

**JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS ROUNDUP**

# Strong worth ethic paying off for M-S

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The Mahomet-Seymour junior high cross-county teams fared well in two home meets last week.

M-S hosted the its annual "Fab Five Meet" meet Thursday followed by the 14-team home invitational on Saturday at Lake of the Woods.

"Once again, the real story shows in the results as so many of the runners continue to run personal bests," girls' coach Lisa Martin said.

"The team continues to get stronger, along with the work ethic and dedication to such a difficult sport. The runners are coming together as a team, continuing to amaze us, not surprise us though."

In Saturday's meet, the boys' team took first place with the low score of 71, followed by Olympia's 92, Champaign Edison's 103, Shelbyville's 111 and Mattoon's 120.

The boys' varsity team had seven medalists.

Kyle Nofziger (11:46 for 2 miles) placed eighth and Anthony Ramirez (11:47) was 10th.

Joseph Scheele (11:53) placed 11th and Taylor Fan (11:56) finished in 15th.

Gabe Difanis (11:58) placed 17th and Finn Randolph (12:18) was 21st.

Kai Jones (12:19) rounded out the varsity with a 22nd-place performance.

Ten Bulldog runners medaled in the boys' open

race, including Justin Straub (first, 11:59), Avery Seaman (second, 12:40), Noah Butler (fourth, 12:43), Hayden Grotelueschen (fifth, 12:43), Davin Tietz (sixth, 12:44), Kolton Mannin (ninth, 13:08), Chase Misenheimer (13th, 13:29), Karsten Waisath (14th, 13:35), Josh Wilcoski (22nd, 13:50) and Gabe Wisnasky (25th, 13:55).

The girl's varsity team placed second out of 14 teams with a score of 52.

Tolono Unity won the race with a score of 29.

The girls' varsity race featured seven medalists from M-S, including Elizabeth Sims (fourth, 12:27), Delaney King (fifth, 12:29), Grace Lietz (12th, 12:53), Klein Powell (13th, 12:57), Chloe Allen (18th, 13:18), Ella Scott (20th, 13:25) and Emily Bednar (21st, 13:31).

In the girls' open race, nine M-S runners finished among the top 20, including Callie Jansen (fourth, 14:05), Ava Boyd (sixth, 14:10), Cecilia Abramson (eighth, 14:16), Alyssa Christensen (10th, 14:22), Alaina Jared (11th, 14:24), Sydney Young (13th, 14:42), Leah Nykaza (14th, 14:56), Janel Straub (15th, 14:59) and Gaby Davis (19th, 15:22).

Thursday night at Lake of the Woods, both Bulldogs teams won the traditional "Fab Five Meet."

"What a great night for the M-S JH cross-country runners," Martin said. "It was a little warmer, so we

knew we had a new challenge, but the Bulldogs did well adjusting and pulling off a double victory."

The girls' team scored a dominating low of 17, followed by St. Joseph's 47.

Sims broke a course record with a time of 12:34.

Six other Bulldog runners placed in the top 10, including King (second), Lietz (third), Powell (fourth), Allen (seventh), Scott (ninth) and Bednar (10th).

The boys' team took first place with the low of 22, followed by St. Joseph's 60.

Five Bulldogs placed in the top 10 out of 130 runners. Ramirez was meet champion. Other team leaders included Nofziger (third), Fan (fifth), Difanis (sixth) and Scheele (seventh).

The Bulldogs are scheduled to enter the Champaign County Meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Unity High School in Tolono.

## Girls' basketball

The M-S junior high girls' basketball teams picked up wins to start the season last Tuesday.

The seventh-grade girls' basketball team kicked off its season with a 37-23 victory over Champaign Franklin.

The eighth-grade girls defeated Franklin, 31-21.

The teams are scheduled to host Normal Kingsley Junior High on Monday and travel to Charleston on Tuesday.