

## BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

# Bulldogs run away with team title

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As the weather cooled down, the Mahomet-Seymour varsity boys cross country team heated up by placing all five scoring runners in the top 10 to win the Lee Halberg Lanphier Invitational in Springfield on September 14.

The Bulldogs easily outdistanced second place Springfield High School by 47 points in running away with team honors. The

event featured more than 20 teams and 121 runners.

Demonstrating the depth of the M-S cross country program, the Bulldogs also won the open and freshmen competition. Coach Neal Garrison said the results are a direct reflection of how hard the athletes have worked during the season and throughout the year.

"Our varsity had the lowest team score we have ever had at 42 points and we had six medalists in the varsity race out of the 25 total

medals given away," he said. "And we beat four state ranked teams (Springfield, Chatham-Glenwood, Taylorville, and Sacred Heart-Griffin)."

The leader of the pack for the Bulldogs was sophomore Alex Keeble who placed second with a season best of 15:33. Jackson Powell ran a lifetime best of 15:49 to place fourth, William Wolf ran a lifetime personal best of 16:00 to place seventh, Ethan Russell ran a season best of 16:02 to place eighth, and Trevor Hanlon ran a lifetime best of 16:06 to place 10th.

Other varsity runners included James Williams, with a season best of 16:23 to place 21st, and Kyle Appelquist with a time of 17:30 to

place 59th.

The freshmen grabbed the first three individual spots to take the title. Gabe Pommier was meet champion with a blazing 10:38. Andrew Walmer was close behind with a 10:56 for the second spot and Brian Butcher ran a 11:17 to finish third.

In the open division, M-S took the top two places on its way to winning its part of invitational.

Jake Keller was meet champion with a lifetime-best three-mile time of 17:07 on a challenging course. Jack Hyde was runner-up with a season best of 17:16 and Mason McAnally earned a medal by placing 9th with a lifetime best of 17:32.