

# M-S Cross Country prevails at Halberg Invitational



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Mahomet-Seymour's second-ranked (Class 2A) boys' cross-country team

ran away from the field on Saturday (Sept. 11) in the 10-team Halberg Invitational, in Springfield.

The Bulldogs finished with a team composite of 44 points in the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual event. Runner-up Chatham Genwood had a point total of 93. Quincy and Urbana were next with 97 points.

M-S runners [Kyle Nofziger](#) and [Joseph Scheele](#) were second and third, respectively, in the 94-runner field.

Nofziger's 3-mile time was 16 minutes and 19 seconds. Scheele was a step behind at 16:20. Nofziger and Scheele are both seniors.

Other M-S runners were: [Hayden Grotelueschen](#) (12<sup>th</sup> in 17:10), [Jonah Singer](#) (16<sup>th</sup> in 17:17); [Ben Wallace](#) (20<sup>th</sup> in 17:25), [Karsten Waisath](#) (30<sup>th</sup> in 17:49) and [John Tender](#) (41<sup>st</sup> in 18:32).

In the junior varsity race, the Bulldogs finished second to Chatham Glenwood, which had a composite of 47 points. M-S had 49 points.

The individual champion in the 80-runner race was M-S' Avery Seaman. His time was 18:29.

M-S' other competitors were [Gabe Difanis](#) (fifth in 19:09), [Grant Smysor](#) (eighth in 19:33), [Gabe Wisnasky](#) (11<sup>th</sup> in 19:38), [Jaxon Themanson](#) (38<sup>th</sup> in 21:46) and Alex [Carpenter](#) (62<sup>nd</sup> in 24:21).

There was also a 2-mile race for freshmen only.

Quincy won the meet with 39 points, followed by Mundelein (43) and M-S (53).

Two of the top three finishers in the 40-runner event were representing Mahomet-Seymour.

**Blake Dillman** was the winner, completing the course in 11 minutes and 53 seconds.

Teammate **Lukas Nykaza** was third in 12:07.

The team's other runners were: **Will Slezak** (23<sup>rd</sup> in 14:29), **Caleb Xanis** (25<sup>th</sup> in 14:37) and **Zach Wilcoski** (27<sup>th</sup> in 14:42).

M-S will return to action on Saturday (Sept. 18) at the Peoria Notre Dame Invitational at Detweiller Park.

