

**JUNIOR HIGH CROSS-COUNTRY****Boys' and girls' teams dominate at home meet**

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The Mahomet-Seymour Junior High cross-country teams competed against Normal Parkside on Saturday after facing Clinton last Thursday.

"Our runners went to the line confident and prepared as we took on Clinton," coach Lisa Martin said.

"The greatest part of the evening was that we finally got to see our young athletes running alongside our veteran runners as this was our first meet running the whole team in one race."

Competing at Lake of the Woods Park, both Bulldogs teams defeated Clinton.

For the girls' squad, the Bulldogs placed runners in the first nine spots out of 39 runners.

Elizabeth Sims was meet champion with a 2-mile time of 12 minutes, 37 seconds.

In order from second to ninth were Delaney King, Klein Powell, Grace Lietz, Emily Bednar, Ella Scott, Cecilia Abramson, Chloe Allen and Callie Jansen.

For the boys' team, the Bulldogs placed runners in nine of 10 spots, missing out only on second place.

Justin Straub was meet champion with a time of 11:49.

In order from third to 10th were Joseph Scheele, Kyle Nofziger, Taylor Fan, Gabe Difanis, Avery Seaman, Hayden Grotelueschen, Kai Jones and Finn Randolph.

"We found that many of veterans shined as they modeled what a strong runner and leader should look like while the young runners took the opportunity to step right up and compete," Martin said.

Against Normal Parkside, in perfect running weather, Anthony Ramirez (11:38) was race champion in the boys' open race.

In the boys' varsity race, the junior high Bulldogs placed 18th out of 50 teams in a meet that featured 342 runners.

Justin Straub placed 55th with a time of 11:36.

For the girls' varsity, the Bulldogs placed seventh out of 46 teams in a 325-runners field. Elizabeth Sims placed 24th with a time of 12:16.

In the girls' open race (548 runners), Emily Bednar placed 18th with a time of 13:25.

Mikaiah Jones placed 19th and Finn Randolph finished 23rd.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host seven teams on Saturday at Lake of the Woods Park, starting at 9 a.m.

On Thursday, the teams will travel to Monticello for a 4 p.m. triangular.