Runners face Regional Saturday

Boys, girls both looking to advance

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Mahomet-Seymour High School cross country runners hit the road to Charleston this Saturday as the postseason begins. Both the girls' and boys' squads hope to advance to Sectional action as a result of their Regional finish. The teams tuned up for the post-season with the Corn Belt meet, which was held Oct. 19.

Regional

At Charleston, the top five teams will advance, as will the top seven individuals who are not on qualifying teams. Neil Garrison, Bulldog boys' coach, feels his young squad has a chance to finish in the top five and advance.

On the girls side, Bonnie Moxley says that, while they don't have the dominant individual they have had in recent years, they have plenty of depth to get out of Regional. The Bulldogs often see their top five runners finishing within a minute of each other on the three-mile cross country courses.

The Charleston Regional begins Oct. 26 at 10 a.m., with the girls running first, followed by the boys. Sectionals are set for the next weekend, with the IHSA State Cross Country Meet scheduled for Nov. 9 in Peoria.

Corn Belt

Amid some stiff competition, the Bulldog girls finished a close third at the Corn Belt Conference Meet, held in Normal this past Saturday. University High School was the winner with 38 points, followed by Olympia (47), M-S (50), Prairie Central (117) and Pontiac (117).

Mary Scott finished fourth overall for the Lady Bulldogs, with teammate Megan Scott taking ninth place. The deep Mahomet-Seymour squad also saw Kristin Norris (11th), Shaina Masso (12th), Jennifer Fall (14th) and Audrey Iverson (17th) all finish in the top 20.

Mahomet-Seymour's boys captured fourth place overall. U-High was first (19 points), followed by Olympia (71), Pontiac (85), M-S (94) and Prairie Central (99).

Alex Smith was the top runner for the Bulldogs, with his time of 17:07 good enough for 15th place overall. Close behind him were C.J. Fall (17:12, 16th), Taylor Sebestik (17:18, 18th,) Wes Logan (17:24, 21st) and Brent Johnson (17:52, 29th).