

# Area Harriers Set For Districts

By A News-Gazette Sportswriter

They'll be taking aim at St. Joseph-Ogden's Spartans when 10 area Class A boy's teams compete at the Mahomet-Seymour district cross-country tournament Saturday.

The meet will be conducted at the Lake of the Woods over a 3-mile course beginning at 10:30 a.m.

In another Class A district meet at Hoopeston, Chrisman's Cardinals will be heavily favored to head the field with senior Tom Hoults and Lance Holbert leading the way.

St. Joseph-Ogden enters the meet a strong favorite to lead four teams and five additional individuals to the

sectional meet in Normal next week.

"St. Joseph-Ogden has to be the prohibitive favorite based on their conference meet performance and what they've done in the later part of the season," said Mahomet-Seymour coach John King.

King's Bulldogs will have to contend with Normal University High, Uni High of Urbana and Tuscola for the other team berths.

The individual championship figures to be a battle of the field against the Spartans' Tom Fortune, who won individual honors at the Okaw Valley meet last weekend. Jim Stone of Normal U-High, who won the Paxton

Invitational title to open the area season in September, could be Fortune's chief challenger.

Individual honors at Hoopeston should be determined by a battle between several top area runners including Kirt Davis of the host Cornjerkers, who won the Spartan Classic earlier in the season.

Davis will be challenged by Hoults and Holbert of Chrisman as well as Georgetown's David Behm and Paxton's Craig Stockman.

Oakwood and Hoopeston-East Lynn figure to be the primary challengers to Chrisman for the team title,