

# Girls' team punches ticket to state

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MAHOMET — The Mahomet-Seymour Junior High girls' cross-country team has booked its ticket to state. Fourteen teams competed at Urbana's sectional meet and only the top three teams advanced. M-S finished third behind Dunlap and Normal Kingsley.

Ava Boyd placed seventh individually out of 102 runners. Boyd finished in 12 minutes flat.

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Avah Turner placed 12th (12:14) and Emmaline Culp was a second behind her to place 15th.

Reese Gallier (22nd), Ava Jansen (24th), Phoebe Truax (29th) and Chloe Bundren (39th) all had strong showings.

"The intensity of the meet and the level of competition pushed our runners to all run lifetime personal records today," Martin added.

The boys' cross-country team competed admirably, but they were unable to finish among the top three.

M-S placed fifth, and Morton, Normal Kingsley and Normal Parkside will advance to the state meet.

"Unfortunately, our sectional was stacked with some of the state's best teams, us included," Martin said. "Our fifth-place finish was one that was done with heart and grit."

Davin Tietz blazed the course in 11 minutes to finish seventh out of 105 runners and he will compete at the state meet individually. Auggie Gaudio was 20th with a time of 11:21. Lukas Nykaza placed 25th at 11:41.

Ty Clark, Finn Ran-

dolph, Kai Jones and Isaac Warren all placed inside the top 50 and finished in under 12 minutes.

"Our team was greeted by a very large support system at the meet, with many of our community members and team members lining the course ready to cheer us on," Martin said. "Thank you

to those who supported us! We are fortunate to be surrounded by a strong community."

The IESA state cross-country meet is scheduled for Saturday at Maxwell Park in Normal. The Class 3A girls' race will begin at 12:30 p.m. The Class 3A boys' race will be at 1:15 p.m.

## BULLDOG OF THE WEEK

This week's Mahomet Citizen and Walk Chiropractic Bulldog of the Week is Ava Boyd. Boyd finished in seventh place in the



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girls' junior high sectional meet. She finished the two-mile course in 12 minutes flat to help the MSJH girls' cross country team advance to state. Boyd will have an opportunity to win a state title on Oct. 19. "She is a perfect example of what hard work in the offseason and dedication during the season can do

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