Mahomet-Seymour boys run second in regional

Mahomet-Seymour's boys cross country team ran a worthy second to highly rated Normal U-High in the latter's Class A regional meet last Saturday.

U-High, rated No. 3 in the state, missed perfection by merely four points in ruling its regional competition for the eighth straight year. Spearheaded by junior Kent Anderson, who ran the three-mile course with a winning time of 16 minutes and 23 seconds, the Pioneers claimed the 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 places in the race for a score of 19 points.

Mahomet-Seymour, paced by standout freshman Scott DeWitt who ran fourth in 16:59, had the runnerup team with 65 points. Clinton shaded Tri-Valley, 86 to 89, for third place. Argenta-Oreana was fifth with 122.

John Arbuckle of M-S ran ninth in 17:29. Freshman teammate Grant Iles was 15th in 17:59. Josh Smith and Neil Banwart were 18th and 19th, Phillip Alexander 24th, and Jim Mortland 30th.

Mahomet-Seymour's girls team placed sixth, one short of qualifying, in the regional at Normal, totaling 127 points. Tri-Valley won with 45; Clinton 66, Normal U-High 76, Argenta-Oreana 83, and Monticello 96 followed.

Two Bulldog girls earned qualification for this week's sectional meet at Mahomet. Jama Ryan placed 16th in 13:41; Stacey Elkins was 27th in 14:12; Jamie Leverich was 28th in 14:13; Christy Heinold 32nd in 14:30; Jenny Hock 34th in 14:37; Jessica Rayburn 47th in 16:35; and Kristi Warner, 49th in 17:15.

Mahomet-Seymour's Class A sectional run over the "Old Barn" course this Saturday morning will draw regional survivors from Chrisman, Olney, and Toledo in addition to those from Normal U-High.