

# No. 1 Tremont runners romp to regional crown

The Tremont High School cross country team lived up to its No. 1 state ranking yesterday by dominating the Delavan Class A Regional with a score of 23 points.

The Turks thus advanced to Friday's 4 p.m. sectional at Rushville along with runner-up Delavan (51), Lowpoint-Washburn (86) and Peoria Heights (88).

Sophomore Chad Gingrich led a 1-2-3 sweep for Tremont by covering the 2.85-mile course in 15:09, one second ahead of teammate Jason Anderson. Brad Kaufmann of Tremont placed third.

"Tremont looked real good," said Delavan coach Walt Dare. "They looked real strong."

The Turks ran without their Nos. 4 and 5 runners, Mike Jay and Ty Petro, who are nursing injuries. Tremont had a 1:24 split between its top five runners.

Among the individual qualifiers were Hartsburg-Emden's John Donaldson (eighth) and Kenton

Bergman (25th) and Mid-County's Rich Olson (20th).

## At Mahomet

Mahomet-Seymour, which shares the state's No. 5 ranking with University High, won its own regional with 37 points. The Bulldogs advanced to Friday's 4 p.m. sectional at Paxton along with Paxton (66), Tolono Unity (72) and St. Joseph-Ogden (91).

"I'd say our first three or four ran pretty well today," said Mahomet-Seymour coach John King, whose team ran without No. 2 man Jeff Jankowski, who is injured.

Sophomore Dan Nielsen of Mahomet-Seymour won the 3.1-mile event in 16:48, 28 seconds ahead of runner-up George LeFivre of Tolono Unity.

"He went out and took it from the beginning," King said. "He pushed himself pretty well. It was a pretty good time. This race, he

was back to where he should be."

Prairie Central's Clint Schaffer placed 12th to qualify individually.

## At Franklin

Mason City, led by third-place finisher David McGinnis, won the five-team Franklin Regional with 35 points.

The Huskies thus qualified for Friday's sectional at Rushville along with Franklin (50), Athens (62) and Bunker Hill (75).

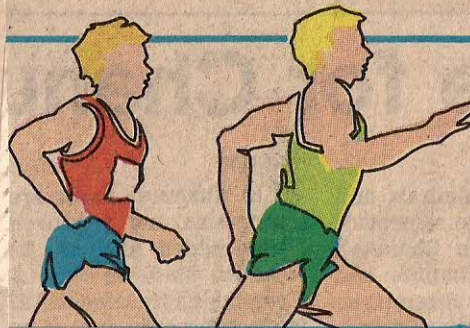
Piasa Southwestern's Jed Brown won the 3-mile event in 17:37. Kurt Ratliff of Athens was 10 seconds behind. McGinnis clocked 17:52.

## At Herscher

Gardner's Phil and Matt Jerbi qualified for Friday's Paxton sectional by placing 13th and 15th, respectively, in the Herscher Regional at Kankakee Community College.

Kankakee McNamara won with 41 points followed by Herscher (50), Illiana Christian (65) and Manteno (86).

Herscher junior John Eggenberger claimed the individual title after touring the 3-mile course in 15:32. McNamara's Tim Kennedy was 26 seconds back in second.



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Tremont, Mahomet-Seymour  
run to regional titles**