

# Runners tenth at state meet

Mahomet-Seymour's Class A boys cross country team, ranked third in the state (back of Delavan and Chrisman), settled for 10th place in a rainy run over the 3.1-mile course at Detweiller Park, Peoria, last Saturday.

Unheralded Kaneland of Maple Park emerged as champion with a score of 103. Chrisman, which had run first to Mahomet-Seymour's strong second in Hoopeston's sectional October 30, was runnerup to Kaneland with 136 points. Delavan placed fifth with 220. Mahomet-Seymour was 10th with 288.

"Yes, we hoped to do better," said Bulldog coach John King, "but, after all, it was our boys' first time at state. Obviously, they didn't react well."

Scott Maddux, Streator Woodland's senior star, claimed the individual championship with a time of 14:48. His brother Troy ran to the crown in

1984 and 1985.

Jamie Fancher, Mahomet-Seymour's senior leader all season, paced the Bulldogs, placing 37th in 15:49. The rest of the Bulldogs finished like this: sophomore Brian Easter, 75th, 16:18; freshman Dan Nielsen, 82nd, 16:28; junior Jay Busey, 102nd, 16:45; junior Jeff Jankowski, 120th, 16:57; soph Hans Waters, 122nd, 16:58; and senior Clay Masters, 137th, 17:17.

Remarkably, neither Kaneland nor Chrisman placed a runner in the first 25. Both, however, could point to clusters of finishers well up in the standings.

Pontiac, the Class A champion last year, was unable to defend its title because school consolidations had boosted its enrollment enough to put the Indians in Class AA. There, Pontiac's excellent team ran fifth

in the state.

Mahomet-Seymour coach King, who'll see only Fancher and Masters graduated from his present squad, will retain the makings of a standout 1988 team, but he and his Bulldogs are expected to run into Pontiac's predicament. It is practically certain that Mahomet-Seymour will be classified as a Class AA school for the 1988-89 school year.