

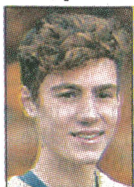
15TH ALL-AREA BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

MEET THE FIRST TEAM

GARRETT DIXON

Monticello | Senior

Why he made the team: Dixon posted the area's second-best time at 14 minutes, 40 seconds and nearly won the Class 1A state race, finishing second to help Monticello to third place in the team chase.



DIXON

A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Post Malone. ... Before I compete, I eat oatmeal with fruits. ... In my dream career, I would work for Amazon or Google. ... My favorite subject to study in school is definitely mathematics. ... My favorite athlete is Helmut Strelb. ... My favorite TV show is I don't watch TV. ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin and Larry Page.

Three items on my bucket list: Run an ultra-marathon, patent something and solve a real-world problem.

RYDER JAMES

Paxton-Buckley-Loda | Freshman

Why he made the team: The first-year prep runner starred for the Panthers, securing 12th place at Class 1A state via a season-best time of 15:17.



JAMES

A few of my favorites: I need tickets to see the Super Bowl. ... Before I compete, I eat any type of pasta with some bread. ... In my dream career, I would be a professional runner sponsored by Nike or ASICS. ... My favorite subject to study in school is Spanish. ... My favorite TV show is "Last Man Standing." ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Jesus, Steve Prefontaine and President Trump.

Three items on my bucket list: Compete in the Olympics, go to the Bahamas and run a marathon.

ARYAN LALWANI

Uni High | Sophomore

Why he made the team: The top finisher for Class 1A's fifth-place team at state, Lalwani crossed the finish line in 20th place with a clocking of 15:29, not far off his season-best (15:15).



LALWANI

A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Electric Light Orchestra. ... Before I compete, I eat a light breakfast followed by a banana shortly before the race. ... In my dream career, I would do something in microbiology. ... My favorite subject to study in school is biology. ... My favorite athlete is Mo Farah. ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Stephen Hawking, Nikola Tesla and Steve Jobs.

Three items on my bucket list: Run a marathon, visit the Amazon rainforest and watch the Olympics.

LUKE MANOLAKES

Centennial | Junior

Why he made the team: Manolakes nearly earned all-state status in Class 2A, placing 29th at the state showcase with a season-best time of 15:22.



MANOLAKES

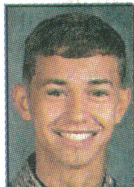
A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Lil Mosey. ... Before I compete, I eat McDonald's. ... In my dream career, I would be a nurse. ... My favorite subject to study in school is English. ... My favorite athlete is Zion Williamson. ... My favorite TV show is "Chicago Med." ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Zion Williamson, Mo Farah and John F. Kennedy.

Three items on my bucket list: Run at the Nike headquarters in Portland, Ore., go to Rome and drive a Lamborghini.

MICHAEL MOREMAN

Danville | Junior

Why he made the team: Moreman was the best of the bunch for the eighth-place Vikings at Class 2A state, his 37th-place result coming in a time of 15:31.



MOREMAN

A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Travis Scott. ... Before I compete, I eat a bacon, egg and cheese biscuit from McDonald's. ... In my dream career, I would get paid to eat food. ... My favorite subject to study in school is history. ... My favorite athlete is Russell Westbrook. ... My favorite TV show is "Blue Mountain State." ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Jesus, Michael Jordan and Mariano Rivera.

Three items on my bucket list: Run in college, pick up baseball again and be rich.

MATHIAS POWELL

Mahomet-Seymour | Senior

Why he made the team: Our Runner of the Year stole the show in Class 2A, with his first-place effort of 14:31 more than 15 seconds faster than anyone else for the Bulldogs' first-ever individual state title.



POWELL

A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Mac Miller. ... Before I compete, I eat yogurt and a banana. ... In my dream career, I would work with animals. ... My favorite subject to study in school is physics. ... My favorite athlete is Klein Powell. ... My favorite TV show is "The Office." ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Cory Haberman, Michael Scott and Steve Ovett.

Three items on my bucket list: Skydiving, skiing and going to New Zealand.

CAMERON WOODARD

Unity | Senior

Why he made the team: Woodard tied his season-best outing with a 15:20 clocking at Class 1A state, good for 15th place and all-state recognition.



WOODARD

A few of my favorites: I need concert tickets to see Toto. ... Before I compete, I eat oatmeal. ... In my dream career, I would be a video game developer. ... My favorite subject to study in school is computer science. ... My favorite athlete is Steve Prefontaine. ... My favorite TV show is "The Walking Dead." ... If I could have dinner with any three people from any time period, I would pick Bob Ross, Bill Hader and Bill Gates.

Three items on my bucket list: Complete the Saltine Challenge, see a Def Leppard concert and live life like Bob Ross.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

ATHLETE	YR.	SCHOOL
Garrett Dixon	Sr.	Monticello
Ryder James	Fr.	Paxton-Buckley-Loda
Aryan Lalwani	So.	Uni High
Luke Manolakes	Jr.	Centennial
Michael Moreman	Jr.	Danville
Mathias Powell	Sr.	Mahomet-Seymour
Cameron Woodard	Sr.	Unity

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

ATHLETE	YR.	SCHOOL
Austin Bridgman	Sr.	Armstrong-Potomac
Elijah Hall	Sr.	Rantoul
Layton Hall	So.	ALAH
Gabe Martinez	Jr.	BHRA
Isiah McCune	Sr.	St. Joseph-Ogden
Ricky Oakley	Jr.	Danville
Luke Sokolowski	Sr.	Monticello

ALL-AREA HONORABLE MENTION

- ARGENTA-OREANA — Ryan Woodruff, Fr.
- ARMSTRONG-POTOMAC — Luke Gordon, Fr.; Dalton Loschen, Sr.
- ARTHUR-LOVINGTON-ATWOOD-HAMMOND — Austin Romine, Sr.
- BEMENT — Luke Brewer, Sr.; Ryan Stoger, Sr.
- BISMARCK-HENNING/ROSSVILLE-ALVIN — Eli Mojonner, Fr.
- CENTENNIAL — Ben Olaivar, Jr.
- CHAMPAIGN CENTRAL — Alex Ahmari, So.; John Smith, Sr.
- CHRISMAN/GEORGETOWN-RIDGE FARM — Eli Johnson, So.
- CLINTON — Ethan Black, So.
- DANVILLE — Lukas Burleson, Jr.; Noah Hile, Sr.; Lenox Li, Sr.
- HOOPESTON AREA — Michael Helmut, So.
- IROQUOIS WEST — Lucas Alvarez, So.; Max Grant, Sr.; Connor Price, So.
- JUDAH CHRISTIAN — Josh Bergia, Sr.
- LA SALETTE — Daniel Crouse, Jr.
- MAHOMET-SEYMOUR — Bryson Keeble, Sr.; Kyle Nofziger, Fr.
- MONTICELLO — Josh Baysore, So.; Morgan Dixon, So.
- OAKWOOD/SALT FORK — Cameron Helka, Sr.; Andy Hohn, Sr.; Dawson Roger, Sr.
- PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA — Erik Reck, Sr.; Alec St. Julien, Sr.
- PRAIRIE CENTRAL — Aaron Aberle, Jr.
- RANTOUL — Jonathan Gossett, Jr.
- ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN — Brandon Matts, So.
- ST. THOMAS MORE — Ian Clapper, Jr.; Wrobel, Jr.
- SULLIVAN — Chase McClure, So.
- TRI-COUNTY — Ross Petty, So.
- TUSCOLA — JD Barrett, Sr.; Noah Wood, Sr.
- UNI HIGH — Henry Kraatz, Jr.; Nic R...