

MSHS Cross country running to Sectionals

Mahomet-Seymour High School's boys and girls' cross country teams turned in great performances in regional competition. The Lady Bulldogs placed third, earning 102 points, while the boys placed fourth, earning 104 points.

Maureen Scott came in second in the girls' race, with a time 15:13, while Kyle Emkes clocked in at 15:33. Emkes placed fourth in the boys' competition. Both his and Scott's times broke previous course records.

Mary Scott placed 20th, with a time of 16:33, while Courtney Philbrook came in just ahead of her, clocking in at 16:23 and earning a 19th place finish. Teammates Jessica Schroeder and Melody Smith finished in 25th and 36th placed respectively.

Fellow Lady Bulldogs Lydia Morris and Tabitha Haley came home with 38th and 40th place finishes.

Jordan Johnson came in 7th, while Taylor Sebestik, Alex Smith, Wes Logan, Robert Beach and Jason Riddle took 19th, 28th, 47th, 57th and 67th place respectively.

them in a down year. It will be hard to do twice."

On the girls' side, King has some of the same reservations. Maureen Scott, who placed third in last year's meet, is looking even stronger this year, according to the coach. Courtney Philbrook and Amanda Calle are also running well. But with an early season hip injury to Jessica Schroeder, the girls' team is looking to see which of a group of four runners will step up to fill the four and five spots on the team. Schroeder is expected to be out at least one week. She will then be re-evaluated to see if she will be able to participate this season.

In their first meet last year, the Mahomet-Seymour cross country team surprised even their coach John King by defeating traditional powers Bloomington and Decatur Eisenhower at Mahomet. This year, the opener will be held at the Southshore Elementary School in Decatur, and the coach is again cautiously optimistic.

"We have four runners on the boys' side who should do well on the flat, rectangular course in Decatur," he said. Jordan Johnson, Kyle Emkes, Liam O'Sullivan and Wes Logan are all running well, according to King. The question on the boys' side is