

# Spartans Take Regional

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**MAHOMET** — St. Joseph-Ogden is one of the News-Gazette Area's top Class A cross country teams.

The Spartans proved that Saturday as senior Tom Fortune and sophomore Brad Chism finished first and second, respectively, in the individual standings to lead SJ-O to its second straight Mahomet-Seymour Class A regional title.

The Spartans won the district crown last year. The Illinois High School Association changed the meets from districts to regionals this year.

SJ-O will be even stronger if the Spartans can overcome injuries that have bothered them all season.

Fortune, who has been plagued by injuries this season, toured the hilly, three-mile Lake of the Woods Course in 16 minutes, 25 seconds to win his second straight regional title. Chism finished 32 seconds back. Bill Simpson was seventh in 17.27 as the Spartans finished with 31 points to edge Mahomet-Seymour by eight points for the team championship.

University High of Urbana and Normal University High finished third and fourth with 76 and 120 points, respectively, to also earn berths in next Saturday's Class A Normal University High Sectional. The sectional will be run at the Illinois State University golf course.

The top five individuals, who were not members of qualifying teams, were Melvin-Sibley's Rick Arends, Monticello's Brian Doane, Tri-Valley's Ivan Hanes, Bloomington Central Catholic's Steve Bozell and Unity's Todd Styan. They also qualify for the sectional.

"I have to be pleased with the way we ran today considering the condition of Tom (Fortune) and Bill (Simpson)," SJ-O coach Rick Mohr said. Tom's hip has been bothering him since recovering from a stress fracture. Bill hurt a foot in P.E. last week. I think we could have been 1-2-3 if we'd all been healthy.

"We're still getting boys in shape," Mohr said. "Craig Carroll is recovering from a knee injury. Scott Liggett has been a steady performer as our No. four runner. John Brown also has been coming in consistently as our fifth runner. Tom is the only senior among our top six."

Liggett was 10th in the individual standings with a time of 17.40. Brown was 14th in 17.57 to give the Spartans five runners in the top 15.

Chris Perry and Neil and Eric Mathis all were in the top 10 as Mahomet-Seymour finished eight points behind the Spartans just as they did a week ago in the Okaw Valley Conference meet. Jim Horn was 11th and Karl Welke 23rd for the Bulldogs. Perry was two seconds behind Chism with a 17.04 clocking. Neil Mathis covered the

distance in 17.14 and Eric in 17.20.

Fortune's misfortunes this season included the stress fracture that sidelined him for nearly a month and a pinched nerve in his hip.

"I thought the pinched nerve would affect me today, but it didn't," Fortune said. "I'm still not in as good a shape as I was at this time a year ago. I was just running to win today. I went out fast. I wanted to get a big lead. I was glad I had it as I tired in the last mile. I think I had enough left, though, if anyone had challenged me.

"The running from here on out is more mental than physical. I feel I'm better prepared mentally this year. I get myself psyched up by thinking about the competition and the strategy I'll use for the race. I think I can finish higher than last season. I think we'll do better as a team too. We have four of the best runners around."

Fortune was fifth in the sectional last season and 16th in the state meet. The Spartans were eighth in the 1981 Class A state meet.

## At Hoopeston

Hoopeston-East Lynn star Kirt Davis ran away with the individual title and Chrisman took the team crown in Class A boys' regional cross-country competition Saturday.

Davis outdueled Chrisman's Lane Holbert and covered his 3-mile home course in 15:22. Holbert was second in 15:35 with teammate Reid McClintock third in 16:06 followed by a pair of Oakwood runners — Kevin Calhoun and Dan Grimes in 16:20 and 16:28 respectively.

Chrisman won the team competition with 35 points. Oakwood was second with 40 followed by the host Cornjerkers at 73 and Paxton with 106. Those four teams advanced to the Normal Sectional meet next Saturday.

Individuals not on the qualifying teams who also advanced were Watseka's Jeff Neuschwander, Georgetown's Troy Nimrick, Chris Showalter, Bismarck-Henning's Loren Huffman and Shiloh's Brad Wilcoxin.

## At Decatur

Clinton led the team qualifiers with a victory at Kiwanis Park in the boys' Class AA regional cross-country meet Saturday.

Clinton won with 44 points. Warrensburg-Latham was second with 80 with Niantic-Harristown third at 86 and Tuscola fourth with 88 points.

Warrensburg-Latham sophomore Jerry Giberson took the individual title in a time of 15:51.

Individual qualifiers for the sectional meet in Normal included Bruce Bailey of Blue Mound and his teammate Hank Beckett, Villa Grove's Tod Proffit, Pana's Randy Plesch and Todd Helm of host Decatur St. Teresa.

## Class A Districts At Mahomet

### TEAM SCORES

St. Joseph-Ogden 31; Mahomet-Seymour 39; University High of Urbana 76; Normal University High 120; Tri-Valley 125; Monticello 143; Unity 181.

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

1. Arends (Melvin-Sibley); 2. Doane (Monticello); 3. Hanes (Tri-Valley); 4. Bozell (Bloomington Central Catholic); 5. Styan (Unity).

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Fortune (SJ-O) 16:25 (3-mile course); 2. Chism (SJ-O) 17:02; 3. Perry (M-S) 17:04; 4. Arends (Melvin) 17:07; 5. N. Mathis (M-S) 17:14; 6. Doane (Mont) 17:16; 7. Simpson (SJ-O) 17:27; 8. E. Mathis (M-S) 17:20; 9. Makino (Urbana U-H) 17:31; 10. Liggett (SJ-O) 17:40; 11. Horn (M-S) 17:46; 12. Hanes (T-V) 17:48; 13. Leslie (Urbana U-H) 17:55; 14. Brown (SJ-O) 17:57; 15. W. Schroer (Normal U-H) 17:58; 16. Bazell (BCC) 18:00; 17. Brainerd (M-S) 18:04; 18. DeCardy (Urbana U-H) 18:05; 19. Johnson (Urbana U-H) 18:06; 20. C. Schroer (Normal U-H) 18:07.

## At Decatur

### TEAM SCORES

Clinton 44, Warrensburg-Latham 80, Niantic-Harristown 86, Tuscola 88, Blue Mound 95, St. Teresa 139, Villa Grove 159.

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

1. Bailey (Blue Mound); 2. Proffit (Villa Grove); 3. Flesch (Pana); 4. Beckett (Blue Mound); 5. Helm (St. Teresa).

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

1. Giberson (W-L) 15:51 (3-mile course at Kiwanis Park); 2. Porter (N-H) 16:16; 3. Plunkett (Clin) 16:23; 4. Bailey (BM) 16:27; 5. Proffit (VG) 16:34; 6. Flesch (Pana) 16:36; 7. Shrodt (W-L) 16:37; 8. Volker (Clin) 16:45; 9. Nayonis (Tus) 16:48; 10. Porter (N-H) 16:54.

## At Hoopeston

### TEAM SCORES

Chrisman 35, Oakwood 40, Hoopeston-East Lynn 73, Paxton 106, Georgetown 157, Catlin 179, Bismarck-Henning 190, Rankin 203, Westville 204.

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

1. Neuschwander (Watseska); 2. Nimrick (Georgetown); 3. Showalter (Potomac); 4. Huffman (Bismarck-Henning); 5. Wilcoxin (Shiloh).

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

1. Davis (H-EL) 15:22 (3-mile course at Hoopeston); 2. Holbert (Ch) 15:35; 3. McClintock (Ch) 16:06; 4. Calhoun (O) 16:20; 5. Grimes (O) 16:28; 6. Morris (Ch) 16:35; 7. Neuschwander (Watseska) 16:37; 8. Dillon (Ch) 16:40; 9. Havener (Pax) 16:41; 10. Do. Downs (O) 16:42.

## GIRLS' SUMMARIES District Meet

### TEAM RESULTS

Urbana 39, Charleston 68, Mahomet-Seymour 83, Champaign Central 111, Bloomington 130, Paxton 136, Morton 164, Normal Community 169, Uni High 189, Oakwood 365, Westville 385.

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

1. McClure (Pax); 2. Neely (Uni); 3. Wisdom (H-EL); 4. Manion (H-EL); 5. Stewart (Unity).

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

1. Straza (Urb) 12:56 (2.25-mile course at Brookhill Golf Course); 2. Chapman (Char) 13:19; 3. Cogdal (Urb) 13:32; 4. Miller (M-S) 13:49; 5. Johnson (Cent) 13:50; 6. McClure (Pax) 13:55; 7. Jackson (Char) 14:00; 8. Neely (Uni) 14:06; 9. Wisdom (H-EL) 14:10; 10. Brown (Cent) 14:22.

11. Douglas (Urb) 14:27; 12. Jackson (Char) 14:31; 13. Manion (H-EL) 14:32; 14. Gladney (Urb) 14:35; 15. Stewart (Unity) 14:37; 16. Johnson (Georgetown) 14:39; 17. Hopen (Urb) 14:40; 18. Young (Mor) 14:41; 19. Crist (Tuscola) 14:43; 20. Robertson (Blo) 14:44.