

Caleb Hummer Danville cross-country

Why he was chosen: The Vikings senior followed up his Big 12 title (14 minutes, 42 seconds) on Oct. 18 with a Class 2A regional title on Saturday in 15:37.30 to lead Danville to a second-place finish. The Vikings advanced as a team to the Decatur Sectional, where Hummer has the eighth-best time out of regionals.

From Hummer: "I felt pretty comfortable. I just planned on going out and running a good, hard race — get in a good workout while staying healthy. I was pretty worried

about my team and where they were during the race, so I was kind of keeping an eye on that. At one point (finishing second at regionals) was pretty disappointing, but we'll come back (Saturday) ready to go and try to qualify for state as a team. We're all looking real good, real fit. I think we're ready."

I'm always texting
... Johnny Leverenz. I text him a lot still.

I'd love to drive a
... Hummer.

I need an autograph from ... Galen Rupp or Michael Jordan.

A movie I'm dying to see is ... "Dumb and Dumber To."

I need concert tickets to ... Ariana Grande.

My first job was ... my uncle's kids camp.

My nickname is ... Cheeto. My friend

Mitchell gave it to me whenever I was a freshman.

One thing I've never done but want to try is ... skydiving.

If I could have one superpower, it would be ... super speed.

I started running competitively in ... sixth grade. A little bit of trash talk between me and my dad (Doug). He thought I wasn't going to be a good runner, so I wanted to prove him wrong. He ran for Danville High School as well.

My favorite thing about running is ... winning.

The toughest part of a race is ... probably a mile-and-a-half in. Once you get to 2 miles it's pretty easy from there. You just have to finish.

The most I've run in one day is ... 12 miles.

Before a race ... I eat a lot of pancakes. Like 20 is my average. I've done that ever since I was in sixth grade. My dad just makes me pancakes, and I eat them all.

In five years ... I'm going to be a businessman, and depending on my college career as a runner, I might be a professional. I don't know yet.

Honorable mention: Mo Abbed, Bis-marck-Henning football; Drew Beachy, Arthur Okaw Christian cross-country; Justin Daubaris, Danville football; Jon Davis, Oakwood/Armstrong-Potomac cross-country; Zach Johnson, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley football; Alex Keeble, Mahomet-Seymour cross-country; Emmanuel Komba, Cham-paign Central soccer; Andy Livingston, Mahomet-Seymour football; Zach Mesplay, Monticello cross-country; Ethan Norton, Danville soccer; Eric Ponder, Tuscola cross-country; Tyus Welter, Monticello football; Kaleb Williams, Tuscola football; Blayne Zeigler, Blue Ridge soccer



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