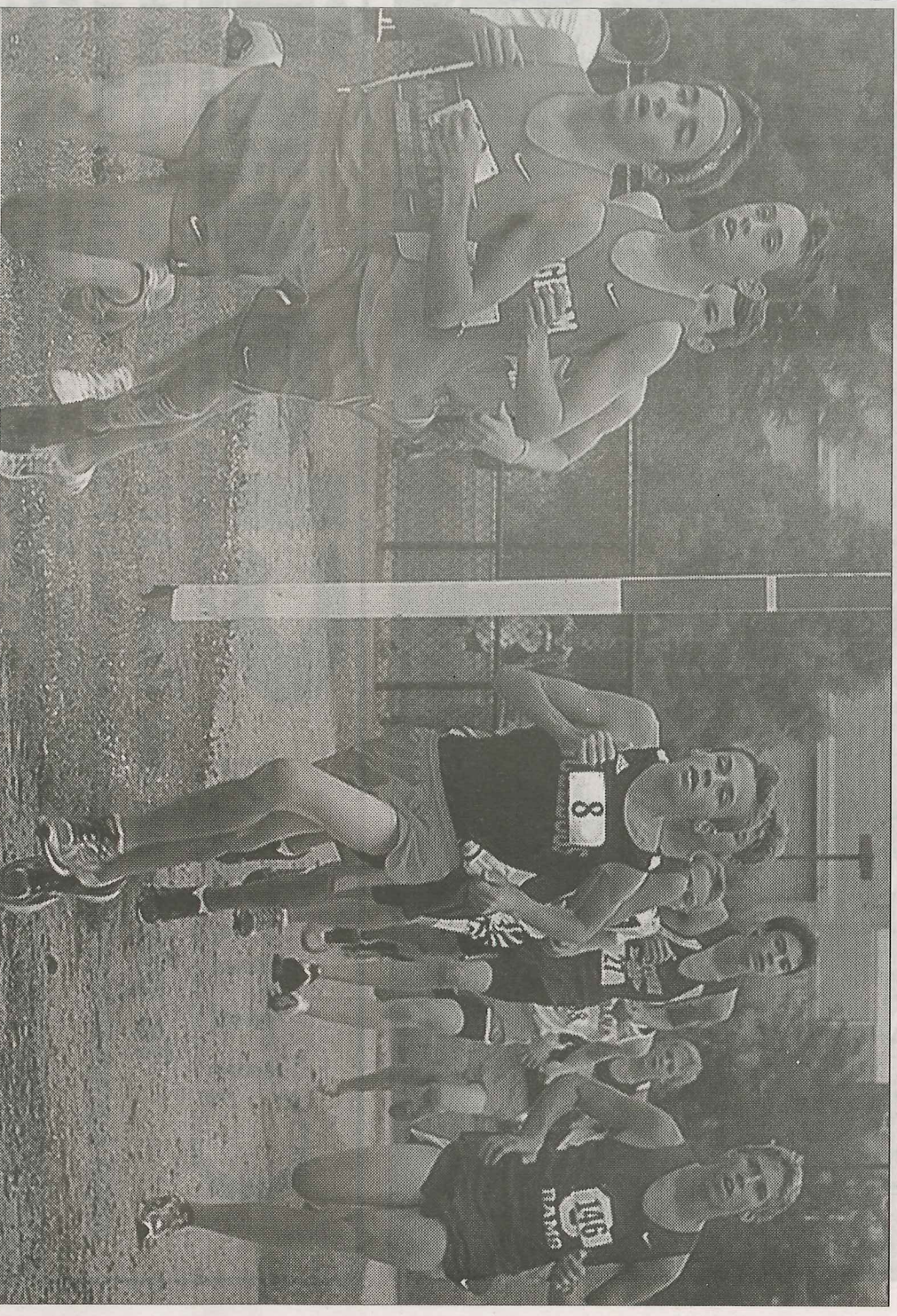


VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY



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Mahomet-Seymour's Ryan Hodge runs his first high-school race in Charleston on Saturday. The boys' team won the invitational, outdistancing 13 other teams.

OFF TO A GREAT START

Girls' and boys' XC teams show promise as season begins

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In spite of some key losses to graduation, the Mahomet-Seymour boys' and girls' cross country teams both expected to compete at the highest levels in 2014.

If early indications are any barometer, that expectation appears to be coming true.

The boys' team blew away the competition on September 6 in Charleston while the girls' squad fashioned a very strong second-place finish the same day in a 22-team field at Chrisman.

At Charleston, M-S outdistanced 13 other teams to win the invitational with a score of 22 points. Shelbyville was the runner-up at 72 while Danville placed third with 91 points.

Junior Alex Keeble, sophomore Andrew Walner, senior William Wolf, junior Jack Hyde, sophomore Brian Butcher, sophomore Ben Craw, and sophomore Gabe Pommier were the top seven finishers for the Bulldogs.

Among the 30 medal winners were Keeble (2nd), Walner (4th), Wolf (5th), Hyde (7th), Butcher (8th), Ben Craw (9th), Gabe Pommier (17th), Riley Fortune (22nd), and Jackson Powell (26th).

For the girls, Lauren White-



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Members of the girls' cross-country squad celebrate their performance at the Cow Chip Classic in Chrisman this weekend.

house sparked the Lady Bulldogs to a runner-up finish at the Cow Chip Invitational at Chrisman.

Whitehouse placed third overall with a time of 18:36.

Other results for M-S included #7 Race – Samira Kassem (2nd), #6 Race – Mariah McA-

nally (1st), #5 race – Twinkle Mehta (3rd), #4 Race – Jenna Straub (5th), #3 Race – Olivia Meyer(6th), and #2 Race – Jocelyn Thrasher (6th).

In the Open competition at Chrisman, the Lady Bulldogs were also well-represented. Runners who placed were Kai-

tin Lewis (3rd), Maddie Buzicky (7th), Taylor Zboril (8th), Devon Kreps (9th), and Blayne Moxley (11th).

Normal U-High was the overall team winner, followed by M-S, Unity, and St. Joseph.