

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Neal Garrison

This week's Mahomet Citizen and Walk Chiropractic Bulldog of the Week is Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross country coach Neal Garrison.

On Thursday, Garrison was named Class 2A Coach of the Year and Illinois 2016 Coach of the Year by Dyestat, a digital hub for high school cross-country information.

"I am most excited about getting the award as I know it really shows how many people have deeply invested into the program," said Garrison. "I am extremely grateful for all those who helped our program get to this point."

The 2016 Bulldogs won their fourth straight conference title, sixth straight regional title, fifth straight sectional title and qualified for state for its sixth straight year.

After holding the No. 1 ranking all season, the Bulldogs won the Class 2A state championship at Detweiller Park in Peoria Nov. 5.

The team ran the best Class 2A performance ever at state, placing all seven runners in the top 7, including 6 all-state runners.

Jason Brown
Citizen sportswriter

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