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M-S, Keeble place first in 23-team field

M-S ranked second in Illinois

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The Mahomet-Seymour varsity boys' cross country team, led by junior Alex Keeble's first-place finish, continued its dream season by outpacing 22 other teams and grabbing the team title at the East Peoria

Invitational on September 23. The running Bulldogs, currently ranked #2 in the state, finished with 44 team points, easily ahead of runner-up Dunlap (119) and third place Normal Community (120).

M-S won the meet for the fourth year in a row and in the process set several team records.

The Bulldogs had their lowest team score since joining

this invitational in 2005. The team also had the lowest top five team time average that any of the M-S teams have had at East Peoria with an average time of 15:37.0.

Along with Keeble, William Wolf (5th), Jack Hyde (8th), Brian Butcher (9th), Jackson Powell, Ben Craw, and Riley Fortune represented the top seven finishers for M-S.

Bulldog Coach Neal Garrison said the impressive showing by Keeble and his teammates wasn't something that happened overnight or even a year.

"As a team they are getting a little faster every year. We owe a lot of our success to the alumni for trying to raise the standards for our current teams," Garrison said. "It takes a least two years of year round consistent running to produce a strong runner. It's less important how old the runner is as much as how consistent they are with their training."