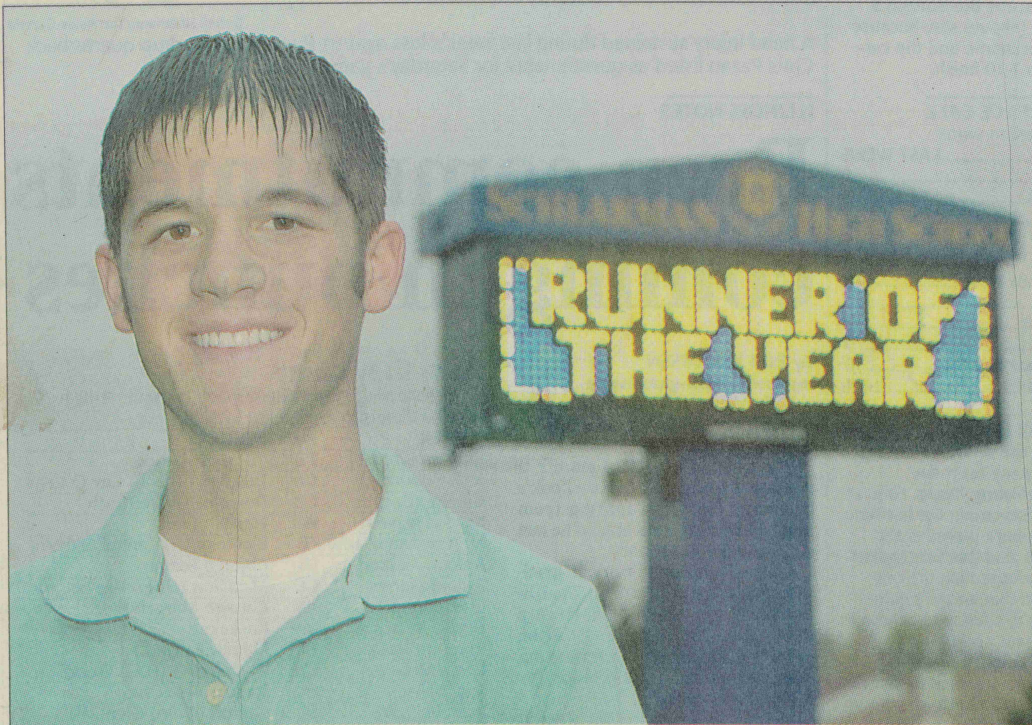


ALL-AREA BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY



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RUNNER OF THE YEAR: SCOTT KRAPF

POSITIVE SIGN

Schlarman star attracting plenty of college attention

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DANVILLE — Scott Krapf can tell you just about anything you need to know about the NCAA cross-country championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

More on Boys' Runner of the Year

Scott Krapf file, B-5.

For the past couple of years, Krapf has used his school "sick day" to attend the national meet. And the Schlarman senior knows the course, the surroundings, the teams, the runners

and the fans.

He can picture everything from the Jumbotron to the wide-open finish to the awards presentations in vivid detail.

Award winners

Today marks the fifth of our fall All-Area packages. The lineup:

DATE	TEAM
Nov. 2	Girls' golf
Nov. 3	Boys' golf
Nov. 9	Girls' tennis
Nov. 10	Boys' soccer
Today	Boys' cross-country
Thursday	Volleyball
Nov. 22	Girls' cross-country
Nov. 28	Swimming
Dec. 1	Football

"It's awesome to see how they compete there and just how they go about presenting themselves on the big stage," Krapf said. "Just seeing them race motivates you to want to get to

that next level. It's a really nice atmosphere, and it would be awesome to get there one day."

That day might come sooner than you think.

Krapf, the two-time News-Gazette Cross-Country Runner of the Year, had his share of college coaches chatting him up after his eighth-place finish in the Class A state meet a week ago. He's visited Eastern Illinois and talked with Tennessee, Purdue and Carthage (Wis.).

"I'm still up in the air, keeping my options open," Krapf said. "I'm going to see what happens the next couple of months as far as scholarship offers and who keeps calling. I don't know when I'm going to make that decision."

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Honorable mention

A look at the 2005 Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year honorable mention list (in alphabetical order):

RUNNER	YEAR	HIGH SCHOOL	RUNNER	YEAR	HIGH SCHOOL
Josh Bayles	Sr.	St. Joseph-Ogden	Matt Kurley	Sr.	Centennial
Keith Butler	Sr.	Monticello	Connor Millar	Fr.	Rantoul
Andrew Colbert	Sr.	Monticello	Scott Phelps	Jr.	Monticello
Cameron Cropek	Sr.	Urbana University High	Troy Pittman	Jr.	Mahomet-Seymour
Kyle Harvey	So.	Sullivan	David Restad	Jr.	St. Thomas More
Justin Jones	So.	Oakwood/Armstrong-Potomac	Dan Rolando	Sr.	Centennial
Mike Kesler	Sr.	Champaign Central	Justin Sebens	Jr.	Mahomet-Seymour
			Nathan Warstler	Jr.	Georgetown-Ridge Farm