Cross country squads faring well

Girls take second at meet

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MAHOMET — The Bulldog duo of Abby May and Julie Jarrett placed second and third in a four-team girls' cross country meet Sept. 21 in Mahomet, but St. Joseph-Ogden took the overall team title with a score of 27. Mahomet-Seymour scored 39, followed by Danville (60) and Rantoul (no team score).

May ran the 3.1-mile course in a time of 20:19, while Jarrett crossed the finish line seven seconds later in 20:26.

Also scoring for Mahomet-Seymour were Morgan MacFarlane (ninth overall, 22:22), Megan Heibling (12th, 22:38) and Dory Quinlan (13th, 23:13). Also finishing in the top 15 were Amy Balek (14th, 23:15)

and Kelsey Flannigan (15th, 23:17).

Some injuries to some key personnel have hurt the Lady Bulldogs of late. Co-captain Jen Fall has been nursing some injuries, while Maddie Marshall has not been able to run due to a muscle injury and Josi Parker is recovering from some blisters on her feet. All three of those participants had been consistent scorers for the squad before becoming injured.

"We are praying to be full strength by Regionals (in late October), said coach Bonnie Moxley, "but I'm not quite sure what that will look like at this point."

What's next?

The Lady Bulldogs were set to host Rantoul and Bloomington Central Catholic Tuesday, then face some stiff competition this Saturday at the Wheaton North Invitational. They continue their schedule at Normal U-High Oct. 5, followed by the Mahomet-Seymour Invitational Saturday, Oct. 9. They finish the regular season with the Corn Belt meet at Prairie Central on Oct. 16, then begin their post-season at the Charleston Regional the following week.

Sebens, Pittman, Kirwan star for boys squad

By BRUCE YENTES The Mahomet Citizen

MAHOMET — Justin Sebens, Troy Pittman and Patrick Kirwan finished first, second and third respectively as the Mahomet-Seymour High School Boys' Cross Country team captured a quadrangular meet over St. Joe-Ogden, Danville and Rantoul on Sept.

Sebens completed the three-

mile run in 16-minutes, 43-seconds to better Pittman by 15-seconds and take overall honors in the meet. Kirwan was another 30-seconds behind Pittman at 17:28 for his third-place showing.

Gabe Walder finished sixth overall for the Bulldogs, while Kevin Koenig and Steve Roberts field for tenth.

M-S posted the first place finish with 22 points. St. Joe-Ogden was second with 38, while Danville scored 79 to finish third. Rantoul did not score in the meet.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs finished sixth among 31 teams that competed in the 2004 St. Joe-Ogden Spartan Classic in St. Joseph.

Sebens again led the Bulldog runners, posting a 13th place finish in the meet after completing the course in 15-minutes, 56-seconds. Eureka, a perennial Class A state cross country powerhouse was the overall meet champion.