

M-S Invitational run slated for Saturday, Oct. 7

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Mahomet-Seymour's prep cross country runners warmed up for the 14th annual Bulldog Invitational, scheduled this coming Saturday, with an impressive triangular meet victory here last Thursday.

Earning the top three places in the competition, the Bulldogs notched a team score of 19. St. Joseph-Ogden followed with the runnerup total of 36, and Argenta-Oreana completed the field with 82.

M-S junior Danny Nielsen was the individual winner with a time of 16:31 on the 3.1-mile course. Teammates Brian Easter and Burt Huddleston placed second and third respectively with clockings of 17:27 and 17:28.

Bulldogs Hans Waters and Derek Short finished seventh and eighth 18:59 and 19:06.

Despite its quality performance, Mahomet-Seymour entertains little hope of winning its Invitational. That honor is virtually reserved for Chrisman, not only defending champion in the meet but ruling Class A (small school) champ of the state. Chrisman, moreover, not only boasts the state's best "A" boys cross country team—the Cardinal girls also are tops in the state as well as in the M-S Invitational.

Coach John King's boys team may be Chrisman's main challenger; his Bulldogs, after all, finished second, though a distant second, to the Cardinals in the

recent prestigious St. Joseph-Ogden Classic, which involved 28 schools. King's No. 1 boy, in any case, rates over any Chrisman individual. The only rival consistently finishing ahead of Nielsen this fall has been Jeremy Skinner of Shelbyville.

Mahomet-Seymour's girl runners, still lacking numbers, had to settle for third place in last week's triangular. St. Joseph-Ogden won with a score of 22, Argenta-Oreana followed with 48 and M-S was third with 60.

Barb King ran seventh for the Bulldogs with a time of 13:38, and Jill Yost was eighth with 14:00.

Saturday's Invitational will start at 9:30 am.