

SPORTS

Cross country teams finish second at conference

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Both the Mahomet-Seymour girls and boys cross country teams finished in second place at the Corn Belt Conference meet at Pontiac Oct. 14.

On the boys side, University High grabbed the top spot with 20 points, M-S had 60 points and Pontiac finished in third with 8- points.

Grant Iles was the highest placing Bulldog, finishing seventh in 16:07. Scott DeWitt crossed the line in ninth place at 16:12 and Josh Smith was finished at 13 at 16:34.

Phillip Alexander took 14, Neal Banwart came in at 17,

Chad Avery finished at 18 and Jesse Schweig was number 30.

On the girls side, U-High also finished first with 22 points, while the Bulldogs ended up with 57 points and Pontiac took third with 84 points.

Jessica Rayburn was the highest finishing Bulldog, crossing the line in second place in 12:35. Stacey Elkins was sixth in 13:01, and Jamie Leverich came in at 11 in 13:29.

Kerrie Green crossed the finish line at 18, Christy Heinold at 21, Amy Slawter at 23 and Abbey Haag at 25.

Head coach John King said the goal for his teams is to get to state.

"That's very reachable," he said. "The boy's team especially is running very consistent."

King said that the boy's team could run very well at the regionals and still finish third behind powerhouses St. Joseph-Ogden and University High.

Fortunately, the top five teams at regionals advance to sectional competition.

"The girls don't have as many tough teams in the region as the boys," said King. "But they'll have some real tough teams to contend with at sectionals,"

Regional competition is Oct. 22 at St. Joseph.