

Mahomet-Seymour role models? Check Bulldog sports leaders

By E. W. Hesse

If you're looking for sports role models at Mahomet-Seymour High School, you might check the following:

•Troy Pruitt, David Watkins, Brett Roberts, Gale Clark, Dirk Handlin, Todd Hatfield and Jeff Wilms of the Bulldogs' football team.

•Dan Nielsen, Jason Preston, Lynn Connor and Jama Ryan of the cross country squads.

•Kent Hassett and Tim Smith of the golfers.

•Jennifer Fisher, Rachelle Hooper, Stephanie Maley, Kerry Shoemaker, Dena Haller and Angie Davenport of the volleyball squad.

•Dawna Dean, Erika Echols, Amy Ewen and Melessa Winneshiek, cheerleaders.

All of these members of Mahomet-Seymour's 1990 fall sports teams were cited as stand-out participants during their recent seasons when all letter and numeral winners were honored at a special awards ceremony.

Thirty-two footballers, 20 cross country runners, 15 volleyball players, nine golfers and eight cheerleaders received letters. Thirty-one football, four cross country, 17 volleyball, three golf and eight cheerleader numeral winners also were announced.

Pruitt, Watkins and Roberts served as tri-captains of coach

Frank Dutton's football team. Tailback and punter Pruitt and quarterback Clark were proclaimed the most valuable offensive players . . . linemen Hatfield and Handlin the most valuable defensive players . . . while wide receiver Roberts rated the team's Bulldog Award. Handlin accepted the Splinter Award, center Wilms was accorded the Warren Smith (most improved) award and Joe Herbert received the J. T. McKinney most courageous award. Pruitt, Hatfield and Wilms were named to the Corn Belt Conference's second all-star team.

Nielsen was in a class by himself as leader of Coach John King's boys cross country team, winning regional and sectional crowns before placing 24th in the state, worth All-State status, to cap the regular season during which he was a consistent winner. Jason Preston and sophomore Lynn Connor were rated most improved performers on the boys and girls rosters, and freshman Jama Ryan earned team-leader recognition for her first-rate showings.

Hassett was acclaimed as Coach Mike Melton's best golfer for his season-long excellence, climaxed by his 11th place finish in the state's Class A meet. Tim Smith was cited as the Bulldogs' most improved golfer.

Fisher was named Coach Pam Reinhart's most valuable volleyball player. Hooper was recipient of the Bulldog Award, while she, Maley, and Shoemaker were team captains. Haller was most improved member of the varsity, Davenport most improved among the junior varsity.

Dean, Echols, Ewen and Winneshiek are the Bulldogs' senior cheerleaders.

FOOTBALL AWARDS

Letter Winners

SENIORS: Brian Hanslow, Joe Herbert, Troy Pruitt, Brett Roberts, David Watkins, Kent Winans. JUNIORS: Chris Burdette, Tom Campion, Gale Clark, Danny Corray, Eric Crowley, Chad Gilbert, Dirk Handlin, Todd Hatfield, Ben Herriott, Ron Lord, Brad Roberts, Brad Stacey, Jeff Wilms. SOPHOMORES: Jeff Buzicky, Chad Esslinger, David Eubanks, Jonathan Harland, John Johnson, Joey McKinney, Ryan Moore, Jamie Norton, David Scheurich, Matt Shanks, Ben Williams, Ryan Wills. FRESHMAN: Brian Weakly, manager.

Numeral Winners

'93: Scott Aldridge, Matthew Baird, Drew Barnhart, Eric Bergman, Jason

Blunier, Mike Buzicky, Brian Fritz, Ryan Gray, Brad Ladage, Jeff McDaniel, John Meerdink. '94: Brett Campbell, Wade Doyle, Richard Grimsey, Seth Hettinger, Jeremy Holmes, Brandon Inwood, Brett Jesso, Josh Jessup, Kevin Kinnee, Brett Marker, Bradley Robert. '95: Mike Crowley, William Dale, Jeffery Thomas, Matt Suttan, Robert Thomason, Ben Weber, Thomas Webster, Andy Zimmerman, Justin Slade.

CROSS COUNTRY

Letter Winners

SENIORS: Dan Nielsen, Burt Huddleston, Nezar Kassem, Christie Campion, Mindy Carpenter, Jason Preston. JUNIORS: Derrick Short, Jeff Caston, Jill Yost, Nate Jackson, Carl Meyer. SOPHOMORES: Jason McKinney, Beth Mattingly, Sean Coad, Lynn Connor. FRESHMEN: John Arbuckle, Cara Booker, Brittany Pierce, Courtney Pierce, Jama Ryan.

Numeral Winners

'92: Chris Dodd, Brandon Gant. '94: Brian Fourman, James Mortland.

GOLF

Letter Winners

SENIORS: Paul Brush, Casey Cook, Kurt Cowgur, Kent Hassett, Sean Spence, George Sundry, Chad Taylor, Tim Smith. FRESHMAN: Andy Smith.

Numeral Winners

'92: Matt Hogan. '94: Ryan Johnson, Paul Wick.

VOLLEYBALL

Letter Winners

SENIORS: Rachelle Hooper, Stephanie Maley, Kerry Shoemaker. JUNIORS: Melissa Blevins, Jennifer Fisher, Dena Haller, Gina Hearn, Nicole Heringer, Diane Holcombe, Heather Iliff, Laurie Vail. SOPHOMORES: Alice Koerberlein, Rachel Logan, Heather Mikulich, Jennifer Anderson.

Numeral Winners

'92: Darcey Lynn. '93: Tracy Gibbons, Sarah Haag, Shelly Harrison, Melody Rodgers, Heather Simpson, Heather Treat, Stephanie West. '94: Rebecca Darter, Angie Davenport, Kristy Deem, Jennifer Dow, Rachel Fahey, Brooke Jackson, Melody Rosenbery, Amanda Symmonds, Laura Warren.

CHEERLEADERS

Letter Winners

SENIORS: Dawna Dean, Erika Echols, Amy Ewen, Melessa Winneshiek. JUNIORS: Lisa Ankenbrand, Angee Martin, Michelle Turner, Shelly Wegeng.

Numeral Winners

'93: Kara Banwart, Erin Beasley, Catherine Highley, Shelby Johnson. '94: Bekki Nelson, Brittany Pierce, Courtney Pierce, Heather Regal.

Big loss, welcome win start M-S girls' season

By E. W. Hesse

A lop-sided loss and a comparatively narrow win led off the prep girls basketball season for Mahomet-Seymour last weekend.

Monticello's big . . .
Sage . . .

Macknaw, then faced either . . .
for the title of . . .
in Tues . . .