

JUNIOR HIGH CROSS-COUNTRY

Runners headed to state finals

Boys finish in 1st, girls in 3rd at sectional

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Another meet, another banner day for Mahomet-Seymour Junior High cross country teams. This time the stakes were much higher – the IESA Sectional meet on October 6 at the Lake of the Woods course – and the Bulldogs passed the test with flying colors as the boy’s team nailed down first place and the girls finished third.

Both teams will advance to the IESA state finals in Normal on October 13.

Maddie Lewis’ 13:33, which gave her eighth place in the final results, was the top time for the M-SJH girl’s squad. Gabe Pommier came in with a time of 11:38 to make him second in the boy’s division. There were 67 runners competing in the girl’s race and 71 participants in the boy’s side of meet.

“The coaching staff is proud of the efforts put forth by all of our runners,” Coach Lisa Martin said. “It was a great day for both teams and we are looking forward to a great showing at the state meet.”

According to Martin, the mid-40s temperatures were a challenge for the Bulldog runners. “Andrew Walmer, Maddie Louis, Abby Kyle, and Janie Magyar all ran their personal records for our cross-country course.

“This was the coldest race of the season and the course was not in perfect condition due to the rain and these runners still managed to run better here than they have all season,” she said. “The rest of the team ran strong and placed in very good positions to add to the teams’ success for the day.”

Preparing for the state finals will involve a mixture of practice and strategy over the next few days, Martin said, and the expectations will be to compete with confidence.

“The team will practice this week, with a bit of tapering as we want them to run with fresh legs for the state meet,” she said.

“The coaching staff’s expectations at the state meet are that all of our runners step to the line confident and ready to compete.



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The junior high girls’ cross-country team took third place at Lake of the Woods this Saturday, while the boys’ team took first. Both teams will compete in the state finals in Normal next weekend.

We will be discussing the power of the pack as we prepare this week. It will be hard to find their teammates in the mix of runners at the state meet, but it will be a must if we want to have a good, low score.”

M-SJH IESA Sectional (Girls)

- 8th: Maddie Louis (13:33)
- 10th: Abby Kyle
- 16th: Janie Magyar
- 25th: Joecyln Thrasher
- 27th: Olivia Meyer
- 28th: Mariah McAnally
- 33rd: Sydney Reilly-Treat

M-SJH results (Boys)

- 2nd: Gabe Pommier (11:38)
- 6th: Andrew Walmer
- 12th: Ben Crow
- 19th: Callan Whitehouse
- 23rd: Rilye Fortune
- 24th: Bryson Keeble
- 29th: Myles Jones