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Mahomet-Seymour's Brisa McGrath (1173) approaches the finish line at the First to the Finish Invitational on Sept. 8. The senior finished eighth in the East Peoria Invitational with a time of 18:40.5.

BOYS', GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY

Strong showing at invite

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Is cross-country the best sport at Mahomet-Seymour? There's a great argument that it is. The boys' team finished third at the East Peoria Invitational, while the girls had an impressive runner-up showing at East Peoria last Saturday.

Mathias Powell and Elizabeth Sims continued to carry their squads, but big-time performances from Bryson Keeble, Kyle Nofziger and Joseph Scheele were huge for the boys' team.

On the girls' side, Brisa McGrath continues to prove that she's one of the top runners in the state even if Sims is the best runner on the Bulldogs' team.

Madi Balbach and Olivia Bunting also chipped in with great performances in East Peoria.

Boys' cross-country

Powell is just competing at an absurdly high level. The senior finished first individually at the East Peoria Invi-

tational at Illinois Central College. He finished the course in 15 minutes, 5.8 seconds, edging out Charlie Wetzel from Normal Community West by nearly five seconds.

The Bulldogs finished third as a team in the 20-team invitational with a team score of 106. Bloomington finished in first place with 66 points, barely edging out Normal University High which ended with 69 points.

Keeble finished 14th individually with a time of 16:15.1. Nofziger finished 21st and Scheele was right behind, finishing 22nd. Jonah Singer finished 48th.

Looking ahead

M-S will have a little bit of a break before heading to the Metamora Invitational on Oct. 6.

Girls' cross-country

The girls' cross-country team finished second at the East Peoria Invitational with a team score of 97. Eureka (88) paced the field. M-S finished

well ahead of third-place Normal U-High, which finished with a team score of 116.

Sims continued to tear it up, as the freshman finished fifth at the East Peoria Invitational with a time of 18:26.9. McGrath was right on her heels, finishing eighth at 18:40.5.

Balbach and Bunting finished 26th and 27th, respectively. Delaney King, Grace Lietz, Chloe Allen and Klein Powell finished 31st, 32nd, 33rd and 34th, respectively.

King, Lietz, Allen and Powell all finished the course in under 19 minutes and 55 seconds. Emily Bednar was 48th with a time of 20:35.8.

Looking ahead

Sims, McGrath and the rest of the girls' squad will look to continue their strong seasons on Saturday when M-S competes at the Wheaton North Falcon Classic. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs will compete in the Normal University Invitational at 4 p.m.