

M-S JUNIOR HIGH CROSS-COUNTRY

Girls finish 2nd, boys 3rd at Edison Invite

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MAHOMET — The future of Mahomet-Seymour cross-country is very bright on both the boys' and girls' side. On Saturday, the Mahomet-Seymour Junior High cross country teams both brought home hardware from the Champaign Edison Invitational.

The girls finished in second place out of 15 teams. The boys placed third out of 15 teams.

On the girls' side, Ava Boyd blazed the 2-mile course in 12 minutes, 24 seconds to place fifth. Avah Turner, Reese Gallier and Ava Jansen all placed inside the top-20.

On the boys' side, Lukas Nykaza, Davin Tietz, Finn Randolph and Isaac Warren all placed inside the top 20 as well.

In the girls' open race, Isabelle Difanis placed 12th, Isabelle Scheele took home 13th and Hadley Grotelueschen was in 15th place. Gabby Reeves, Haley Reed and Lacie Bushman all finished in the top 20 as well out of 263 runners.

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Grant Smysor crushed the course in 12:23 to place sixth out of 211 runners in the boys' open race. Ethan Peterka was right on his tail, finishing eighth. Landyn Hannah had a strong performance and placed ninth.

Chase Dockham, Blake Dillman, Kaden Jackson, Henry, McMurry and Jaxon Themanson all placed in the top 20.

Bulldogs sweep Danville North Ridge Invitational. MSJH continued their hot streak last Thursday, Aug. 29.

In the girls' sixth-grade, 1-mile run, Haley Reed was the champion to help the girls win first place. Lily Bosworth, Hadley Grotelueschen, Adelyn Boyd, Riley Sapp, Isabel Lietz, Sophie Miller and Cora Tandy all placed in the top 10.

In the seventh- and eighth-grade race, the Bulldogs didn't have the overall winner, but the depth was unmatched. Ava Boyd took second

and Avah Turner placed fourth. Emmaline Culp had a strong fifth-place finish, while Reese Gallier, Ava Jansen and Phoebe Truax placed seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively.

The boys' races were also dominated by the Bulldogs. In the sixth-graders race, Landyn Hannah tore up the field to place second. Ethan Peterka, Emmett Kerans and Henry McMurry were all in the top-5. Chase Dockham, Parker Wilkins and Preston Sriviver all placed sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Ty Clark (fourth place) Davin Tietz (fifth) and Isaac Warren (sixth) paced the Bulldogs in the boys' seventh- and eighth-grade, two-mile jaunt. Lucas Nykaza and Finn Randolph both finished strong as well and placed in the top 10.

"Our runners were nearly all smiles at the conclusion of the races tonight," MSJH coach Lisa Martin said. "Personal records were accomplished and the pride of being a Bulldog showed through as the runners all worked hard."