

Mahomet runners net titles

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Mahomet-Seymour High School swept the boys and girls cross country titles in the 19th annual Tuscola Classic Saturday.

The Bulldog boys, ranked seventh in the state in Class A, scored 40 points to easily outdistance No. 5-ranked Urbana Uni High (88). Prairie Central finished third (137) and Tri-Valley 16th (382) in the 19-team field.

Prairie Central's Ryan Young placed second on the 3-mile course in 15 minutes, 58 seconds. Tuscola sophomore Robert Hanners won in 15:50.

Mahomet-Seymour's scorers included Phil Alexander in fourth (16:20), Josh Mock in fifth (16:21), Scott DeWitt in ninth (16:44), Grant Iles in 10th (16:47) and Ryan Pitman in 14th (16:57).

The No. 15-ranked Mahomet-Seymour girls upset No. 12 Tuscola, 45-68. Junior Sarah Bobbin led the Bulldogs in second, running 12:32 on the 2-mile course. She finished seven seconds behind Shelbyville freshman April Selby.

Prairie Central placed eighth (220) and Tri-Valley 11th (266) in the 16-team race.

Other scorers for Mahomet-Seymour were Sara McElmurry in fifth (12:49), Shannon Dietrich in 10th (12:57), Sarah Dietrich in 14th (13:21) and Sinead O'Sullivan in

19th (13:27).

Metamora boys triumph

The Metamora boys won the eight-team Morton Invitational, scoring 26 points. Morton was third (121), Washington sixth (156) and Lincoln eighth (176).

Pekin's Chris Wolfe won the 3-mile race in 16:06, which was 14 seconds better than runner-up Sean Morrison of Metamora.

Other scorers for the Redbirds were Kevin Hodel in third (16:21), Jeff Weigel in sixth (16:33), Chris Sweet in seventh (16:38) and Ryan Stone in ninth (16:40).

Morton senior Annie Wetterhus won the girls title in 12:15, 50 seconds better than Canton runner-up Ann Williams.

Pekin (60) nipped Metamora (64) for the title. Morton was fifth (109) and Washington sixth (126).

Angie Zimmerman led Metamora in third (15:54).

Eureka, Delavan shine

The No. 1-state ranked Eureka boys won the six-team Dunlap Invitational with 27 points. Dunlap was second with 62. Matt Kaufman led the victors by tying the 3-mile course record of 15:51.

Other Hornet scorers were Jeremy Zacha in fourth, Chris Hood in sixth, Ben Zobrist in seventh and Jim Taylor in 10th.

The No. 3-state ranked Delavan-Tremont girls also won, scoring 30 points. Dunlap was second with 55.

Eureka's Heidi Knapp won individually, covering 2 miles in 10:57.

Bethany Klokkenga paced Delavan-Tremont by placing second.

Cantrell fourth at Peoria

Normal Community sophomore Katie Cantrell placed fourth among 213 runners in Peoria Notre Dame Invitational.

She covered the 2.1-mile Deweiller Park course in 11:56, which is 11 seconds faster than she ran while placing 10th in last year's Class AA state meet on the same course.

Olympia sophomore Janelle Birky clocked 12:20 in 10th. Tera Moody of St. Charles won in 11:45.

Cantrell and Katie Butler (30th, 12:46) paced the Ironmen to 13th in the 29-team field. The Ironmen scored 410 points. No. 2-state ranked St. Charles won with 76 points followed by No. 1-ranked Palatine with 87.

Normal Community West placed 20th with 547 points.

In the boys varsity race, NCHS placed 21st among 40 teams with 586 points. University High was 26th (691) and Pontiac 29th (772).

Gardner girls seventh

The Gardner-Dwight girls, who are ranked seventh in the state in Class A, placed seventh in the Minooka Invitational with 66 points.

Gardner-Dwight was fourth among Class A entrants. Class AA Hinsdale South won the flighted race with 18 points.

Lindsay Schultz posted the best time for Gardner-Dwight on the 2-mile course, clocking 13:42 for 12th in her flight.

