

Sportsbeat

by Emil Hesse

Defense of their regional golf title and staging their 11th annual cross country invitational highlight this weekend on Mahomet-Seymour High School's sports agenda.

Coach Mike Melton's golfers, who surprised Normal U-High to win last year's regional, are hosting a 15-school meet on the Lake of the Woods course today. U-High and Bloomington Central Catholic, which placed 2-3 last fall, are prominent again in this year's field.

Also contending: Danville Schlarman, Fairbury Prairie Central, Farmer City Blue

Ridge, Fisher, Oakwood, Heyworth, LeRoy, Lexington, Monticello, Villa Grove, Watseka, and Westville.

Survivors will advance to Normal's sectional meet on the Illinois State University course, along with qualifiers from the Stonington and Lowpoint-Washburn regionals.

The cross country invitational, directed by coach John King, will be run off on MSHS's south practice field Saturday. A dozen schools are scheduled to vie in the girls' competition, starting at 9:30 am. Eighteen schools are entered

in the boys' division, getting under way at 10:30 am.

Minus four of their regulars last year, the Bulldog girls surrendered top honors to Urbana Uni High and Unity, 1-2. Chrisman repeated as boys champion. Mahomet-Seymour, shy two regulars, finished 20th.

Despite muddy going, Karen Welke set a course record of 13:08 for two miles in last Saturday's Clinton Invitational. Mary Seal, recovering from a cold, placed fourth, with Laura Batsie fifth for the Bulldogs ... The M-S boys tied Uni High for first place at Clinton, though Uni won the tie-breaker. Bulldog Brian Fancher ran second, and Steve Echols was fifth. Hans Waters and Clay Masters missed the meet because they were playing in the M-S band, performing at the UI's Memorial Stadium ... Coach King thinks his Bulldogs will have to beat Uni High and Unity for top honors in the girls' run Saturday, while Chrisman and Normal U-High look tough in the boys' field ... "If all of our boys ran their very best Saturday," King declared, "we could win."
