

# SJ-O Runners Win Conference Meet

Art Freeman, SJ-O high school senior, won the individual cross country title at the Okaw Valley Conference meet at Monticello, October 18. He ran the three mile course at the Monticello golf course in a record time of 15:45.

Finishing just 29 seconds later was Freeman's teammate from SJ-O, Buddy McElwee. Mark Wieneke, Mahomet-Seymour, was third.

Other M-S runners came in 5th, 8th, 9th, and 13th to take the team title beating the Spartans by 38-54. Warrensburg-Latham was third with 64.

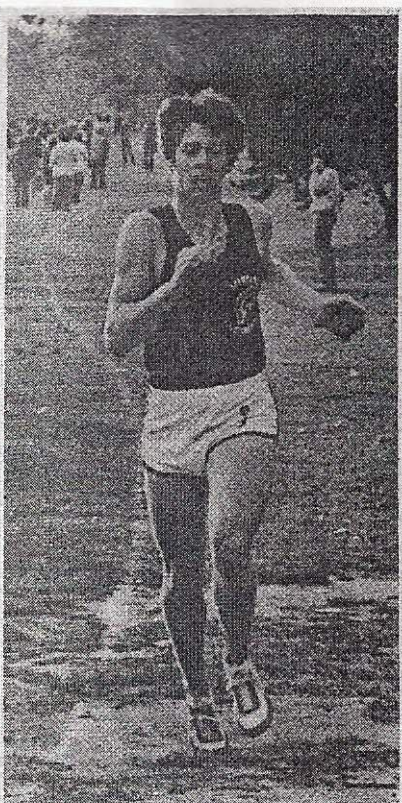
**For the Mahomet Bulldogs, this** was their fourth consecutive big meet victory. They are currently ranked No. 7 in the state in Class A.

The SJ-O freshman-sophomore team won their competition. Clifford Like, Unity, was the individual freshman-sophomore winner.

**The Spartans squad competed** in the Peoria Heights Invitational, October 20, coming away with top team and individual honors. Art Freeman was first in with a time of 16:09. SJ-O, currently rated 12th, beat out Brimfield, currently rated 8th, by 37 points to 55. Eight teams from the Peoria area competed in the invitational.

October 23, the St. Joseph-Ogden cross country team lost a heart-breaker to Mahomet-Seymour by one point. Not only did the team lose, but Art Freeman lost his first race of the year, trailing Mark Wieneke, M-S, by 10 seconds with a time of 16:26. Three seconds later Buddy McElwee, SJ-O, crossed the line. SJ-O runners came in 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 8th and 9th, with Mahomet taking 1st 4th, 5th, 7th, and 10th.

**The next big event for SJ-O,** is the district meet, to be held at Mahomet on October 27. 17 teams from the area will compete. The top five teams, plus the top five individuals from teams not in the top five, will move on to the sectional meet at Effingham, November 3. Sectional winners will compete at the state meet in Peoria November 10.



**KING ARTHUR.** St. Joseph-Ogden's Art Freeman approaches the finish line in the Okaw Valley Conference cross-country meet Thursday at Monticello. Freeman won the individual title, but Mahomet-Seymour took its fourth straight team championship. See story on Page B-5.