

MSHS CROSS COUNTRY

M-S XC teams continue strong seasons

Solid showings as season starts to wind down

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For those not familiar with the sport of cross country, it would seem the longer the season went, the more difficult and challenging it would become.

Not so for the Mahomet-Seymour varsity boys and girls cross country teams. Just the opposite seems to be unfolding for both teams as the 2013 season heads down the home stretch.

For the boys' team, it was another

large invitational meet loaded with many of the top teams around – and for the fourth time in five tries, it was an impressive first-place finish.

The #2-ranked Bulldogs headed to Metamora on October 12 for the Runnin' Red Invitational at Black Partridge Park to take on 22 other teams, including six of the top 20 teams in the state.

M-S had six medal winners to top the field - Alex Keeble 2nd (14:54), Jackson Powell 7th (15:16), William Wolf 8th (15:19), Ethan Russell 26th (15:38), James Williams 28th (15:39), and Gabe Pommier 38th (15:47).

The girls' team continued to show improvement in meets in Normal on October 8 as well as at the meet in Metamora on October

12.

Led by Lauren Whitehouse (16th, 19:26) and Abigail Nielsen (18th, 19:32), the Lady Bulldogs placed fourth in the Normal U-High Invitational.

Four days later at Metamora, M-S finished 13th in the 21-team field, another solid performance from the young team. Whitehouse (18:37) placed 27th out of 215 total runners, while Nielsen (53rd, 19:22), Olivia Meyer (62nd, 19:34), Isabelle Pommier (66th, 19:43), Jocelyn Thrasher (89th,

20:20), and Sarah Knight (96th, 20:31) contributed to the Lady Bulldogs effort.

On October 12 at the Runnin' Red Invitational in Metamora, the M-S girls team finished 11th in the 21 team field. Out of 216 varsity runners, Whitehouse came in 27th (18:37) and Nielsen finished 53rd (19:22).

In the freshmen/sophomore race, Maddie Buzicky placed 17th (20:38) and Kaitlin Lewis finished 25th (20:57).