

Justin Sebens runs fastest time to lead M-S to 26th place

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Justin Sebens ran his fastest three-mile time this season in Mahomet's 26th-place showing Saturday at the Peoria Notre Dame cross country invitational.

Finishing with a time of 15:58, Sebens finished in 45th place overall. In all, 70 teams competed at the meet, which is also the site of the state meet later this season.

"Being that that's where the state meet is run, the biggest and best teams from the state come to this invitational," Mahomet coach Neil Garrison said. "There were some top-notch teams competing there. For us to finish in 26th place is great - it's the highest we've gotten in the last six years."

Troy Pittman, who finished just 16 seconds behind Sebens, finished in 72nd place, which shows how bunched up things were at the

finish line.

Devin Lyons' time of 17:34 was his lifetime-best finish on a three-mile course. Kurt Bucker (20:50) and Alex Williams (22:13) also ran their personal bests.

On Tuesday, Mahomet ran against host Normal U-High and Prairie Central, finishing

just three points behind U-High in second place.

Sebens again led the way with a 16:02 finish, which was good for second overall. Pittman's time was 16:20 (third place). Dustin Kinkelaar's 17:42 finish left him in sixth place.

This week, the Bulldogs (74-32 on the season) will tune up for the

20-plus team East Peoria Invitational on Saturday with a race against some of Mahomet's teachers on Thursday.

"All of the strongest teams from Peoria to Moline will be there," Garrison said of Saturday's invitational. "It will be a good solid meet. We hope to be in the top five or so teams."

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