

Girl runners are regional champs

■ Girls' cross-country repeat as regional champs, boys finish third; both continue on to sectional meet

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Led by freshman Amy Clawson, the girls' cross-country team repeated as Class AA regional champs at the University of Illinois Arboretum in Urbana.

Clawson finished in first place overall, with a time of 18:45.

M-S finished first as a team at the Oct. 22 meet with a score of 20, followed by Charleston (64), Decatur Eisenhower (65), Centennial (128) and Urbana

(133).

The top five teams qualified for next week's sectional meet, where they will face off against the favored Edwardsville runners at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville course.

Joining Clawson in the top ten for M-S was another freshman, Jessica Butcher, who finished in third place at 19:35, just ahead of Urbana's Tanaya Tuell (19:41).

Head coach Bonnie Moxley has seen consistency from her freshmen all year, and said she expected nothing different from them in the regional meet last weekend.

Other top-ten finishers for M-

S were Josi Parker at fifth place (19:51), Hannah Schaap at seventh place (19:58) and Julie Jarrett (20:17).

Centennial took first place on the boys' side with a team score of 61, followed by Charleston (63), Mahomet-Seymour (91), Decatur Eisenhower (136) and Champaign Central (145). With the third-place finish, Neal Garrison's team will also move on to next Saturday's sectional meet.

Leading the way for the M-S boys' was sixth-place finisher Troy Pittman with a time of 16:25. The Bulldogs' other top runner, Justin Sebens, finished in ninth place at 16:39.