

## PREPS

# Highlights

- M-S girls' cross-country wins title
- Scott's run leads field in Danville
- Unity, Uni High thrive in Tuscola

## In boys' cross-country

### Class 2A Danville Regional

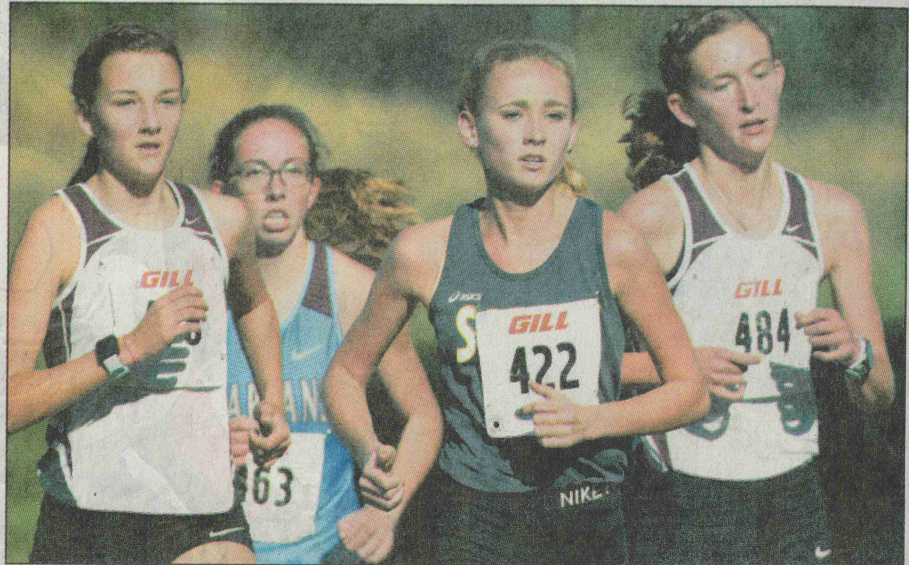
■ **Manolakes, Moreman excel.** Danville placed third, Centennial finished fourth and Urbana came in fifth at the 10-team meet as all three Big 12 teams advanced to next Saturday's Decatur MacArthur Sectional. **Michael Moreman** led Danville with a sixth-place finish in 16 minutes, 13 seconds at Kennekuk County Park, with teammates **Lenox Li** (16:30, 11th) and **Noah Hile** (16:37, 13th) also contributing. **Luke Manolakes** of Centennial nearly won a sectional title, finishing runner-up in 15:45. **Ben Olaivar** (16:24, ninth) and **Chance Yentes** (16:55, 17th) complemented Manolakes' strong performance for the Chargers. **Jeremie Bokata** (16:44, 14th) and **Payton Borich** (16:53, 16th) posted the top two times for Urbana.

### Class 2A Normal U-High Regional

■ **Powell paces M-S.** **Mathias Powell** toured the Maxwell Park course in 15 minutes, 14 seconds to easily win a regional title and help the Bulldogs place fourth at the nine-team meet. **Bryson Keeble** (16:07, fifth) and **Kyle Nofziger** (16:16, 11th) also played key roles as the two-time defending state champs will run again next Saturday at the East Peoria Sectional. Champaign Central will also have its full team present in East Peoria after the Maroons finished sixth to snag the last qualifying spot. **Alex Ahmari** (17:03, 24th), **Quinn Kolodziej** (17:22, 29th) and **Luke Hartmann** (17:23, 30th) led Central. Rantoul advanced three runners to sectional: **Elijah Hall** (16:31, 13th), **Jonathan Gossett** (16:57, 22nd) and **Peter McCusker** (17:37, 36th).

### Class 1A Tuscola Regional

■ **Illineks win title.** Uni High came out on top at the 13-team meet held at Wimple Park, scoring 54 points to edge runner-up Monticello (57). St. Joseph-Ogden, Unity, Tuscola, St. Thomas More and Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond also advanced their teams to next Saturday's Decatur St. Teresa Sectional. **Aryan Lalwani** took second for Uni High in 16 minutes, 7 seconds, with teammates **Henry Kraatz** (16:33, eighth) and **Nicolas Ramkumar** (16:42, 10th) faring well. **Luke Sokolowski** placed sixth in 16:26 to guide Monticello, **Isiah McCune** wound up fifth in 16:20 to lead SJ-O, **Cameron Woodard** finished third in 16:09 to power Unity, **JD Barrett** was 14th in 16:56 for Tuscola's top time, **Ian Clapper** had a 29th-place showing in 17:46 to bolster STM and **Layton Hall** was fourth in 16:17 to help ALAH. **Luke Brewer** of Bement also moved on with a seventh-place finish in 16:30, while a pair of runners



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St. Thomas More's Fran Hendrickson, right middle, leads the pack with Unity's Caroline Bachert, left, and Jordan Harmon, right, and St. Joseph-Ogden's Cassidy Bagby, second from left, during Saturday's Class 1A Tuscola Regional at Wimple Park in Tuscola.



Uni High's Aryan Lalwani (330), Nicolas Ramkumar (333), Henry Kraatz (329) and Matty Tang (335) run together Saturday near the front.



Uni High's Erin Smith, right, and St. Joseph-Ogden's Ashlyn Lannert lead a group of runners Saturday at Wimple Park in Tuscola.

## In girls' cross-country

### Class 2A Danville Regional

■ **Scott sparks Tigers.** Urbana finished second at the eight-team meet held at Kennekuk County Park, sending the Tigers on to next Saturday's Decatur MacArthur Sectional. **Chian Scott** won the race in 18 minutes, 40 seconds for the Tigers, with **Phoebe Gerstenecker** (20:27, ninth) and **Molly Sweeney** (20:46, 12th) chipping in. **Madeline Michael** (20:59, 17th) and **Michelle Stilger** (21:14, 23rd) of Centennial also advanced, along with **Kaitlyn Parker** (22:10, 30th) of Danville.

### Class 2A Normal U-High Regional

■ **Bulldogs thrive in win.** Mahomet-Seymour placed all seven of its runners in the top 25, delivering a regional title for

**Hancock** (19:22, eighth), **Kylie Decker** (19:29, ninth) and **Taylor Joop** (19:35, 10th) aided the Rockets. **Anika Kimme** of Uni High (18:58, fifth) paced the Illineks, **Rachel Koon** of Monticello (19:16, seventh) led the Sages, **Ashton Smith** (21:23, 33rd) posted the top time for Tuscola and **Grace Davis** (21:41, 37th) had the best finish for Oakwood/SF.

### Class 1A Kankakee McNamara Regional

■ **Panthers moving on.** Led by an eighth-place finish from **Evie Ellis** in 20 minutes, 7 seconds, Paxton-Buckley-Loda secured seventh place to move on to next Saturday's Lisle Sectional. **Madi Royer** (21:03, 18th) also chipped in for the Panthers at Kankakee Community College. Hoopeston Area had two runners in **Gracie Eighner** (21:42, 24th) and **Allison**