

Cardinals out in bid for area supremacy

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Chrisman has developed a tradition of excellence in boys' cross-country. No area school has sent as many teams to state or produced better results in the state meet over the past 10 years.

It seems that nothing is going to change too drastically this fall as Roger Beals sends out another corps of crack Cardinal runners.

Chrisman held its annual invitational meet last week and demonstrated clearly that it will have to be reckoned with again.

The Cardinals scored a team-low 18 points to defeat Cumberland, which had 29. Other top area teams were Georgetown with 37, Westville at 40 and Mahomet-Seymour with 46 points.

The remarkable thing about the Cardinals this year is that they are apparently strong, even though three runners who were being counted on to contribute aren't in uniform.

Robert Jenkins and John See, both contributors on last year's team, are not out this fall and Sean Boyer has transferred to Danville Schlarman. Jenkins was the team's No. 2 runner last year and Boyer ran in the No. 3 spot for Chrisman at the state meet.

WHAT BEALS HAS DONE is combine some seasoned veterans with an outstanding freshman group and a sparkling sophomore competitor to produce another strong unit.

The No. 1 position last Saturday went to sophomore Lee Woltz.

Other veterans on the team include seniors Jon Morris, Matt Hoult and junior Kenny Bland. The newcomers are freshmen Mark Holbert, Bill Harvey, Brent Jenness and Andy Mills. Bland, Holbert and Mills all won individual races Saturday.

At Uni High, the program is adjusting to the departure of Mike McCollom and the style of new coach Bonnie Neville, a former Mahomet-Seymour and Western Illinois University standout.

Eugene Peppers, the team's only senior, is the Illineks' No. 1 runner and Neville liked what she saw of him last Saturday at Chrisman. "I was really pleased with his performance," Neville said.

In addition to Peppers, returning runners include juniors Chris Nicholas and Matt Seitz. Among the newcomers is sophomore Paul Talbot, considered by Neville to have a world of potential.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR appears considerably improved from last fall. The Bulldogs are led by seniors Jamie Fancher and Clay Masters. Fancher qualified as an individual for the sectional meet last year.

In addition, Mahomet-Seymour coach John King has Jim Warmbier and wrestlers Steve Echols and Cory Ronk back from last year's team.

New faces in Mahomet include Morton transfer Jay Musey, a sophomore who was the No. 1 freshman runner at Morton in 1985 and his classmates Ron Castleman, Jeff Dyson and Stewart Williams.

In addition, there are freshmen Mical Davis, David Gottman and Hans Waters, a particularly strong looking prospect.

St. Joseph-Ogden features two veterans and a lot of new faces that have coach Rick Mohr looking at a building situation.

The Spartan leaders will be senior lettermen Todd Treat and Mike Cannon. Both have lettered three times.

Senior Randy Wright returns after winning the conference frosh-soph title as a sophomore.

There are no juniors running; the sophomores include Matt Houchens and Bob Anderson, both of whom lettered, as well as Kent Felicia, Keff Taylor and Shane Anderson.

The youngest member of the team is freshman Kevin Cobbs.

Georgetown features a team that includes several experienced performers for coach Tom Kulbartz, while Westville was also young last year and could profit from the experience gained in 1985.