NCHS' Bass wins race, host Metamora shines

Tim Bass of Normal Community High School posted the ninth fastest time in course history while winning the Runnin' Red Invitational at Metamora yesterday.

Host Metamora placed a surprising second to No. 7-ranked Peoria Richwoods while NCHS took third, Pontiac four and Bloomington fifth. In the girls race, BHS placed second to Richwoods.

Meanwhile, at the Bulldog Classic, host Mahomet-Seymour, ranked

fourth in Class A, placed third behind top-ranked Chrisman and No. 6 Kankakee McNamara.

At Metamora

Bass blitzed the 2.9-mile course in 14 minutes, 51 seconds for a 2-second victory over Peoria Notre Dame's Joe McEnroe.

Metamora freshman John Weigel took third in 15:07 as the Redbirds posted a five-man time split of just 48 seconds en route to 74 points. Richwoods scored 53.

Pontiac was led by Craig Black in sixth place (15:15). Matt Lehan of NCHS grabbed ninth (15:20) and seventh-place Washington had Brice Hahn net 10th (15:23). BHS was paced by Denny Herald in 17th (15:36).

In the girls race, Suzanne Hurst's third-place finish helped BHS to a runner-up showing behind Peoria Richwoods. Hurst clocked 13:04 for the 23rd best time in the history of the 2.1-mile course. Palatine's Chris Huber won in 12:27.

Normal Community, which placed 10th, received a seventh-place effort from Tracy Mueller (13:35).

At Mahomet

Chrisman scored 52 points to McNamara's 81 and Mahomet-Seymour's 125. Olympia placed fifth, Paxton seventh, University High 14th and Tri-Valley 15th. U High held out its top runners to rest them for Monday's Columbus Day Invitational at Amboy.

Shelbyville's Jeremy Skinner won the 3.1-mile ran in 16:21. Mahomet-Seymour's Dan Nielsen was second.

In the girls race, No. 1-ranked Chrisman won with 42 points to No. 2 Tolono Unity's 62. Olympia placed third with 109 points. Mahomet-Seymour grabbed fourth with 153.