

Okaw Title To S-J-O

DECATUR — St. Joseph-Ogden placed five runners among the top 10 finishers and waltzed to the Okaw Valley Conference cross-country championship Thursday afternoon.

The Spartans finished with 23 points, far outdistancing defending champion Mahomet-Seymour, which had 65. Warrensburg-Latham was next with 80 followed by Monticello with 100, Tuscola at 119 and host Decatur St. Teresa at 133. No team score was kept for Unity, which entered just four runners.

St. Joseph-Ogden senior Tom Fortune captured individual honors with a 15:18 clocking over the 2.9-mile course at Decatur's Kiwanis Park. Teammate Bill Simpson was next in 16:15. Other Spartans in the top 10 were Robert Sadler, sixth, Don Carroll, seventh and Eric Menzer, 10th.

Mahomet-Seymour was led by the Mathis brothers, Eric and Neil. Eric finished eighth while Neil was right behind in ninth place.