

Junior high team is off and running

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Mahomet-Seymour Junior High cross country coach Lisa Martin welcomed a squad of 77 runners – 46 boys and 31 girls – to the 2013 season. According to Martin, all of the runners are working hard to improve on last year's record, which included a 4th place IESA state finish for the boys team and a 7th place IESA finish for the girl's team.

This season's squad opened the 2013 schedule with a trip to Danville Northridge on August 29 and another meet at Champaign Edison on August 31.

"We're excited for the opportunity to put our hard work to the test," Martin said. "As in the past, the plan for the season is to continue the tradition of being a strong team that works hard and enjoys running. We have a team that possesses great pride, enthusiasm and talent."

Both teams brought home first-place honors from Danville. While individual results weren't available, Martin said it was a great way to start the season. "Our runners ran hard on the hot day and had great races. It was a strong start to what will be an exciting season," she said. "This was the first race for our 6th grad-

ers and they did very well, leading the way in both races."

At the Edison Invitational two days later, the boys team cap-

tured first place while the girls team finished 5th in a field of 13 schools competing in the race.

TOP 10 AT THE EDISON INVITATIONAL

Girls' Varsity 2 mile (89 runners)

Maddie Louis (7th), 14:21

Boys' Varsity 2 mile (94 runners)

Riley Fortune (4th), 12:49

Mathias Powell (5th)

Bryson Keeble (7th)

Callan Whitehouse (8th)

Boys' Open 2 mile (136 runners)

Kaelin Davis (1st), 13:20, Race Champion

Kyle Sheehy (3rd)

Jacob Hamilton (4th)

Eli King (7th)

Peter Kamp (9th)

Girls 6th grade race 1 mile (64 runners)

Lydia Magyar (1st)- 7:30, Race Champion

Destiny Pryor (2nd)

Karsyn Bryant (4th)

Boys 6th grade race 1 mile (78 runners)

Zack Chalk (2nd)- 7:02

Nathan Asbill (5th)

Wyatt Berg (6th)

William Larson (8th)

Nicholas Liagridonis (9th)