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M-S to host annual run Saturday

Year in, year out, the most noteworthy date on Mahomet-Seymour High School's cross country schedules, short of the demanding season-ending regional, sectional and state competitions, has become the Bulldogs' annual Invitational.

The 1993 edition is coming up Saturday. Time: 9 am. Place: the "Old Barn" course on the other side of Interstate 74.

St. Joseph-Ogden and Argenta-Oreana were last year's boys and girls team champions respectively, SJ-O shading Georgetown-Ridge Farm and Normal U-High, 51 points to 53 and 55, and Argenta-Oreana dethroning 1991 winner Urbana Uni High, 64 points to 125.

Mahomet-Seymour's girls ran fifth for the second straight year with 188 points. The M-S boys finished 16th in a field of 20, totaling 384 points.

The latest prep cross country ratings show St. Joe-Ogden No. 1 among boys in the state, Normal U-High ranked No. 4, and Georgetown-Ridge Farm drawing honorable mention. Argenta-Oreana girls are running 12th, Urbana Uni High is 8th,

and Mahomet-Seymour is honorably mentioned.

M-S coach John King divided his squads for meets last Thursday. His upperclass varsity hosted a four-school meet, while his freshmen-sophomores vied in an F-S competition at Pontiac.

St. Joe-Ogden ruled both boys and girls efforts at Mahomet: Boys wound up SJ-O 16, Prairie Central 64, Mahomet-Seymour 81, Argenta-Oreana 85; Girls finished SJ-O 29, Mahomet-Seymour 52, Prairie Central 72, Argenta-Oreana 72.

John Arbuckle was Mahomet's best boy, fifth in 17:29; Jama Ryan was its best girl, seventh in 13:04.

In last year's Invitational, Arbuckle ran 33rd in 17:24, while Ryan ran 24th in 12:40, over the three- and two-mile courses.

At Pontiac, the host froshsophs won with 31 points, Mahomet-Seymour was runnerup with 45, then Normal Community 84, Normal U-High 85, Peoria Manual 99. Scott DeWitt ran second with 11:40, Grant Iles fifth with 11:59, Josh Smith 12th with 12:20, and Neil Banwart 13th with 12:21.