

Cross country team at Corn Belt Invitational

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The Mahomet-Seymour cross country team had mixed results at the Corn Belt Invitational on Oct. 18, with one team doing well and the other falling behind the competition.

The girls' team earned a second place finish, just behind Pontiac High School, while the boys' team earned a disappointing fourth.

Head coach John King said he is "very pleased with the girls' efforts," but was unsure what to think about the day's overall.

"That was probably the best finish for the girls we've had in a while, and probably the worst for the boys," he said.

Sarah Bobsin led the effort for the girls' team, bringing in a second place finish with a time of 15 minutes and 1 second.

Sarah Dietrich, Sara McElmurry and Shannon Dietrich finished eight, 10th and 12th, respectively with times of 15:31, 15:32 and 15:38.

Sinead O'Sullivan earned a 14th place finish with a time of 15:50, while Angela Telthorst and Jamie Leverich rounded out the top seven Bulldog finishers with times of 16:04 and 16:27, respectively. Telthorst and Leverich earned 18th and 19th place finishes.

Sarah Relkin had a time of 17:01, which was good enough for 24th. Lisa Day was a close 26th with a time of 17:09.

Darlia Craig, Sonya Brumfield and Michelle Helms brought up the rear of the M-S pack and finished in 35th, 36th and 37th, re-

spectively. They had times of 18:05, 18:09 and 18:52.

The girls ran on a 2.2 mile course instead of the usual 2.1 miles. According to King this was "a long 2.2 miles."

"The ground was soft and not conducive to good times," he explained.

The boys' team ended up with one of the worst finishes of their season, being beaten by teams they bested in the past.

"The boys weren't happy, and I wasn't happy," King said. "We didn't run very well for whatever reason."

Phil Alexander led the pack with a third place finish and a time of 16:36 for the three mile course.

Josh Mock and Scott DeWitt finished 10th and 17th with times of 16:49 and 17:28, respectively.

Grant Iles' time of 17:31 was good enough to earn him a 20th place finish. Jessie Schweig, Ryan Clements and Jereme Eckhoff earned 27th, 37th and 43rd place finishes with times of 17:59, 18:57 and 19:46, respectively.

Ben Jacobi and Jesse Hall rounded out the team's finishers coming in 56th and 57th with times of 21:58 and 22:00, respectively.

King said both teams are looking forward to the regional tournament where they hope to improve on recent performances.

"I think we'll turn it around for regionals," he said.

The regional tournament will be held Oct. 26.