

Harriers move on to sectionals

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Mahomet-Seymour's prep boys cross country team, victorious in Paxton's regional meet last Friday, will be running on all cylinders in the Class A sectional competition scheduled at Hoopston this Friday. The race will start at 4 pm.

Laura Batsie, the Bulldogs' sole survivor in a rainy girls' regional at Danville last Saturday, will carry M-S hopes in the one-class sectional at Springfield Saturday. Starting time there will be 11 am.

Coach John King's boys did remarkably well in the Paxton regional. Three placed among the first five, six among the first 16. Monticello's David Crockett was the individual winner, completing the three-mile course in 16:17 but the Bulldog's Jamie Fancher ran second in 16:26, freshman Danny Nielsen third in 16:28 and sophomore Brian Easter fifth in 16:48. Junior Jay Busey was 11th, soph Hans Waters 14th and junior Jeff Jankowski 16th.

Mahomet-Seymour was the meet winner with 34 points. Monticello was runnerup with

76, Paxton third with 86 and Bismarck-Henning fourth with 100. All four teams earned advancement to Hoopston's sectional, as did the top four at Chrisman, Hersher and Normal U-High. The host schools won each of those regionals.

Ashley Wright, St. Joseph-Ogden's sensational freshman, ruled the two-mile race at Danville, posting a time of 12:33. Batsie, a junior at M-S, finished seventh in 13:16. Farther back were Jacqui Harland, 36th; Barbara King, 44th; Jenny Roberts, 65th; Sarah Brucker 75th; Caroline Wilkinson, 77th; and Mindy Carpenter, 78th.

Chrisman's girls won the meet, scoring 63 points. Other teams meriting advancement to Springfield's sectional were Urbana Uni High with 80 points, Unity with 86, Urbana with 103, Bloomington and Normal Community with 154 each.

Mahomet-Seymour missed qualification, placing eighth with 209 points.