

## SPORTS

# Mahomet-Seymour Bulldog boys and girls cross country teams finish busy week

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At Clinton last week, the M-S Bulldog cross country teams took first place with both the boys and girls squads by defeat-

ing Olympia and Clinton. With the boys team, Grant Isles finished first in 17:02, Scott DeWitt second in 17:32 and Josh Smith finished fourth in 17:58. Neal Banwart took sixth, Phil

Alexander, twelfth and Chad Avery thirteenth.

The girls team also placed many runners in the top ten, as Stacey Elkins was second in 14:37 and Jessica Rayburn third in 14:40. Kerrie Green finished sixth, Christi Heinold seventh, Abby Haag eighth, Amy Slawter tenth and Jenny Hoch took eleventh.

The teams then traveled to Peoria for the Woodruff Invitational. Fourteen full teams competed at the class A level, and

the Lady Bulldogs took sixth in the field. Rayburn was the first M-S runner to cross the finish line, as she was sixteenth overall in 13:51. Elkins was 25th in 14:10 and Green 30th in 14:17. Haag was 52nd, Slawter 61st, Heinold 65th and Kristi Warner took 81st.

In the open race, which included all 60 class A and AA schools Hoch finished 106th, Darlia Craig 166th and Sonya Brumfield 181st.

The boys team finished third in

a field of 16 full teams, with Normal U-High taking first and Urbana U-High second. DeWitt finished sixth in 16:20, Isles tenth in 16:23 and Smith 22nd in 17:04. Alexander finished 35th, Banwart 42nd, Avery 52nd and Jessie Schweig took 72nd.

Coach John King believes the key to both teams are bringing the third through fifth runners closer to the first and second runners. He said the first runner on the team down to the fifth runner should be a minute or less apart. At Peoria the margin was 1:21. King compared this to last year's state champion Normal U-High, whose first to fifth margin was :29 at Peoria.