

Athletes of the Week

Alex Keeble

Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross-country



Why he was chosen: The Mahomet-Seymour senior won the Corn Belt title last Saturday with a time of 14 minutes, 36.81 seconds, guiding the Bulldogs to the team title as well in Eureka.

From Keeble: "I tried to go out pretty hard. I had trouble with shin splints that whole week, so that was one of my first times running hard. I kind of played it by ear. They didn't bother me the whole race, so it was a good chance to test that out before the postseason."

I need concert tickets to ... J. Cole because he's my favorite music artist.

One thing I've never done before but would like to try is ... skydiving. It's a pretty generic answer, but I'm kind of an adrenaline junkie.

If I could visit any place in the world ... Venice because a lot of my family is from Italy.

If I could have one superpower, I would choose ... There's so many. Probably telekinesis where I can read people's minds and move things at the same time. It's like every superpower combined.

The first thing I would do if I hit the lottery would be ... invest in the stock market so I could make more money.

I started running cross-country ... in seventh grade. I did track in fifth grade and was a sprinter. I wanted to improve my 200 time, so I decided I needed to run a lot more.

The toughest thing about cross-country is ... definitely the mental aspect of it where self-doubt comes into play. It's a lot more mental than physical in a lot of ways.

Before every meet ... I try to take a second away from everyone and take a deep breath in and out to calm myself down.

After every meet ... My girlfriend usually comes to the meet, so I talk to her and then talk to my coach about how I can improve and get ready for the next practice.

If I could wear a number in cross-country ... it would be 7,842 because seven is my lucky number, I was born on the eighth day of the eighth month of 1998, and in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," 42 is the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything.

In five years, I see myself ... hopefully running at the collegiate level. I hope I know what I want to do because I don't know what job I want.

Honorable mention: Will Ahlgren, Urbana University High soccer; Chris Comet, Centennial football; Varun Chopra, Urbana University High golf; Trey Layden, Hoopston Area soccer; Benny Lee, Arthur Okaw Christian cross-country; Bruno Omanga, St. Thomas More soccer; LaDavion Severado, Westville football; Aaron Schluter, St. Joseph-Ogden football; Brody Ulrey, Argenta-Oreana football; Carl Way, Danville cross-country