

Nielsen finishes third in Spartan Classic

Danny Nielsen, Mahomet-Seymour's premier prep distance runner, capped a memorable week by placing third in St. Joseph-Ogden's prestigious Spartan Classic last Saturday. His time for the 3-mile course was 15:05.78, almost 11 seconds back of winner Barry Pearman's 14:54.91 for Georgetown-Ridge Farm, but less than a second behind runnerup Moore's 15:04.90 for Normal U-High.

One hundred and 91 boys competed.

Nielsen's team placed 11th in the 28-school field, totaling 326 points. U-High won the team title with a score of 82. St. Joe-Ogden was second with 86, Georgetown-Ridge Farm third with 132.

Burt Huddleston of M-S ran 20th with a clocking of 16:11.06.

In the girls division, Mahomet-

Seymour placed seventh among 15 teams.

Earlier last week, the Bulldog boys were a strong second to Stephen Decatur in a triangular meet, also involving Urbana, at Mahomet. Decatur won with 35 points, M-S showed 38 and Urbana 54.

Nielsen was the individual winner, timed in 16:06 over the

3.1-mile course. Huddleston was third in 17:27, and John Arbuckle was ninth in 18:40.

Mahomet-Seymour's girls were shaded by Urbana, 26 to 29, in the same meet. Bulldog freshman Jama Ryan ran third with a 13:00 time for the 2-mile course. Courtney Pierce finished sixth in 13:57, and Lynn Connor 10th in 14:57.

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