

A way to showcase the best

CHAMPAIGN — Centennial's Greg Walters is a devoted cross-country coach who was inspired by looking at last week's list of boys' top times. Since the times were all achieved on 3-mile courses, Walters decided to take them and score it as a mythical meet to see how that would compare to last week's boys' rankings.

His results: 1. Mahomet-Seymour; 2. Urbana University High; 3. Centennial; 4. St. Joseph-Ogden; 5. Monticello; 6. Paxton-Buckley-Loda; 7. Champaign Central; 8. Sullivan; 9. Danville; and 10. Georgetown-Ridge Farm/Chrisman.

That compares to The News-Gazette's most recent boys' rankings: 1. St. Joseph-Ogden; 2. Urbana University High; 3. Centennial; 4. Monticello; 5. Mahomet-Seymour; 6. Unity; 7. Paxton-Buckley-Loda; 8. Georgetown-Ridge Farm/Chrisman; 9. Champaign Central; 10. Oakwood/Armstrong-Potomac.

We liked the idea so much, we asked him to score the top five runners for area girls' cross-country teams. Those rankings (below) are based on times reported to The News-Gazette.