

Urbana's Straza Wins Decatur C-C Title

Urbana's Melissa Straza took individual honors in the girls' competition at the Decatur Open Cross-Country meet Saturday.

In Paxton, Chrisman's Lane Holbert took varsity honors and St. Anne emerged as the top varsity team in the Paxton Invitational meet.

Straza covered the 2.7-mile course in 17:28.9 to finish 28 seconds ahead of Carol Chapman of Charleston. Two other Urbana runners, Sarah Cogdal and Kate Douglas, finished fourth and sixth respectively with teammates Rachel Galdney 11th, Kay Wimpy 30th and Heidi Prussing 38th.

In the boys' competition at Deca-

tur, Dave Hixon lead the Urbana contingent with a 15th place finish and a 16:56 clocking over the 3-mile course. Other Tiger finishers were Dan Morse, 18th in 17:07; Jeff Sargent, 19th in 17:10; Steve Ford, 31st in 17:50; Mike Lorchman, 40th in 18:23, and Gerry Portnoy, 41st in 18:23.

Champaign Central was paced by Adam Egarman, who finished sixth overall in 16:25. The Maroons' Mike Dornbusch was ninth in 16:40 while Dan Castillo was 30th in 17:39.

Holbert covered the 3-mile course at Paxton High School in 16:27. Teammate Rich McClintock was ninth in 17:04. Other top area run-

ners included St. Joseph-Ogden's Tom Fortune, 10th in 17:11, and three Mahomet-Seymour runners — Eric Mathis, Chris Perry and Neil Mathis — 13th, 14th and 15th respectively in 17:23.

St. Anne won the varsity team competition with a low score of 90 points. Oakwood was second at 111 with Herscher third at 115 and Mahomet-Seymour beating St. Joseph-Ogden 123-142 for the fourth spot.

Mahomet-Seymour's girls' team captured their competition 27-44 over host Paxton. Paxton's Leanne McClure was the top area finisher.