 4:00—Wapella	A	16 45
Sept. 23, 4:00—Tuscola	H	47 38
Sept. 24, 4:00—Unity	A	21 38
Sept. 26, 4:00—Argenta	A	24 31
Sept. 28, 10:30—Classic at St. Joe	A	48 34
Oct. 1, 4:00—LeRoy	A	19 41
Oct. 3, 4:00—Unity, Arg., Oreana	H	7 0
Oct. 10, 4:30—U. High Normal Inv.	A	28 17
Oct. 15, 4:00—Paxton	A	27 38
Oct. 17—Fisher	A	22 38
Oct. 19—LeRoy Invitational	A	30 18
Oct. 22—District	A	24 10
Oct. 25—Sectional	A	2 10

C.C. Record
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CROSS COUNTRY SEASON RECORD

Dual Meet Record - 13 wins and 1 loss

3rd at Paxton Invitational out of 18 teams

6th at St. Joe Invitational out of 33 teams

2nd at Unity of Tolono Frosh-Soph Invitational

7th at Uni-High of Normal Invitational out of 19 teams

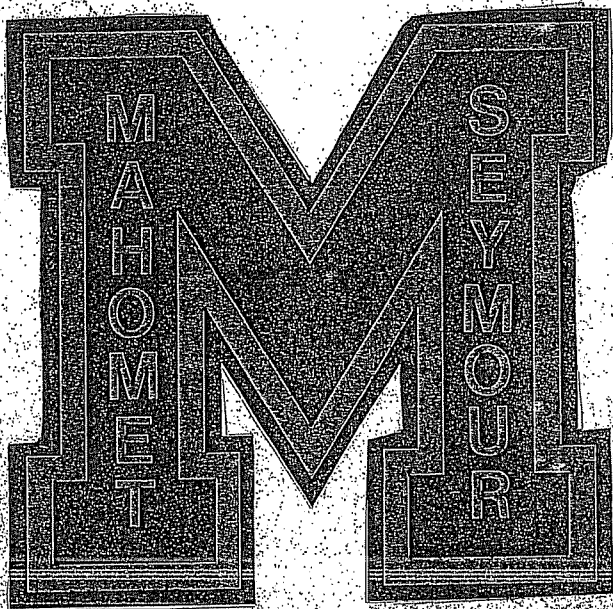
3rd at Le Roy Invitational out of 18 teams

6th at Centennial District out of 17 full teams, but was 1st Class A size school to finish

Qualified two from District to Sectional—Mark Johnson 1st and Bill James 6th. Only two other schools had more than one finisher in top ten.

Qualified Mark Johnson from Sectional to State Meet, 2nd

In State Meet Mark Johnson placed 13th, was the second downstate finisher, and the first finisher from a Class A size school



1974 Cross-Country Season

REGULAR SEASON

Home or Away	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	DIS.	SCORE	W-L	TEAM/Total PLACE
A	9/3	Tri-Valley	16:29	2.9	30-25	0-1	2nd/4th
H	9/10	Fisher	16:34	3.0	20-40	2-1	2nd/2nd
		Uni-High			21-35		
H	9/12	Monticello	16:31	3.0	27-28	4-1	2nd/2nd
		Paxton			28-29		
A	9/14	Paxton Invit.	16:15	3.0	3rd of 19 teams		2nd/4th
A	9/18	Wapella	16:11	3.0	16-45	5-1	2nd/2nd
H	9/23	Luscola	15:53	3.0	22-33	6-1	2nd/2nd
A	9/24	Unity	13:32	2.5	21-35	7-1	2nd/2nd
A	9/26	Argenta-Oreana	15:45	2.9	24-31	8-1	2nd/2nd
A	9/28	St. Joe Classic	15:55	3.0	6th of 34 teams		2nd/9th
A	10/1	Leroy	14:10	2.6	19-41	9-1	2nd/2nd
H	10/3	Unity	15:47	3.0	26-30	11-1	2nd/2nd
		Argenta-Oreana			24-31		
A	10/10	Normal U. High Invit.	16:00	3.0	7th of 19 teams		2nd/8th
A	10/15	Paxton	16:01	3.0	27-28	12-1	2nd/2nd
A	10/17	Fisher	15:07	2.85	22-36	13-1	2nd/2nd
A	10/19	Leroy Invit.	11:55	2.3	3rd of 18 teams		2nd/ mon/1st

STATE COMPETITION

A	10/22	District	AT 15:57	3.0	6th of 19 teams		2nd/6th
		CHAMP. CENTENNIAL					
A	10/26	Sectional	AT 15:52	3.0-70yd.			2nd/16th
		RANTOUL					