

renewed purpose

By DAVID HACKETT

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MAHOMET — After a disappointing season a year ago, the Mahomet-Seymour girls' cross-country team came back determined to make amends this season.

So far it's been quite a comeback. The Bulldogs, led by smooth-running senior Karen Welke, dominated their seventh meet in a row Thursday on the damp and dank 2.1-mile Mahomet course.

Because Urbana Uni High — another of the area's top teams — didn't attend, no team scores were kept.

But had they been, there were no runners in the meet who could have challenged M-S' first four runners — Welke, senior Mary Seal, sophomore Laura Batsie and senior Melissa Cox.

"This team is as strong as any I've had," said Bulldog coach John King, in his 15th season. "We've won all seven meets we've competed in, and most haven't been close. There's been a lot of races where our fifth girl has beaten the other team's best runner."

M-S, NO STRANGER to successful track teams, finished 25th in the state in cross-country two years ago. Because Welke, Cox and Seal were just sophomores then, expectations ran high that the Bulldogs would be even better the following season.

They weren't. Welke violated school rules and was suspended. Cox was hindered by a back injury. Batsie was still a raw freshman. Result: The Bulldogs didn't even make it out of the regional.

"We were all pretty disappointed by it," said Welke. "We didn't work hard enough. But we worked a lot harder over the summer and it's paid off this fall."

Welke, a lithe blond, has lowered her time nearly a minute, to 12:10 for two miles. The only runner in

the area to defeat her this season was Olympia junior Tara Morris, who beat Welke by five seconds early in the season at Mahomet.

But Welke returned the favor, defeating Morris at a dual meet Tuesday at Olympia.

"**KAREN REALLY HAS** her head together this year," King said. "She's motivated and running as well as anyone in the area."

There's more to the Bulldogs' success than Welke, however.

Seal, who finished 117th in the state as a sophomore, has been a consistent No. 2 runner. On almost every other team, Seal would be the top runner, but finishing second to Welke bothers her not at all.

"We're best friends," Seal said. "Besides, I'd rather somebody on my own team beat me than somebody on another team."

Cox, at one time the team's best runner, hasn't delivered the promise she showed as a freshman because of lingering back problems. But she has continued to train hard and adds substantial depth.

Batsie, the youngest of the group, came into her sophomore year in better condition and has dropped her best time by more than a minute.

"**SHE'S IMPROVED AS** much as anyone," King said. "The way she's worked, I think she can be the No. 1 runner in the area next season."

With three more meets remaining, the Bulldogs are starting to look ahead to the postseason. They'll be part of the 32-team regional Oct. 25 at Rantoul. Girls cross-country jumps big and small schools together, so for the Bulldogs to reach the state meet again it will take a formidable effort.

"I think we've got a good chance to do it," King said. "This team has a great attitude and sense of purpose. I'm excited about our chances."



Mahomet-Seymour runners, from left, Karen Welke, Mary Seal and Laura Batsie run together during a home meet Thursday. The trio has led

the Bulldogs to seven straight wins this fall as Mahomet-Seymour has rebounded from a disappointing season in 1985.

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MEN'S DIVISIONS

Overall winner—Ross Johnson, Danville, 30:32.

Unit 7 winners—1. Wally Pierce, Sidney, 38:37; 2. Robbie Beihl, Pesotum, 39:26; 3. Orange Decker, Philo, 39:47.

15-and-under—1. Patrick Stines 39:08; 2. Hans Waters 47:42.

16-20—1. Erik Nordtvedt 33:15; 2. Thomas Richards 38:40.

21-25—1. Kurt Karmazinas 37:37; 2. Bart Stine 40:58.

26-30—1. Paul Ellinger 33:33; 2. Anthony Razo 34:32.

31-35—1. Terry Diss 35:15; 2. Richard Engelbrecht-Wiggans 37:42.

36-40—1. Loe Ochs 37:58; 2. Robert Anderson 38:49.

41-45—1. Eric Weir 39:55; 2. Ed Daniel 41:18.

46-50—1. Wes Seitz 45:33; 2. Bill Wilkerson 47:08.

51-55—1. Paul Quinlan 41:16; 2. Jim Acheson 44:58.

56-and-over—1. Gene Harding 41:33; 2. Robert Lumsden 55:07.

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

Overall winner—Irene Bond, Champaign, 39:29.

Unit 7 winners—1. Sandy Meneley, Pesotum, 43:43; 2. Sue Brown, Sidney, 49:15; 3. Jamie Meneley, Pesotum, 52:00.

16-and-under—1. Kara Jordan 52:00.

17-22—1. Karen Welke 41:22; Christine Scankin 51:00.

23-29—1. Kathy Pingy 42:07; 2. Ruth Downs 48:06.

30-39—1. Beth Englebrecht-Wiggans 46:25; 2. Sara Wasserman 51:23.

40-49—1. Ann Hanson 51:35; 2. Susan Welke 52:14.

50-and-over—1. Juanita Jennings 59:26; 2. Gail Bower 60:05.

prospects."

Mahomet-Seymour will open its schedule by hosting Rantoul at Lake of the Woods next Monday.

CROSS COUNTRY

"Our boys cross country team looks like Mahomet-Seymour's best in years," says coach John King. "We have 18 boys out, obvious depth, and pretty good balance.

"Our girls squad is something else. It has talent, but a real lack of numbers -- only six-seven girls are out. We definitely need more."

This fall's picture is in direct contrast to last year's, when King's girls were outstanding and his boys were wanting. The girls, obliged to compete in a single-class state meet, actually ran 22nd in that field, but were second to Maple Park Kaneland among small (Class A) schools. The boys finished 12th in their Class A sectional.

Now a senior, Jamie Fancher, who missed qualifying for the state finals by two seconds, is tops among King's six boys lettermen. Fancher's lettered mates are senior Clay Masters, juniors Jay Busey, Ron Castleman and Jeff Dyson and sophomore Hans Waters. Soph

David Gottman is challenging them.

Others bidding are juniors Jeff Jankowski (a track letterman), Stuart Williams, David Seifert and David Trinkle, sophomores Brian Easter and Davin Daniels, and freshmen Danny Nielsen (state mile champion in eighth grade), Jason Lasater, Michael Hightley and Burt Huddleston. Senior Chris Harpst is trying cross country for the first time.





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Bulldog's win at Chrisman

The Mahomet-Seymour's boys cross country team is shown after their exhilarating win in the Chrisman Prep Invitational Saturday, September 5. Front row, left to right, are Danny Nielsen, Stewart Williams, Burt Huddleston, Jay Busey, Mike Highley and Jason Lasater.

Second row, left to right is Chris Harpst, Hans Waters, Jay Yost, Jeff Jankowski, David Seifert, Brian Easter, Jamie Fancher and Brian Stauffer.

Third row, left to right, Coach John King, Jeff Dyson, Davin Daniels, Clay Masters, Mark Ruesink, Ron Castleman.





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right, Coach John King, Jeff Dyson, Davin Daniels, Clay Masters, Mark Ruesink,
Ron Castleman.



CROSS CNTRY

BOYS' SUMMARY Chrisman Invitational

TEAM SCORES

1. Mahomet-Seymour 17; 2. Chrisman 36; 3. Georgetown-Ridge Farm 40; 4. Oakwood 31; 5. Robinson 47; 6. Tuscola 62; 7. Prairie Central 76; 8. Urbana University High 78; 9. Paxton 78; 10. Sullivan 78; 11. Bismarck-Henning 83; 12. Teutopolis 84; 13. Westville 90; 14. Warrensburg-Latham 97½; 15. Unity 99; 16. St. Joseph-Ogden 104; 17. Argenta-Orleana 109½; 18. Potomac 111; 19. Villa Grove 115; 20. Shiloh 130.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

No. 1—1. Light (Cumb) 15:35 (3-mile course); 2. Towell (West) 15:57; 3. Spencer (Sul) 16:00; 4. Denton (Rob) 16:04; 5. Talbot (Uni) 16:10.

No. 2—1. Trask (O) 16:09; 2. Holder (Cumb) 16:26; 3. Winkler (B-H) 16:44; 4. Farris (G-RF) 16:47; 5. Busey (M-S) 16:49.

No. 3—1. Jankowski (M-S) 16:37; 2. Spicer (Chr) 16:55; 3. McDonald (Tus) 17:05; 4. Schaffer (PC) 17:05; 5. Gray (O) 17:08.

No. 4—1. Nielsen (M-S) 16:05; 2. Mills (Chr) 16:27; 3. McCool (W-L) 16:56; 4. Jackson (Cumb) 17:09; 5. Miller (O) 17:18.

No. 5—1. Waltz (Chr) 16:11; 2. Waters (M-S) 17:29; 3. Baker (Uni) 17:37; 4. Skidmore (Rob) 17:38; 5. Nimrick (G-RF) 17:56.

No. 6—1. Lasater (M-S) 17:09; 2. Harvey (Chr) 17:43; 3. Warner (Cumb) 18:14; 4. Green (G-RF) 18:23; 5. Howie (O) 18:35.



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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.



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Friday, September 18, 1987

At Mahomet
MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 25
MONTICELLO 36

1. Crockett (M) 17:39 (3-mile course);
2. Hertz (M) 17:43; 3. Nielsen (M-S) 18:16; 4. Waters (M-S) 18:19; 5. Jankowski (M-S) 18:21; 6. Fancher (M-S) 18:21; 7. Easter (M-S) 18:25; 8. Busey (M-S) 18:29; 9. Masters (M-S) 19:05; 10. Seifert (M-S) 19:08.

GIRLS' SUMMARY
At Mahomet
NO TEAM SCORES KEPT

1. Batsie (Mahomet-Seymour) 13:22 (2-mile course); 2. Combes (Monticello) 14:41; 3. Harland (M-S) 14:57; 4. King (M-S) 15:06; 5. Lacey (M) 16:12; 6. Roberts (M-S) 16:53; 7. Carpenter (M-S) 17:00; 8. Hall (M-S) 17:36; 9. Wilkinson (M-S) 17:52; 10. Brucker (M-S) 18:43.

Spartan Classic
At St. Joseph

TEAM SCORES

Delavan 88, Chrisman 107, Mahomet-Seymour 150, Shelbyville 155, Normal University High 174, Oakwood 178, Cumberland 236, Clinton 285, Tuscola 308, Georgetown-Ridge Farm 312, St. Joseph-Ogden 351, St. Anne 361, Bismarck-Henning 400, Unity 425, Sullivan 427, Breese Central 441, Tri-Valley 475, Hoopeston-East Lynn 495, Effingham St. Anthony 498, Paxton 500, Monticello 549, Westville 591, Warrensburg-Latham 607, Argenta-Oreana 644, Villa Grove 645, Shioh 645, Neoga 672, Potomac 777.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
(3-mile course)

1. Scott Maddux (Streator Woodland) 14:42; 2. Doug Light (Cumberland) 15:06; 3. Josh Favus (Normal U-H) 15:14; 4. Jeremy Skinner (Shelbyville) 15:24; 5. Brian Towell (Westville) 15:31; 6. Todd Spencer (Sullivan) 15:36; 7. Ron Zimmer (Delavan) 15:41; 8. David Crockett (Monticello) 15:45; 9. Jeff Trask (Oakwood) 15:51; 10. Dan Willard (Delavan) 15:55.

11. Jamie Fancher (Mahomet) 15:56; 12. Joel Livengood (Delavan) 16:03; 13. Brad Oakley (Cumberland) 16:04; 14. Brent Jenness (Chrisman) 16:05; 15. Andy Mills (Chrisman) 16:06; 16. Bob Donewald (Normal U-H) 16:07; 17. Chris Hammond (Shelbyville) 16:10; 18. Lee Waltz (Chrisman) 16:11; 19. Brian Holder (Cumberland) 16:14; 20. Don Colbert (Shelbyville) 16:15; 21. Clint Bolser (Clinton) 16:16; 22. Dan Nielsen (Mahomet) 16:19; 23. Brian Harmeson (Oakwood) 16:24; 24. Bill Harvey (Chrisman) 16:26; 25. Craig Tuggle (Bismarck) 16:27.

TOP SENIOR — Maddux.
TOP JUNIOR — Willard.
TOP SOPHOMORE — Skinner.
TOP FRESHMAN — Nielsen.

Sunday, September 20, 1987

BOYS' SUMMARIES
Tuscola Classic

TEAM SCORES

1. Mahomet-Seymour 53; 2. Cumberland 100; 3. Athens 134; 4. Clinton 166; 5. Tuscola 184; 6. Monticello 209; 7. Sullivan 218; 8. Urbana University High 230.
9. Prairie Central 250; 10. Lebanon 264; 11. Tri-Valley 266; 12. Breese Central 322; 13. St. Anthony-Effingham 387; 14. Villa Grove 395; 15. Argenta-Oreana 402; 16. Neoga 413; Shelbyville, Warrensburg-Latham, and Maroa-Forsyth did not field complete teams.

INDIVIDUAL VARSITY LEADERS

1. Light (Cum) 15:57 (3.1-mile street course at Tuscola); 2. Skinner (Shel) 16:01; 3. Spencer (Sul) 16:04; 4. Bolser (Clin) 16:52; 5. Fancher (M-S) 16:56; 6. Hertz (M) 16:57; 7. Oakley (Cum) 17:00; 8. Jankowski (M-S) 17:01; 9. Preston (A) 17:07; 10. Nielsen (M-S) 17:08.

JUNIOR VARSITY LEADERS

1. Lasater (M-S) 18:12; 2. Seifert (M-S) 18:33; 3. Huddleston (M-S) 18:48.





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C-COUNTRY

BOYS' SUMMARIES

At Mahomet

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 17, PONTIAC 40, OLYMPIA 87

1. Nielsen (M-S) 17:28 (3.1 mile course);
2. Fancher (M-S) 17:28;
3. Busey (M-S) 17:58;
4. McCutcheson (P) 17:59;
5. Easter (M-S) 18:02;
6. Waters (M-S) 18:04;
7. Roth (P) 18:22;
8. Wilhite (P) 18:25;
9. Ahrends (P) 18:25;
10. Masters (M-S) 18:27.

At Monticello

MONTICELLO 17, ARGENTA-OREANA 44

1. Crockett (M) 17:24 (3-mile course);
2. Hertz (M) 18:08;
3. Obermiller (M) 18:27;
4. Houska (M) 18:55;
5. Raleigh (F-O) 19:11;
6. Jones (A-O) 19:20;
7. Petersen (M) 19:37;
8. Ingram (M) 20:05;
9. Ritter (M) 20:30;
10. Nolan (M) 20:51.

GIRLS' SUMMARIES

At Mahomet

OLYMPIA 28, PONTIAC 42, MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 56

1. Batsie (M-S) 12:53 (2-mile course);
2. Morris (O) 13:10;
3. Cermak (P) 13:55;
4. Bowles (O) 13:56;
5. Steiger (O) 14:12;
6. Jones (P) 14:15;
7. Gaddis (O) 14:15;
8. Esker (P) 14:16;
9. Harland (M-S) 14:20;
10. Kaufmann (O) 14:29.



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Friday, October 2, 1987

C-COUNTRY

BOYS' SUMMARIES

At Danville

CENTRAL 20, DANVILLE 41

TERRE HAUTE SOUTH 25, CENTRAL 31
TERRE HAUTE SOUTH 20, DANVILLE 43

1. Orvis (D) 16:20 (3-mile course);
2. Shad Shepston (C) 16:50;
3. Cress (THS) 17:05;
4. Leturgez (THS) 17:11;
5. Frazier (THS) 17:24;
6. Elrick (C) 17:33;
7. Stines (C) 17:35;
8. Brooks (THS) 17:37;
9. Shay Shepston (C) 17:45;
10. Roshel (THS) 17:54.

At Urbana

UNI HIGH 21, ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN 35

1. Talbot (Uni) 17:28 (3-mile course);
2. Weinbaum (Uni) 18:34;
3. Seitz (Uni) 18:46;
4. Baker (Uni) 18:53;
5. Roberts (SJ-O) 19:03;
6. Fuller (SJ-O) 19:26;
7. Houchens (SJ-O) 19:37;
8. Anderson (SJ-O) 19:40;
9. Fuccia (SJ-O) 19:57;
10. Aders (SJ-O) 20:56.

At Mahomet

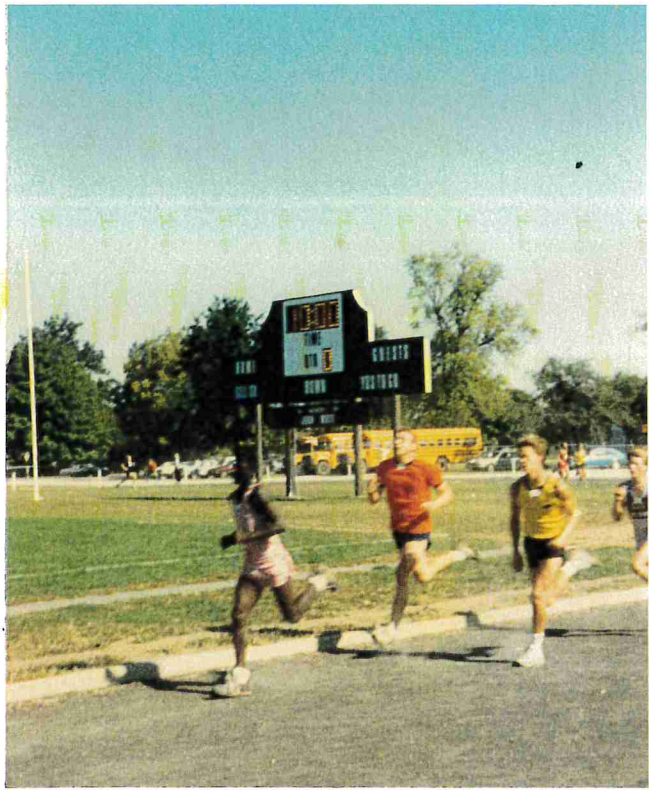
MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 27, CLINTON 48,
PRAIRIE C. 68, ARG-OREANA 89

1. Nielsen (M-S) 17:44 (3.1 mile course);
2. Bolser (C) 17:53;
3. Easter (M-S) 18:11;
4. Brown (PC) 18:25;
5. Short (C) 18:31;
6. Waters (M-S) 18:34;
7. Raleigh (A-O) 18:39;
8. Busey (M-S) 18:41;
9. Masters (M-S) 18:47;
10. Forsberg (C) 18:53

At Paxton

PAXTON 17, CLIFTON CENTRAL 45

1. Porter (Armstrong) 17:48 (3-mile course);
2. Bozman (P) 17:50;
3. Hadden (P) 17:58;
4. Rasmus (P) 18:29;
5. Campbell (CC) 18:43;
6. Brown (P) 18:48;
7. Lee (A) 18:50;
8. Jamison (P) 19:03;
9. Martin (P) 19:05;
10. LaNoue (CC) 19:07.



Sunday, October 11, 1987

THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA NEWS-GAZETTE

BOYS' SUMMARIES
Mahomet-S. Invitational
At Lake of the Woods

TEAM SCORES

Chrisman 55, Mahomet-Seymour 112, Oakwood 122, Shelbyville 131, Monticello 169, Manteno 185, Kankakee Bishop McNamara 189, Urbana University High 216, Tri-Valley 238, Unity 253, Paxton 285, Hoopston-East Lynn 292, St. Joseph-Ogden 332, Shiloh 415, Argenta-Orleana 421, Effingham St. Anthony 428, Olympia 440, Catlin 446, Normal University High 493, Prairie Central no score.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Skinner (Shelbyville) 15:59 (2.9-mile course); 2. Kennedy (MacNamara) 16:02; 3. Trask (Olympia) 16:14; 4. Crockett (Monticello) 16:22; 5. Colbert (Shiloh) 16:23; 6. Bland (Chrisman) 16:24; 7. Hertz (Monticello) 16:28; 8. Jankowski (Mahomet-S.) 16:29; 9. Nielsen (Mahomet-S) 16:29; 10. Mills (Ch) 16:32.

OTHER MAHOMET-S RESULTS

19. Fancher 16:50; 37. Easter 17:30; 42. Busey 17:36; 44. Waters 17:38; 65. Lasater 18:06.



Bulldog Sports Notes . . .

by Emil Hesse

Mahomet-Seymour's young prep golfers placed third in the 14-team Class A regional tournament at Lake of the Woods last Thursday to qualify for sectional play on Illinois State University's course at Normal Tuesday.

Freshman Kent Hassett and junior Brad Wilkinson, tying for fifth place individually with 79s, paced Coach Mike Melton's contingent into the sectional.

Normal U-High won the regional title with a score of 318. Heyworth was second with 336, Mahomet-Seymour third with 341, and Prairie Central fourth with 344 to complete the list of qualifying teams.

Mahomet-Seymour team members who advanced to the sectional with Hassett and Wilkinson were freshmen Andy Green and John Buchanan, plus sophomores Darrin Finke and Todd Parker.

Second place finishes in three multi-team invitational meets marked the latest efforts of Mahomet-Seymour's boys cross country squad racing down the home stretch of its schedule.

Coach John King's boy runners were runnersup to Delavan in the 13-school Normal U-High Invitational October 7, second to Chrisman in the Bulldog Invitational last Saturday, and second to Delavan in Monday's Amboy Invitational, which attracted 230 individuals. Mahomet-Seymour shaded Rock Island, 181-182, behind Delavan's 125 and ahead of Chrisman's 187 at Amboy.

Jamie Fancher and Danny Nielsen ran sixth and eighth at Normal; Jeff Jankowski and Nielsen, eight and ninth at Mahomet, shared 16:29 times for the 2.8-mile course, while at Amboy, Fancher was 26th in 16:04, Nielsen was 42nd in 16:20, Jankowski 51st in 16:26,

Jay Busey 54th in 16:31, and Brian Easter 55th in 16:32.

Hans Waters ran 10th in the 123-boy 2 1/2-mile freshman-sophomore race at Amboy, timed in 13:44, and Jason Lasater was 16th in 14:06.

As for the M-S girls, Laura Batsie placed third in Normal's Invitational, and fifth in 12:37 over the two-mile course at Mahomet. As a team, the Bulldog girls finished 10th among 16, with Batsie 14th in 15:39, at Amboy; Jacqui Harland was 41st in 16:40, Barbara King 50th in 17:03, over a 2 1/2-mile course.



Tuesday, October 13, 1987

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA NEWS-GAZETTE
CR-COUNTRY

BOYS' SUMMARIES

At Amboy

Varsity

TEAM SCORES

Delavan 125, Mahomet-Seymour 181, Rock Island Alleman 182, Chrisman 187, Princeton 203, Yorkville 215, Central 232, Herscher 232, Knoxville 238, Clinton 265, Kewanee 297, Georgetown-Ridge Farm 310, Immaculate Conception 333, Westner 342, Seneca 362, Normal University High 374, Monmouth 380, Winnebago 421, Petersburg-Porta 482, Manteno 491, Forrester 495, Oakwood 548, Kankakee Bishop McNamara 637, Orion 644, Farmington 650, Gardner SW 667, Christian Life 682, Spillman Valley 772, Lisle 821, Hall 854.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Maddux (Woodland) 14:52 (3-mile course); 2. Russell (Carmi) 14:59; 3. Hillyard (Norris City) 15:05; 4. Pesola (Im Con) 15:06; 5. Rivera (Mason City) 15:13; 6. Mitchell (Seneca) 15:16; 7. Egenberger (Herscher) 15:22; 8. Stier (Petersburg-P) 15:28; 9. Favus (Normal U) 15:30; 10. Schennum (Princeton) 15:33.

AREA RESULTS

Mahomet-Seymour—26. Fancher 16:04; 42. Nielsen 16:20; 51. Jankowski 16:26; 54. Busey 16:31; 55. Easter 16:32; 93. Masters 17:09; 174. Castle 18:38.

Oakwood—36. Harneson 16:16; 80. Gray 16:56; 97. Tranbino 16:43; 139. Williamson 17:50; 182. Howle 18:16; 211. Divan 20:04.

Georgetown-Ridge Farm—37. Skinner 16:17; 48. Farris 16:24; 65. Green 16:39; 95. Nimrick 17:11; 127. Cundiff 17:43.

Frosh-Soph

TOP TEAM SCORES

Lisle 47, Mason City 69, Kankakee Bishop McNamara 87, Kewanee 121, Mendota 136, Princeton 160, Herscher 162, Erie 186, Winnebago 189.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Schlisler (Avon) 12:51 (2.5-mile course); 2. Kennedy (Bish Mc) 12:56; 3. Trask (Oakwood) 13:08; 4. Graham (Delavan) 13:23; 5. Gingrech (Tremont) 13:28; 6. McGinnis (Mason City) 13:29; 7. Fitzgerald (Mend) 13:34; 8. Hayes (Gardner) 13:35; 9. Rivera (Mason City) 13:44; 10. Waters (Mahomet-Seymour) 13:44.







At Argenta

TEAM SCORES

Monticello 22, Mahomet-Seymour 35
Monticello 19, Argenta-Orleans 42
Mahomet-Seymour 23, Argenta-Orleans 36

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

1. Crockett (M) 16:23 (3-mile course);
2. Hertz (M) 16:31; 3. Wilson (Maroa-Forsyth) 16:39; 4. Raleigh (A-O) 17:24; 5. Masters (M-S) 17:27; 6. Obermiller (M) 17:28; 7. Waters (M-S) 17:32; 8. Houska (M) 17:34; 9. Jones (A-O) 17:36; 10. Lasater (M-S) 18:05



Bulldog Sports Notes . . .

by Emil Hesse

Junior Brad Wilkinson, the only member of Mahomet-Seymour coach Mike Melton's young golf team to qualify for the Class A state finals at Chillicothe last week, had to settle for a finish back in the pack, but he believes he benefited from the experience and is already looking forward to next year.

Wilkinson posted rounds of 85 and 87 for a total of 172. The cutoff figure for the top 25 was 166.

Randy Briggs of team champion Monmouth was the

individual winner with a card of 72-74-146, seven strokes ahead of his nearest challenger.

Four seniors--Rachel Harrison, Bridget Theis, Kristi Vandever, and Dawn Pruitt--are to be honored tonight (Thursday) as Mahomet-Seymour's prep volleyball team completes its regular schedule in the Bulldog gym.

Stanford Olympia will provide the opposition.

Mahomet-Seymour's varsity and JV units each won two road assignments last week to bring

their season records to 11-9-2 and 14-3-2 respectively as this week's action began.

The Bulldogs will enter regional play at Farmer City next week. Their first test will come Thursday, October 29, vs. the survivor of Tuesday's Octavia-Saybrook-Arrowsmith match.

Mahomet-Seymour's prep cross country teams placed third in both boys and girls Corn Belt Conference competitions at Pontiac last Saturday.

Pontiac romped to its sixth straight boys crown, scoring 22 points, followed by Normal U-

High with 59 and Mahomet-Seymour with 62. Todd Lopeman paced the winning Indians with a time of 15:40.

Laura Batsie of the Bulldogs won the girls' race, covering the 2.23 miles in 14:04. Also for Mahomet, Barb King ran seventh, Jacqui Harland eighth, Caroline Wilkinson 18th and Jenny Robinson 20th.

Olympia was team champion with 33 points, Pontiac second with 42, and Mahomet-Seymour third with 54.

In an earlier meet at Argenta, Mahomet-Seymour beat Argenta-Oreana, 23-36, but bowed to Monticello, 22-35.

Monticello defeated Argenta-Oreana, 19-42. Clay Masters of the Bulldogs ran fifth in 17:27, Hans Waters seventh in 17:32, and Jason Lasater 10th in 18:05.

Girls' team scores weren't kept, but Batsie finished first over the 2.1-mile course in 13:06. Harland was third in 14:02, and King fifth in 15:12.

Regional cross country tests are on tap this weekend. Mahomet's boys will vie in a nine-school Class A regional at Paxton Saturday morning. The M-S girls are entered in a 27-school one-class regional at Danville, also Saturday morning.



Sunday, October 18, 1987

THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA NEWS-GAZETTE

Corn Belt Meet At Pontiac

TEAM SCORES

Pontiac 22, Normal University High 59,
Mahomet-Seymour 62, Clinton 88, Olym-
pia 149, Bloomington Central Catholic
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Lopeman (P) 15:40 (three-mile
course); 2. Ries (P) 15:48; 3. Cermak (P)
16:12; 4. Favus (N) 16:13; 5. Roth (P)
16:17; 6. Carter (C) 16:53; 7. Donewald
(N) 16:54; 8. Bolser (C) 16:59; 9. Fanch-
er (M-S) 17:03; 10. Nielsen (M-S) 17:04.

OTHER MAHOMET SCORES

12. Easter 17:21; 13. Busey 17:25; 18.
Masters 17:35; 19. Jankowski 17:36; 21.
Waters 17:42.





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Monticello's David Crockett (No. 51) races to victory at the Paxton Cross-Country Regional. Crockett finished in a time of 16:17. Mahomet-Seymour claimed a lopsided victory in the team competition, with Jamie Fancher placing second and Dan Nielsen third.

Mahomet-Seymour runs to regional crown

By The News-Gazette
Mahomet-Seymour, placing three runners in the top five, won the team title of the Class A regional boys' cross-country meet at Paxton on Friday.

The Bulldogs, who won the meet with 34 points, advance with Monticello, Paxton and Bismarck-Henning to next Friday's sectional at Hoopston-East Lynn.

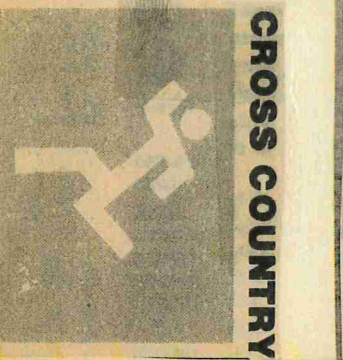
Mahomet got a second-place finish from Jamie Fancher, a third from Dan Nielsen and a fifth from Brian Easter.

David Crockett of Monticello, which placed second as a team with 76 points, won the individual race with a time of 16:17 over the 3-mile course. Teammate Chad Hertz finished fourth for the Sages.

Paul Talbot and Ted Weinbaum of Urbana University High advanced to the sectional; the Illiniks as a team did not.

Uni placed fifth with 103 points, three points behind fourth-place Bismarck-Henning. Talbot finished eighth with a time of 17:01.

Other individuals who qualified were: Chad Bozman of Paxton, Eric McCord and Chris Brown of Hoopston-East Lynn and Wally Porter of Armstrong.



High school boys

Class A regionals

AT PAXTON POINT TABLE

Top four advance to sectional
1. Mahomet-Seymour 34; 2. Monticello 76; 3. Paxton 86; 4. Bismarck-Henning 100; 5. Urbana Uni High 103; 6. Hoopston-East Lynn 119; 7. St. Joseph-Ogden 148.

Distance — 3 miles

Sectional qualifiers in boldface
1. David Crockett (Monticello); 2. Jamie Fancher (Mahomet-Seymour); 3. Dan Nielsen (Mahomet-Seymour); 4. Chad Hertz (Monticello); 5. Brian Easter (Mahomet-Seymour); 6. Chad Bozman (Paxton); 7. Craig Tugale (Bismarck-Henning); 8. Paul Talbot (Urbana Uni High); 9. Erik McCord (Hoopston-East Lynn); 10. Travis Winkler (Bismarck-Henning); 11. Jay Susey (Mahomet-Seymour); 12. Rolly Porter (Armstrong); 13. Chris Brown (Hoopston-East Lynn); 14. Hans Walters (Mahomet-Seymour); 15. Ted Weinbaum (Urbana Uni High); 16. Jeff Jankowski (Mahomet-Seymour); 17. Paul Obermiller (Monticello); 18. Robby Jamison (Paxton); 19. Brent Hadden (Paxton); 20. Bill Baker (Urbana Uni High). Time — 16:17.





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THE MAHOMET CITIZEN, Mahomet, Illinois, October 22, 1987



Harriers move on to sectionals

by E. W. Hesse

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 Hoopeston 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 Hoopeston'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.

Boys aim for high finish at state x-country meet

"I think we have a good shot at finishing in the top five, maybe even winning this title," declared Mahomet-Seymour cross country coach John King as he drilled his boys team for its bid for Class A honors in the state final at Detweiller Park in Peoria at 10 am Saturday.

"Delavan is the team to beat, but Chrisman and our Bulldogs should be very much in the running."

Chrisman and Mahomet-Seymour ran a strong 1-2 in the sectional meet at Hoopeston last Friday. Chrisman was the winner with 60 points, while M-S was runnerup with 83.

Also qualifying for the state windup were three more teams

Oakwood, with 154 points; Illiana Christian, 156; and Normal U-High, 164.

Marty Woodaal of Illiana Christian was the individual winner with a time of 14 minutes and 43 seconds for the 3-mile course.

Jamie Fancher paced Mahomet-Seymour's contingent, placing 14th in 15:30. Jeff Jankowski ran 19th in 15:43, Danny Nielsen 20th in 15:43, Jay Busey 21st in 15:44, and Brian Easter 24th in 15:52.

In the one-class girls sectional meet at Springfield last Saturday, Mahomet-Seymour's Laura Batsie placed 73rd with a time of 13:31 for the 2-mile Lincoln Park course.

Pontiac harriers' move up clears way in Class A

By DAVID HACKETT
News-Gazette Sportswriter

The favorite to win this season's Class A prep cross-country championship got sacked before the first race.

Here's the scenario: Pontiac High School returned its best three runners, including star Todd Lopeman, from a team that won state by 54 points last season. But a mid-summer merger with Saunemin and Odell High Schools raised the school's enrollment to 778, and into Class AA.

"It's safe to say we would have won the title again had that not happened," said Pontiac coach Frank Corney. "It was a tough break for us."

And a blessing for the rest of Class A.

Schools such as Mahomet-Seymour, Chrisman, Delavan, Kane-land and Oakwood raced in to fill the void — and will challenge for the championship across the 3.1-mile course at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR, ranked No. 3 behind Delavan and Chrisman by one publication, has one of the most balanced teams in the state. The Bulldogs' leading five runners — Jamie Fancher, Jeff Jankowski, Dan Nielsen, Jay Busey and Brian Easter — finished only 22 seconds apart in racing M-S to second at last week's Hoopston Sectional.

"I see Delavan as having the inside track but there are several teams that can win it," said M-S coach John King. "This group runs as well as a team as any I've ever had. It might not be the most talented. But the kids work together extremely well, and if they run the way they are capable, they've got a shot at it."

Fancher, a senior, has been the Bulldogs' No. 1 runner most of the season, clocking 15:30 to finish 14th at the sectional. He also is a stand-out wrestler, going 29-6 as a 145-pounder last season to help M-S place third in the state.

Jankowski, a junior, has fluctuated near the top, and has the potential to challenge Fancher for No. 1, said King. Nielsen is a gifted freshman who has never finished below third this season.

leaders. Easter is a newcomer who quarterbacked the freshman football team last season and has risen as high as third on the c-c team.

"We've got a really nice blend," King said. "And (sophomore) Hans Walters and (senior) Clay Masters are capable of running among the top five, too. This is the first time for all of them in a state meet, and you're always concerned how a team will react. Usually, it either collapses or it runs a lot better. We're hoping we run a lot better."

Chrisman and Oakwood are the other area Class A teams to qualify. Westville senior Brian Towell, Watseka junior Robert Love and Monticello senior David Crockett also qualified as individuals.

NO LOCAL CLASS AA team or athletes qualified.

Chrisman defeated Mahomet-Seymour in the sectional and last season finished 14th in the state.

Oakwood returns its top four runners from a team that placed 17th last season. The Comets have been hindered by injuries, but the recovery of top runner Brian Harmeson has coach Ray Wittmann optimistic.

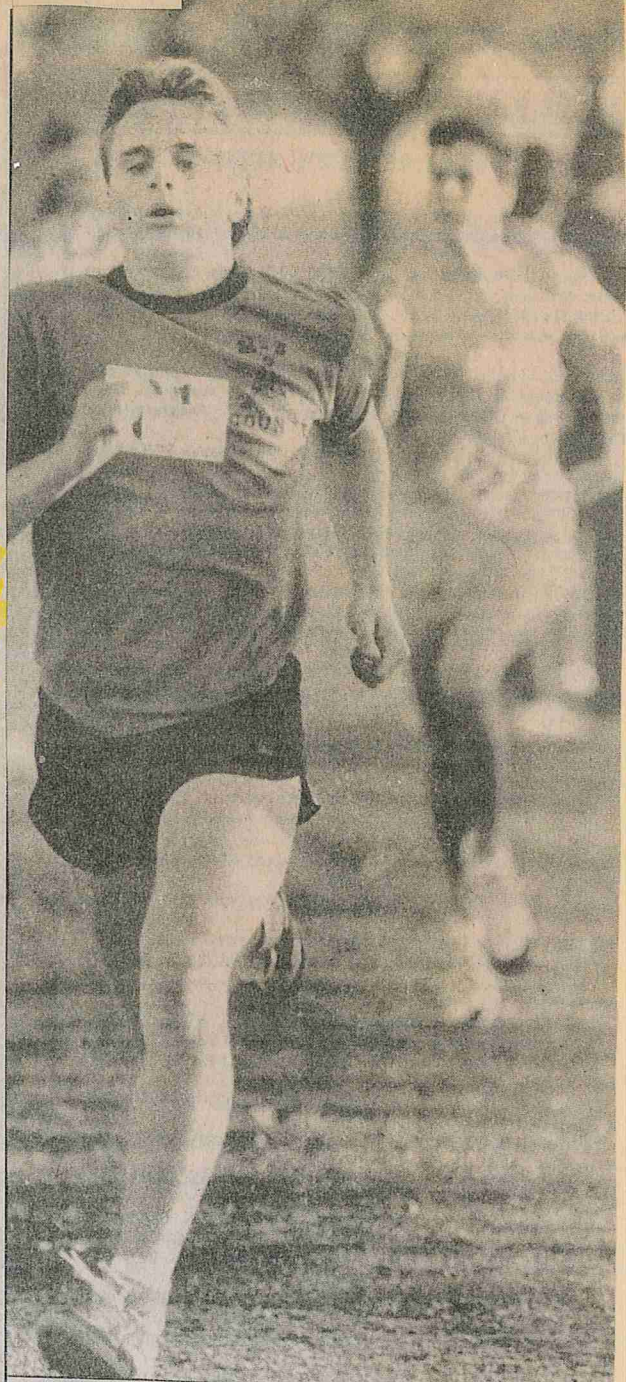
"The only teams that have beaten us this year are Delavan, Chrisman and Mahomet-Seymour, and they are the top three ranked teams in the state," Wittmann said. "This is our fifth time going to the state meet. I feel good about our chances."

Harmeson, a junior, and sophomore Jeff Trask give Oakwood a strong 1-2 punch. Junior kenny Gray is solid No. 3, and freshman Randy Miller and sophomore Chad Schoolcraft have been productive. Nathan Howie, the team's No. 5 runner, was lost for the season with a lung infection.

Wittmann believes Oakwood's experience at state last season is invaluable.

"The first time is always a shock," he said. "You can tell the kids about it, but nothing prepares them for the first 800 or 900 yards. Our kids are real confident."

Chrisman, led by sophomore twins Karen and Kathy Morris, is the only News-Gazette area girls' team to reach the finals. A pair of freshmen, Rantoul's Amy Bersig and St. Joseph-Ogden's Ashley



News-Gazette photo by Brian K. Johnson

Fancher leads Mahomet-Seymour into the Class A entry Championships on Saturday at Peoria. The balanced team, are ranked third in the state.

inst all the big kes it tough," said Roger Beals. "Had against small nk we would have nish pretty high." favorite is Wheel- alli — seeking an fourth straight heeling did not so Miroballi will be running for herself. SJ-O coach Jerry Hewardine expects Wright to profit from race. "It's a good experience for her to run against this kind of competition," Hewardine said. "She didn't run one of her better races at the sectional. But I think she will come back and run well Saturday. I think Ashley can finish in the top 25."

M-S harriers to join perennial visitor Chrisman in state meet

By JEFF PIERRON

News-Gazette Sportswriter

HOOPESTON — Chrisman, a perennial state qualifier, and Mahomet-Seymour, which hadn't qualified since 1983, were the top finishers in the Class A high school boys' cross-country sectional Friday.

Chrisman won with 60 points and Mahomet-Seymour was second with 83 to advance to next Saturday's state meet at Peoria.

Also advancing from the 16-team field were the other three teams that finished in the top five — Oakwood (154 points), Illiana Christian (156) and Normal University High (164) — and the top seven individuals from non-qualifying teams.

Marty Woodaal of Illiana Christian was the individual winner in 14 minutes, 43 seconds over the 3-mile course at McFerren Park. Herscher grabbed second, third and 10th places, but missed qualifying as a team by two points.

CHRISMAN'S ONLY other sectional championship came in 1978, but the Cardinals have qualified for state as a team 13 years in a row.

Both Chrisman and Mahomet-Seymour kept their runners packed together tightly. Chrisman's five scorers were 38 seconds apart, and Mahomet-Seymour's 22.

Ben Jenness led Chrisman, placing sixth overall in 15:13. Kenny Bland was ninth, Andy Mills 11th, Brent Jenness 22nd and Brian Spicer 23rd.

"The kids ran real good. They did what they had to do," said Chrisman coach Roger Beals.

"We had Brent Jenness back running again after breaking his hand, and he ran a real good race. Benny Jenness had a slight hamstring pull, and we had to work on him for two or three days. They just ran right through the pain. That was terrific."

It was the first time this season that Ben Jenness, a senior who didn't begin running cross-country until this year, had led the team. Bland also achieved a milestone, beating Westville's Brian Towell for the first time this year.

"We had a lot of personal goals going, and team goals, too. It looks like we did a pretty good job of reaching all of them," said Beals.

Mahomet-Seymour coach John

King said the outcome didn't surprise him.

"It was about what I expected. I figured if we ran exceedingly well we could beat Chrisman, but I also knew they could beat us. We've traded back and forth at times during the year. I really felt they were the team to beat. They packed up real well, we packed up real well, and they came out ahead," said King.

JAMIE FANCHER LED Mahomet-Seymour, placing 14th individually in 15:30. Jeff Jankowski was 19th, Dan Nielsen 20th, Jay Busey 21st and Brian Easter 24th.

"We had good performances from Jay Busey and Jeff Jankowski. The others ran pretty much what they had been running, which is pretty good," said King.

King said he likes the chances of both Chrisman and Mahomet-Seymour in the Class A state meet.

"If we run like we did today, I would say Chrisman and us would both have a good shot at being in the top five and even winning it. Delavan's the team to beat, but they're not that far in front of either of us," said King.











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LEADING TEAM SCORES

Schaumburg 120, Naperville Central 124, Roselle Lake Park 132, York 198, Downers Grove North 215, Pontiac 218, Moline 224, Rockford Guilford 228, St. Charles 236, Rockford East 284.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Mark Schierer (Metamora) 14:22 (3-mile course); 2. Aaron Rogers (Chicago Vocational) 14:25; 3. Everett Whiteside (Mount Vernon) 14:27; 4. Blake Stepien (St. Charles) 14:29; 5. Dan Nolan (Naperville Central) 14:35; 6. Tony Laskowski (Downers Grove North) 14:36; 7. Nick Schwartz (Centralia) 14:38; 8. Mario Vesey (Rock Island) 14:42; 9. Ben Wolf (Oswego) 14:43; 10. Jamie Barnes (Lincoln Way) 14:46.

Class A State Meet

At Peoria

TEAM SCORES

Kaneland Maple Park 103, Chrisman 136, Yorkville 164, Rock Island Alleman 209, Delavan 220, Elmwood 251, Princeton 277, Chicago Hales Franciscan 279, Knoxville 287, Mahomet-Seymour 288, Elmhurst Timothy Christian 290, Oakwood 307, Pinckneyville 308, Lansing Illiana Christian 314, Breese Mater Dei 326, Sparta 327, Toledo Cumberland 332, Shelbyville 346, Normal University High 347, Monmouth 380, Carmi 457.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Scott Maddux (Streator Woodland) 14:48 (3-mile course); 2. Doug Light (Toledo Cumberland) 14:56; 3. Mark Russell (Carmi) 14:59; 4. Scott Williamson (Wheaton Christian) 15:00; 5. Eric Detmer (Breese Mater Dei) 15:01; 6. Marty Wondaal (Lansing Illiana Christian) 15:03; 7. Roger Rivera (Mason City) 15:04; 8. Troy Crady (Prophetstown) 15:06; 9. Mike Stier (Petersburg Porta) 15:09; 10. Brad Mitchell (Seneca) 15:15.

CHRISMAN FINISHERS

34. Kenny Bland 15:44; 39. Ben Jenness 15:50; 41. Andy Mills 15:51; 49. Brian Spicer 15:59; 66. Brent Jenness 16:12; 94. Bill Harvey 16:39; 101. Lee Waltz 16:44.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR FINISHERS

37. Jamie Fancher 15:49; 75. Brian Easter 16:18; 82. Dan Nielsen 16:28; 102. Jay Busey 16:45; 120. Jeff Janowski 16:57; 122. Hans Waters 16:58; 137. Clay Masters 17:17.

OAKWOOD FINISHERS

28. Brian Harmeson 15:41; 36. Jeff Trask 15:48; 85. Ken Gray 16:30; 121. Randy Miller 16:58; 168. Jeff Williamson 18:42; 172. Troy Divan 19:40.

OTHER AREA FINISHERS

31. Todd Spencer (Sullivan) 15:43; 65. Robert Love (Watseka) 16:12; 67. David Crockett (Monticello) 16:13.

GIRLS' SUMMARIES

State Meet

At Peoria

TEAM SCORES

Hoffman Estates 148, East St. Louis Lincoln 153, Naperville Central 165, Downers Grove North 184, Palatine 208, Chicago St. Ignatius 220, Geneseo Darnall 248, Arlington Heights Hersey 259, Schaumburg 260, Hinsdale Central 292, Mt. Prospect 341, Wheaton North 343, Belvidere 344, Oswego 366, Rockford Guilford 369, Kankakee Bishop McNamara 382, Elmhurst York 384, Lockport 388, Chrisman 411, Oak Lawn 440, Chicago Mother McAuley 445, Rock Island 452, Mount Vernon 493, St. Jacob Triad 522, Salem 590.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Dana Miroballi (Wheeling) 11:16 (2.1-mile course); 2. Katrina Price (Riverside-Brookfield) 11:21; 3. Erin Boland (McHenry) 11:33; 4. Angie Jablonski (Chicago Resurrection) 11:37; 5. Diana Hill (Hinsdale Central) 11:38; 6. Tricia Huber (Palatine) 11:51; 7. Leslie Pottinger (Belvidere) 11:56; 8. Erica Eastern (East St. Louis Lincoln) 11:57; 9. Shellee O'Neal (Downers Grove North) 11:58; 10. Teri Fuelling (Kankakee Bishop McNamara) 11:59.

CHRISMAN RUNNERS

42. Karen Morris 12:34; 57. Kathy Morris 12:45; 129. Amy Malaise 13:20; 137. Michelle Kindred 13:25; 189. Heather Harvey 13:56; 206. Elaine Yaw 14:14; 210. Allane Hennette 15:07.

OTHER AREA RESULTS

51. Amy Bersig (Rantoul) 12:40; 86. Ashley Wright (St. Joseph-Ogden) 13:02.

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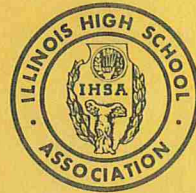
TEAM SCORES

Bloomington 298, Champaign Central 186, Champaign Centennial 174, Urbana 155, Normal Community 145, Danville 40, Lincoln 31

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay — 1. Bloomington (Kennel, Priestler, Nelson, Hartweg) 1:57.3; 2. Central 2:00.51; 3. Centennial 2:03.0; 4. Urbana 2:05.6.

200 freestyle — 1. Horenkamp (B)



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THE MAHOMET CITIZEN, Mahomet, Illinois, November 12, 1987,

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 Hoopston'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.

Pack attack lifts Chrisman harriers to 2nd in Class A Championships

By DAVID HACKETT
News-Gazette Sportswriter

PEORIA — Thirty-three runners crossed the finish line in the cold drizzle here Saturday without a Chrisman jersey among them.

Ordinarily, that would mean trouble for a team with trophy aspirations.

But this time, when the Cardinals finally crossed, they came like a flood: Kenny Bland ... Ben Jenness ... Andy Mills ... Brian Spicer ... Brent Jenness.

Those five runners finished just 28 seconds apart — a remarkable display of teamwork that led Chrisman to second place in the IHSA Class A Cross-Country Championships at Detweiller Park.

Maple Park Kaneland won the meet with 103 points. Chrisman — second in the final poll — had 136 and Yorkville was third with 164.

Chrisman's finish was the best in school history and matched the best ever by a News-Gazette area team. Urbana placed second in 1951, as did Hoopeston-East Lynn in 1979.

"We didn't have any idea we would be this good when the season started," said Cardinals coach Roger Beals. "But the kids are very team-oriented. They worked extremely hard."

Mahomet-Seymour, ranked third in the poll, settled for 10th with 288. And Oakwood, getting strong efforts from Brian Harmeson and Jeff Trask, was 12th with 307.

The individual champion was Streator Woodland senior Scott Maddux, whose time of 14:58 edged Toledo Cumberland senior Doug

Light by eight seconds. Maddux is a familiar name in the winner's circle — his brother, Troy, winning in 1984 and '85.

Senior Bland led Chrisman, placing 34th overall in a time of 15:44. Ben Jenness, a senior completing his first season, was 39th in 15:50. Mills, Spicer and Brent Jenness (his hand in a cast) were close.

Despite the magnitude of the performance, the Cardinals were a pensive lot after the race.

"I thought we were going to win," said Bland. "We were probably one of the best prepared teams here and we ran well together. I thought we had a good chance to win it."

Chrisman whipped its expected rivals: No. 1-ranked Delavan, Mahomet-Seymour and fourth-rated Rock Island Alleman. What it didn't expect was seventh-ranked Kaneland to run fabulously.

Kaneland, like Chrisman, didn't have a Top 25 finisher. But all its runners scored well.

"I'd like to run against Kaneland again next Saturday," Beals said. "We were totally unaware of them. We thought it would come down to those other teams."

Mahomet-Seymour was another story. The Bulldogs hoped to claim a trophy, but senior Jamie Fancher and sophomore Brian Easter (usually the fifth man) were their only finishers in the top 75.

"It was their first time at state," said coach John King, "and obviously they didn't react well to it."

Westville's Brian Towell had the best performance by an area runner, earning All-State honors by

finishing 25th in 15:31.

Sullivan senior Todd Spenser raced well to finish 31st in 15:43. Watseka junior Robert Love was 65th in 16:12 and Monticello senior David Crockett was 67th in 16:13.

Girls' race

Wheeling's Dana Miroballi claimed an unprecedented fourth championship, finishing the single-class race in a record 11:16.

It wasn't easy. Riverside-Brookfield's Katrina Price grabbed a huge lead and maintained it through the first half. Then Miroballi jetted from third and blitzed Price down the stretch.

Price's time of 11:21 also broke the record of 11:22.9 set by Elmwood's Betsy Silzer in 1981.

One of the best performances by a young runner came from Rantoul's Amy Bersig.

The Eagles' freshman ran in the shadow of St. Joseph-Ogden freshman Ashley Wright this season. But Saturday, Bersig finished 51st in 12:40. Wright was 86th in 13:02.

Karen Morris placed 42nd and twin sister Kathy 57th to spark Chrisman to 19th in the team standings. Kankakee McNamara, 16th, was the only Class A school to edge the Cardinals.

Class AA boys

Metamora senior Mark Scheirer, sixth in the meet last year, finished first in the field of 226 runners with a time of 14:22.

Schaumburg's Tim Sieb was 30th to lead his school to the team title with 120 points.



MSHS releases first quarter honor roll

Mahomet-Seymour High School principal, John Wilkinson, has released the honor roll for the first quarter of the 1987-88 school year.

High honor students must have at least a 4.75 grade point average in academic subjects with no grades below B in non-academic subjects. *Denotes straight A students.

The following people achieved high honors:

Ninth

Jason Ankenbrand, *Amy Ewen, *Kent Hassett, *Tony Hatfield, Kim Houser, *Danny Nielson, Kimberly Olson, Kristina Olson, Cathy Patrick, Jason Preston, *Pamela Ruesink, Cindy Schmidt, *Chad Taylor, Cara Tharp, Kristina Weber.

Tenth

Matthew Antenore, *Krista Banwart, Kelsey Collins, *Heather Cox, Sheryl Drake, Brian Easter, Darn Finke, *Todd Fisher, Gretchen Goodwin, *Heather Goodwin, Bill Herritt, *Danielle Hilligoss, Scott Johnson, Jennifer Kimpel, *Barb

King,

*Nicole Lefter, Laura Leonard, Jennifer Milliken, *Elizabeth Nicholaides, *Jeanne Pfeffer, Michelle Pointer, *Pat Roberts, Tami Roosevelt, Mindy Rountree, Mike Scheurich, Kristin Smith, *Nicole Smith, Chandra Stover, *Cindy Wagers, Christopher Warren, Don Willard, Tricia Wilms.

Eleventh

Brett Camden, Stephen Chapman, Terri Early, Erin Grant, David Seifert, *Karen Smith, *Tony Sturtevant, *Scott Volk, *Andrea Weakly, *Brad Wilkinson, Leslie Zumdahl.

Twelfth

*Brett Bell, *Pamela Campos, *Amy Goecken, Bryan Griffith, Rachel Harrison, Kendra Mattox, Dan Olson, *Shane Parker, Diana Pointer, *Lori Schantz, *Jill Schickedanz, Vickie Schmidt, Bob Smith, *Emily Soite, *Katrina Stover, *Lisa Strange, Wendy Welter, Caroline Wilkinson.

To receive honors, students must have a 4.00 grade point

average in academic subjects with no D or F in any academic or non-academic subjects. The following students received honors:

Ninth

Dedra Baker, Adam Beaulieu, Mandy Beedie, Aimee Brown, Timothy Campos, Mindy Carpenter, Shelby Cook, Adam Corley, Sandy Ellis, Carolyn Fox, *Mike Goecken, Guy Hanna, Grant Hibler, Michael Highley, Laura Hood, Rachelle Hooper, Jason Johnson, Nezar Kassen, Janice Knight, Amy Lafevre, Joe Lebyk, Benjamin Lierman, Randy Pankau, Nikki Patton, Charleen Pine, Colleen Reilly, Lori Rudolph, Joshua Schneider, J. W. Schneider, Brandy Smith, Kim Stauffer, Mike Stewart, George Sundry, Angie Thomas, Brian Uebelhoer, Melanie Watson, Shannon Wesley, James Wilhelm, Kent Winans, Melissa Winneshick, Jim Zindars.

Tenth

Beth Akers, Chris Ayers, Clay Barnhart, Vince Bates, Anna Benson, Mike Bergmeier, Bryan Brooks, Sarah Brucker, James Buzicky, Chantel Campbell, Cathy Carper, Erik Doyle, Aaron Fancher, Alicia Fisher, Sharon Fox, Joe Garrard, Shawn

Gibbons, David Gottman, Sharon Grammer, Karmon Gudeman, Allison Haines, Greg Harder, Mark Hartman, Doug Hulmes, Steve Hutchings, Bill Jay, Christopher Jennings, Jeremy Jessup, Erica Johnson, Kathy Keller, Kim Keller, Stephanie Lasher, Sharon Law, Heather Layne, Chad Lewis, Nickie Logan, Dixie Mayol, Joan McClure, Aron McDonald, Luis Melgarejo, Melanie Moore, Todd Parker, Jeff Pigott, Jenni Preski, Danielle Reynolds, Jason Sargeant, Kim Schmidt, Troy Seien, Tim Sherburn, Melissa Siegmund, Tammie Sigler, Darin Smith, Doug Steging, Samantha Truax, Julia Turner, Mina Velazquez, Trent Wagers, Sheryl Ward, Tina Warren, Hans Waters.

Eleventh

Chris Anderson, Doug Arner, Brad Bates, Laura Batsie, Keith Boaz, Troy Braxton, Ann Bulley, Jenny Burns, James Busey, Andrew Campion, Ron Castleman, Kirstin Clark, Lori Coffin, Daniel Cox, Jeff Creech, Michelle Cross, Dale Crowley, Frances Curtis, Scott Davis, Steve Downes, Beth Dutton, Jeff Dyson, Rebecca Floyd, Jodi Gritten, Brian Haag, Missie Hartman,

Twelfth

James Heinold, Jason Heinold, Lynn Heman, Brad Herritt, Jeff Jankowski, Crystal Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Kerry Keller, Kim Kennedy, Lorrie Kirk, Debbie Marshall, Amy McClure, Chad McPadden, Tricia Miller, Cathy Odle, Rob Parker, Heather Peterson, Tessa Roth, Vicki Rubel, Allyssa Strode, Chris Studley, Michelle Taylor, Andrea Wallace, Nikki Welch, Stewart Williams.

Eleventh

Jeff Adams, Mia Akers, Lori Arner, Eric Baisie, Shelly Braxton, Heidi Butler, Diedra Cowgur, Chad Donley, Shelly Finckbone, Dawn Garrison, Shelly Goodman, Tom Hearney, Jamie Hurlbert, Jennifer Isaacs, Terry Johnson, Kevin Jordan, Brian King, Nicole Kingery, Tammy Kirk, Richard Long, Missy Malloch, Marci Martin, Shawn McCall, Cheri Metter, Randy Millas, Angela Nuxoll, Kaye Olson, Tony Parkhill, Kim Patton, Christian Peterson, Penny Pigott, Mary Popovich, Michelle Porter, Theresa Prath, Scott Reese, Sarah Sivier, Brian Stauffer, Marla Talbott, Bridgett Theis, Heather Tondini, Amy Trinkle, Shantille Truax, Kristy Vandever, Chris Vincent, Greg Walker, Christie Ward, Aaron Wheeler, Andy Workman.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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1987

CROSS COUNTRY

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|---|-----------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|
| 4 TH MATH - 16 TH O'NEILL | Tues Sep 1 | Bloomington-Eisenhower-Centenni | T | 4:00 P 17:44 |
| 2 ND " - RACE 5 | Sat Sep 5 | Christman Invitational | T | 9:00 A 17:29 |
| | Thu Sep 10 | 7TH Olympia (B-G) | T | 4:30 P Sick |
| 2 ND " - 4 TH O'NEILL | Sat Sep 12 | Paxton Invitational (BG) | T | 9:00 A Sick |
| 7 TH " - 4 TH O'NEILL | Thu Sep 17 | Monticello B-G | H ✓ | 4:00 P 18:19 |
| 6 TH " - 13 TH | Sat Sep 19 | Tuscola Invitational (B-G) | T | 10:00 A 18:15 |
| 6 TH " - 52 ND | Tue Sep 22 | MacArthur/Urbana (B-G) | T | 4:00 P 18:15 |
| 5 TH " - 6 TH | Sat Sep 26 | Spartan Classic @ St. Joe (B*G) | T | 10:30 A 16:52 |
| 3 RD " - 6 TH | Tue Sep 29 | Olympia/Pontiac (B-G) + FS | H ✓ | 4:30 P 18:03 |
| 5 TH " - 6 TH | Thu Oct 1 | Prairie Central/Clinton/Argent | H ✓ | 4:00 P 18:34 |
| 5 TH " - 22 ND | Wed Oct 7 | Normal UH Invitational (B-G) | T | 4:00 P 17:45 |
| 6 TH " - 44 TH | Sat Oct 10 | M-S XC Invitational | H ✓ | 9:45 A 17:37 |
| 1 ST " - 10 TH (FS) | Mon Oct 12 | Amboy (B-G) Invitational | T | 10:00 A 13:44 (24) |
| 2 ND " - 7 TH | Thu Oct 15 | Argenta/Monticello (B-G) | T | 4:00 P 17:32 |
| 7 TH " - 21 ST | Sat Oct 17 | Corn Belt Conference @ Pontiac | T | 10:00 A 17:42 |

5TH - 14TH Fri Oct 23 '87 / 1ST PAXTON (Region 4) 17:20

6TH - 12/1ST SAT Nov 7, '87 10TH STATE (Peoria) 16:58

Fall Sports Awards given

The following students received awards at the Fall Sports Awards Banquet held at the high school Wednesday, November 18.

Football

Letter winners, seniors:

Eric Baisie, Reid Bishop, Chad Donley, Clint Donley, Matt Harris, Joel Helmick, Joey Henson, Tim Holderer, Terry Johnson, Jim Keller, Brian King, Henry Middleton, Dan Olson, Mike Smallwood, Bob Smith; juniors: Brad Bates, Jared Bean, Keith Boaz, Jonah Cagley, Andrew Campion, Jeff Cook, John Colclasure, Daniel Cox, Joe Goff, James Heinold, Jason Heinold, Brad Herriott, Dan Isaacs, Kerry Keller, Jeffrey Leslie, Scott Martinie, Chad McFadden, Tony Sturtevant, Scott Teerlinck, Roy Vandaveer, John Williamson, Jeff Winters; sophomores: Matt Antenore, Mike Bergmeier, Aaron Fancher, Renee Green (manager), Karman Gudeman, Bill Herriott, Doug Hulmes, Colby Mackey, J. T. McKinney (manager), Mike Scheurich, Chris Warren, Brian Winger.

Numeral winners, sophomores ('90): Andy Aldridge, Clay Barnhart, James Buzicky, Marty Colclasure, Erik Doyle, Chris Dukeman, Matt Gray, Brian Hanslow, Corey Heath, Jeremy Jessup, Scott Johnson, William Lester, William Pigott, Pat Roberts, Steve Robinson,

Troy Seten, Ray Sommers, Deric Sorenson, Guy Verbout, Mike Ward, Chris Webster; freshmen ('91): Brian Baker, Tim Campos, David Cole, Casey Cook, Ryan Cox, Randy Craig, Bobby Griffin, Nathan Hart, Anthony Hatfield, Grant Hibler, Joseph Jay, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Lebyrk, Jason Middleton, Christopher Pelleier, Jason Preston, Troy Pruitt, Brett Roberts, Chad Seten, Tim Smith, Chad Taylor, Chad Warmoth, David Watkins, James Wilhelm, Roger Williams, David Winans (manager), James Zinders.

The following awards were given to Dan Olson, "Smitty Award" for Most Improved; Tony Sturtevant, Scout Team Player of Year; John Colclasure, Special Teams Player of the Year; Chad Donley, Brian King and Terry Johnson, Tri-Captains; Eric Baisie, Offensive Splitter Award and Offensive Back of the Year; Chad Donley, Defensive Splitter Award, Offensive Lineman, Defensive Back of the Year, Most Valuable Player and Bulldog Award; Dan Olson, Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Corn Belt All Conference Awards, First Team, Offense: Mike Smallwood, Wide Receiver; Chad Donley, Guard; Eric Baisie, Running Back. **Defense:** Eric Baisie, Lineman and Chad Donley,

Quarterback.

Second Team, Offense:

Clint Donley, Quarterback. **Defense:** Dan Olson, End; Terry Johnson, Back; Clint Donley, Back. **Punter:** John Colclasure.

Golf

Letter Winners, seniors:

Jared Painter, Shane Parker and Tom Hearnley; juniors: Brad Wilkinson; **sophomores:** Darin Finke and Todd Parker; freshmen: John Buchanan, Andy Green and Kent Hasset. **Numeral Winners, freshmen ('91):** Kurtis Cowgur and Sean Spence.

Special Awards: Brad Wilkinson, Most Improved; Russ Apgar, Appreciation.

Cross Country

Letter Winners, Girls,

seniors: Caroline Wilkinson; juniors: Laura Baisie and Jacqui Harland; **sophomores:** Sara Brucker, Barbara King, Jennifer Roberts; **freshmen:** Mindy Carpenter and Steph Hall.

Letter Winners, Boys,

seniors: Jamie Fancher, Chris Harpst, William Masters, Scott Reese, Brian Stauffer; **juniors:** Jay Busey, Ron Castleman, Jeff Dyson, Jeff Jankowski, Mark Ruesink, David Seifert, Stewart Williams; **sophomores:** Davin Daniels, Brian Easter, David Gottman, Hans Waters, James Yost; **freshmen:** Mike Hignley, Burton Huddleston, Jason Lasater, Daniel Nielsen.

Special Awards, Cap-

tains: Boys, Jamie Fancher and Jay Busey; Girls, Laura Baisie. **Most Improved:** Boys, Clay Masters and Girls, Barbara King.

Volleyball

Letter Winners, seniors:

Bridget Theis, Rachel Harrison, Dawn Pruitt, Kristi Vandaveer; juniors: Kristin Clark, Lynn Herman, Nikki Welch; **sophomores:** Angie Applegate, Jenni Preski, Mindy Rountree, Polly Royal.

Numeral Winners, '89:

Chantel Campbell, Danielle Hillgoss, Nicole Lefter, Dixie Mayol, Kathy Thompson; '90: Missie Gillespie, Rachelle Hooper, Stephanie Maley, Kerry Shoemaker.

Special Awards: Bridget

Theis and Rachel Harrison, 1987-88 Co-Captains; Bridget Theis, Most Valuable; Nicole Lefter and Dawn Pruitt, Most

Improved; Stephanie Maley and Rachel Harrison, Most Spirited; Lynn Herman, 1988-89 Captain.

Corn Belt All Conference, First Team:

Bridget Theis; **Second Team:** Rachel Harrison and Jenni Preski; **Honorable Mention:** Nikki Welch.

Cheerleader Awards

Letter Winners, seniors:

Jenny Forshey, Shelly Goodman, Marci Martin, Penny Pigott, Wendy Welter, Caroline Wilkinson; **juniors:** Shannon Johnson and Michelle Taylor. **Numeral Winners, '90:** Kelsey Collins, Jennifer Milliken, Melaine Moore, Cindy Wagers, Jeanne Pfeffer; '91: Shannon Wesley.

Special Awards: Marci

Martin and Wendy Welter, Co-Captains; Caroline Wilkinson, Bulldog Spirit.

Saturday, November 21, 1987

THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA NEWS-GAZETTE

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR

Football

SENIORS

Eric Batsie, Reid Bishop, Chad Donley, Clint Donley, Matt Harris, Joel Helmick, Joey Henson, Tim Holderer, Terry Johnson, Jim Keller, Brian King, Henry Middleton, Dan Olson, Mike Smallwood, Bob Smith.

JUNIORS

Brad Bates, Jared Bean, Keith Boaz, Jonah Cagley, Andrew Campion, Jeff Cook, John Colclasure, Daniel Cox, Joe Goff, James Heinold, Jason Heinold, Brad Herriott, Dan Isaacs, Kerry Keller, Jeffrey Leslie, Scott Martinie, Chad McFadden, Tony Sturtevant, Scott Teerlinck, Roy VandeVeer, John Williamson, Jeff Winters.

SOPHOMORES

Matt Antenore, Mike Bergmeier, Aaron Fancher, Karman Gudeman, Bill Herriott, Doug Hulmes, Colby Mackey, Mike Scheurich, Chris Warren, Brian Wingert. Managers: Renee Green, J.T. McKinney.

SPECIAL AWARDS

"Smitty Award" For Most Improved—Dan Olson

Scout Team Player of the Year—Tony Sturtevant

Special Teams Player of the Year—John Colclasure

Tri-Captains—Chad Donley, Brian King, Terry Johnson

Offensive Splinter Award—Eric Batsie

Defensive Splinter Award—Chad Donley

Offensive Back of the Year—Eric Batsie

Offensive Lineman of the Year—Chad Donley

Defensive Lineman of the Year—Dan Olson

Defensive Back of the Year—Chad Donley

Most Valuable Player—Chad Donley

Bulldog Award—Chad Donley

Blue Dot Society Medallions—All Senior Lettermen

Golf

SENIORS

Jared Painter, Shane Parker, Tom Hearnley

JUNIORS

Brad Wilkinson

SOPHOMORES

Darin Finke, Todd Parker

FRESHMEN

John Buchanan, Andy Green, Kent Hassett

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Improved—Brad Wilkinson

Appreciation—Russ Apgar

Girls' Cross-Country

SENIORS

Caroline Wilkinson

JUNIORS

Laura Batsie, Jacqui Harland

SOPHOMORES

Sara Brucker, Barbara King, Jennifer Roberts

FRESHMEN

Mindy Carpenter, Steph Hall

SPECIAL AWARDS

Captain—Laura Batsie

Most Improved—Barbara King

Boys' Cross-Country

SENIORS

Jamie Fancher, Chris Harpst, William Masters, Scott Reese, Brian Stauffer

JUNIORS

Ron Castleman, Jeff Dyson, Jeff Janowski, Mark Ruesink, David Seifert, Stewart Williams, Jay Busey

SOPHOMORES

David Daniels, Brian Easter, David Gottman, Hans Waters, James Yost

FRESHMEN

Mike Highley, Burton Huddleston, Jason Lasater, Daniel Nielsen

SPECIAL AWARDS

Captains—Jamie Fancher, Jay Busey

Most Improved—Clay Masters

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR

BULLDOGS

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FALL SPORTS

AWARDS

GOLF AWARDS

LETTER WINNERS

SENIORS

Jared Painter
Shane Parker
Tom Hearnley

JUNIORS

Brad Wilkinson

SOPHOMORES

Darin Finke
Todd Parker

FRESHMEN

John Buchanan
Andy Green
Kent Hassett

NUMERAL WINNERS

FRESHMEN '91

Kurtis Cowgour
Sean Spence

SPECIAL AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED--Tba
APPRECIATION--Russ Appgar

CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS

LETTER WINNERS

SENIORS

Caroline Wilkinson

Jamie Fancher
Chris Harpst
William Masters
Scott Reese
Brian Stauffer

SPECIAL AWARDS

CAPTAINS-

MOST IMPROVED--Tba

JUNIORS

Laura Batsie
Jacqui Harland

Ron Castelman
Jeff Dysor
Jeff Jankowski
Mark Ruesink
David Seifert
Stewart Williams

BOYS

Tba

Tba

SOPHOMORES

Sara Brucker
Barbara King
Jennifer Roberts

Davin Daniels
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GIRLS

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