

## CROSS-COUNTRY



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Mahomet-Seymour's boys' cross-country team celebrates their second-place win at the Richard Spring Invitational on Saturday.

# RECORD-TYING WEEKEND

## Keeble helps lead team to second place

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Alex Keeble's school-record-tying effort helped to lead the Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross-country team to an impressive second-place finish in the prestigious Richard Spring Invitational cross country meet in East Peoria on September 20.

Keeble's time of 14:41:40 was good enough for fifth place

in the overall individual standings and matched M-S's Mark Johnson's school mark set in 1974.

The Bulldogs joined 68 other teams from throughout Illinois for the race, which included most of the top-ranked individuals and teams in Illinois as well as surrounding states. Sandburg High School from the Chicago area was the overall team winner, followed by M-S, Chicago Loyola, Chicago Hershey, and York High School (Elmhurst) to round out the top five.

"Our varsity looked incredible, beating 67 other teams," Coach Neal Garrison said. "Our runners defeated 19 of the 20

other state ranked teams in the event, including eight AAA teams and 7 AA teams."

Joining Keeble in the head-turning performance were Jack Hyde (35th), Andrew Walmer (37th), William Wolf (47th), Brian Butcher, Ben Craw, Brian Butcher, and Riley Fortune were M-S' top seven finishers for this invitational. Butcher was the team's fastest number five runner ever with a time of 15:55.

On the girls' side, Coach Bonnie Moxley split her squad into two parts with all of the freshmen and sophomores competing in the underclassmen category and junior and senior team members placed in the

varsity race.

While the Lady Bulldogs finished 33rd out of 57 entries, Coach Bonnie Moxley that wasn't a true reflection of her team's strength and performance.

"It was a great day for running and competing," Moxley said. "We had several personal bests in the race."

According to Moxley, highlights for the day were Lauren Whitehouse's 28th place finish in the varsity race with a personal best of 18:24 and Jenna Straub's 30th place finish in the freshmen-sophomore race.

For Straub, it was the first time she had recorded a time in the 19-minute range.