

Nielsen, M-S run 1-2 in Corn Belt

Mahomet-Seymour's prep boys cross country team, running fourth in the state's Class A ratings, warmed up for imminent regional action by placing a worthy second to big-school Pontiac in the Corn Belt Conference meet held here Oct. 13:

Pontiac, a veritable perennial Corn Belt champion, prevailed with a score of 41. Mahomet-Seymour was runner-up with 61. Normal U-High was a strong third with 64. Then came Clinton with 78 and Olympia with 95.

Sensation of the day, however, was Mahomet-Seymour star Danny Nielsen, who completed the 3.1-mile course at Lake of the Woods in 16:03, a new record.

Also contributing to Mahomet-Seymour's showing were Burt Huddleston, placing eighth with a time of 17:19; Brian Easter, 11th place; and Hans Waters, 19th.

Pontiac also romped to the girl's title, registering the sprightly score of 19. Out of contention were Olympia with 51 points, Clinton with 71 and Mahomet-Seymour with 89.

Jill Yost of M-S ran seventh, while Katie Williamson placed 20th.

Coach John King's team had competed the previous day at Argenta. His boys bested Monticello, 25-30, and trimmed Argenta-Oreana, 21-36. His girls gave it a try also, but submitted to Monticello, 18-40, and to Argenta-Oreana, 18-37.

There again, Nielsen was number one; he finished with a time of 16:05.

The Bulldogs will host a nine-school boys regional meet Oct. 20. The guest teams will be Prairie Central, Monticello, Paxton, St. Joseph-Ogden, Unity, Tuscola, Urbana Uni High and Villa Grove. The five top teams and the five top runners who aren't members of qualifying teams will advance to a sectional meet at Paxton Friday, Oct. 27.

M-S will host a 25-school girls' sectional meet Saturday, Oct. 28. There are no regionals for girls. The five teams and seven top runners, who aren't members of the qualifying teams, will advance to the state meet.