

# HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Eric Simpson Senior, Centennial Cross-country

**Recent accomplishments:** Ran a personal best to win the Big 12 cross-country meet, becoming the first Champaign-Urbana winner of the event since 1978.

**Quote-unquote:** "I really felt great afterward. I thought I had a shot at winning, and things played out that way."

**My favorite meal is ...** mashed potatoes.

**In a word, I am ...** calm.

**My favorite band is ...** Alice in Chains.

**For one day, I would like to trade places with ...** Warren Buffet.

**My most memorable moment in athletics is ...** winning last year's Twin City title.

**My favorite subject is ...** physics.

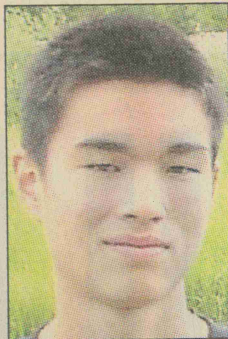
**Dream job ...** Aerospace engineer

**My hero outside of athletics is ...** my sister Shawn.

**People don't know that I ...** am very interested in weather.

**My role model is ...** my dad.

**Honorable mention:** Adam Barr, Oakwood soccer; Darryl Brown, Hoopston Area football; Kendall Carter, Danville football; Kenny Kranz, Centennial soccer; Jeremy Lutchka, Westville football; Brandon Luttrell, GCMS football; Jeff Nogle, St. Thomas More golf; Reggie Pace, Champaign Central football; Kevin Price, Blue Ridge soccer; John Prillaman, Mahomet-Seymour cross-country; Dylan Ray, St. Thomas More football; Justin Walsh, South Piatt football; Russell Wetzal, Champaign Central cross-country



### Amy Clawson

Junior, Mahomet-Seymour  
Cross-country

**Recent accomplishments:** Was the No. 1 runner for the team Saturday as the Bulldogs won the Corn Belt Conference title for the third straight year. She has the area's fastest 3-mile time this year (18:23).

**Quote-unquote:** "I feel like I could still improve, but I feel like I am pretty much there."

**In a word, I am ...** funny.

**My favorite band is ...** The Fray.

**If I could go anywhere, it would be ...** Spain.

**For one day, I would like to trade places with ...** Amanda Rodriguez.

**Dream job ...** Audiologist

**My hero outside of athletics is ...** my mom.

**I celebrate after a win by ...** We sing our school song on the bus.

**If I could compete at any venue, it would be ...** the U of I course.

**The biggest phobia I have is ...** wild animals.

**Honorable mention:** Michelle Baillie, Buckley Christ Lutheran volleyball; Chelsee Blair, Tri-County volleyball; Taylor Chatterton, Judah Christian volleyball; Hannah Hogan, St. Joseph-Ogden cross-country; Eden Jackowski, Danville swimming; Nikki Kaufman, Buckley Christ Lutheran volleyball; Chelsey Keyes, Rantoul tennis; Mary Kate Krouse, Centennial tennis; Megan Mast, Centennial tennis; Maria Mears, Centennial tennis; Matti Nesbitt, Bismarck-Henning volleyball; Alyssa Robledo, Rantoul tennis; Michelle Wong, Urbana Uni High volleyball

