

Pontiac wins Corn Belt;

Craig Black led Pontiac High School's boys cross country team to its seventh straight Corn Belt Conference title yesterday at the Pontiac Elks Country Club Course.

Black covered the three-mile course in 16 minutes, 7 seconds. University High's Brian Nourie was second in 16:19.

Meanwhile, Normal Community's Tim Bass established a course record at the three-mile Illini Meadows Course in Urbana to lead the Ironmen to a second-place finish in the Big 12 Conference Meet.

Decatur MacArthur won with 53 points. NCHS had 63 points and Bloomington was a disappointing fourth with 87.

Only three teams fielded complete squads in the girls race, with Olympia repeating as team champion with 22 points. Olympia's Becky Anderson had a winning time of 14:41 over 2.23 miles and defending champion Laura Batsie of Mahomet-Seymour ran second.

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Pontiac's title came at the expense of runnerup U High, this time by a 24-49 margin. Mahomet-Seymour placed third with 73 points.

Windy conditions kept times down. Pontiac's Britton Roth was third with teammate Marc Balota fourth. U High's Greg Robertson was sixth.

"We have quite a few young runners this year and I hoped the tradition would carry over," said Pontiac coach Keven Forney. "We haven't lost to any of the teams in the conference since 1978 and the kids are pretty proud of that record."

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Class A Regionals

At Mahomet

TEAM SCORES

Mahomet-Seymour 37, Paxton 66,
Unity 72, St. Joseph-Ogden 91, Urbana
Uni High 95, Tuscola 149, Monticello
194, Villa Grove 217, Prairie Central no