

Tremont soph wins at Amboy

AMBOY — Tremont High School's Chad Gingrich posted a time of 15 minutes, 1 second yesterday to become the first sophomore to win the 16th annual Columbus Day Invitational cross country meet.

Gingrich's victory on the three-mile course, combined with respective 12th- and 13th-place finishes by teammates Brad Kaufmann and Jason Anderson, paced fifth-rated Tremont to a second-place finish with 113 points.

"Before the race, we had told Chad and Jason we'd like them to finish in the top 10," Tremont coach Mike Linn said. "Brad ran a very good race. We had wanted him to finish in the top 20."

Princeton, ranked third in the state, finished first with 108 points. University High claimed seventh, 198, while Mahomet-Seymour was eighth, 216. Clinton finished 17th with 423 points.

"I'm thrilled we got second," Linn added. "I almost wish I could watch the race as an observer. Being a part of it (as coach), I get so excited. I can't enjoy this until after the season is over."

"This season will last me all winter."

U High's Brian Nourie was ninth, while Mahomet-Seymour's Dan Nielsen finished 17th.

Girls

The girls championship was won by Chrisman, which swept four of the top 20 spots for 58 points. Area team finishes included Olympia fifth, 186; Mahomet-Seymour, 10th, 226; and Tremont, 16th, 404.

Laura Batsie of Mahomet-Seymour finished eighth in the race, won by Princeton's Jenny Faber in 14:50. Olympia's Sheila Bowles was 13th.