

Bulldog Sports Notes . . .

by Emil Hesse

Mahomet-Seymour's boys cross country team claimed Chrisman's Prep Invitational last Saturday, posting a breath-taking score of 17 to prevail in a field of 20. Chrisman was runnerup with a score of 36.

The M-S girls, who ruled their category the past four years, settled for a fifth-place finish this time. Urbana Uni High won with 55 points, with Unity, Chrisman and Robinson placing second, third and fourth.

Bulldog boys won four of seven slot competitions. Junior Jeff Jankowski was first in the No. 3 group with a time of 16:37. Former state grade champ Danny Nielsen, now a freshman, won No. 4 with a team-best time of 16:05. Freshman Jason Lasater topped No. 6 in 17:09. Sophomore Brian Easter was best in No. 7 with 17:03. Sophomore Hans Waters was second in No. 5 with 17:29.

In a field of 60 open runners, senior Clay Masters and junior David Seifert ran 1-2 with times of 17:16 and 17:47. Freshman Burt Huddleston ran fifth.

(All times were over a 3-mile course.)

Junior Laura Batsie ran second over the girls 2-mile course with a time of 13:05.

Four days earlier in their

season opener, a quadrangular at Bloomington, Mahomet-Seymour bowed to the powerful host school, but outran Champaign Centennial, 22-33, and Decatur Eisenhower, 23-35.

Coach John King was pleased with the first-week showings of his squads. Dates coming up for both boys and girls teams: this afternoon at Olympia (Stanford); 9 am Saturday at Paxton's Invitational; September 17 -- host to Monticello; September 19 -- 10 am at Tuscola's Invitational.