Bulldogs cross-country sweeps at EIU

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→ Fisher/Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 7, Reed-Custer 0. The visiting Bunnies (4-0-1) blitzed their nonconference opponent, scoring two goals in the match's first 10 minutes en route to a rout. Jacob Chittick claimed both of those early goals. Seth Kollross chipped in one goal and two assists for Fisher/GCMS to go with single markers from Aaron Kasper, Sid Pfoff, Parker Snyder and Payton Darling.

→ Oakwood/Salt Fork 6, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 0. The host Comets (4-3) split their goals evenly between the two halves and dispatched the Knights (2-3) in a nonconference match. Reef Pacot and Saul Carillo each dented the twine twice for O/SF, while Grant Powell assisted on three goals and Brody Taflinger added two assists. ALAH's Levi Ward made 14 keeper saves in defeat.

→ Rantoul 4, Chillicothe IVC O. Alex Gonzalez found the back of the net four times including three times in a second-half span of roughly 14 minutes — to guide the host Eagles (2-2) to an Illini Prairie Conference victory. David Gutierrez, Ozzie Gonzalez and Eliud Echeverria each provided an assist for Rantoul, whose Luis Fajardo saved one shot in net.

In boys' cross-country

→ At Charleston. A hotly-contested 3-mile race at the Eastern Illinois cross-country trail ended with Bismarck-Henning/ Rossville-Alvin's Eli Mojonnier taking top individual honors with a clocking of 15 minutes, 36.68 seconds. He held off Mahomet-Seymour teammates Joseph Scheele (second place, 15:39.47) and Kyle Nofziger (third, 15:40.04), but the Bulldogs got the last laugh by winning the Charleston Invitational team championship in a 15-team field.

M-S's 33 points far outpaced runner-up Champaign Central's 102. The Bulldogs also benefited from Hayden Grotelueschen's seventh-place showing (16:26.77) and Jonah Singer's eighth-place effort (16:32.98).

The Maroons were led by Peter Smith's 10th-place output (16:39.14) and Fynn Bright's

13th-place display (16:47.61). Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond settled for third place in the team hunt with 127 points. Logan Beckmier placed fifth overall in 16:01.04, and Knights team-

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In girls' cross-country

→ At Charleston. Mahomet-Seymour staved off Mt. Zion for the Charleston Invitational team championship at Eastern Illinois' cross-country trail, as the Bulldogs' 38 points eclipsed the Braves' 43 points, as well as the totals of 12 other teams.

The Bulldogs put four athletes inside the individual top 10 to fuel their outcome: Ava Boyd (third place, 19 minutes, 42.93 seconds), Chloe Bundren (fifth, 19:58.06), **Ava Jansen** (ninth, 20:22.02) and **Callie Jansen** (10th, 20:23.23)

Champaign Central acquired fourth place as a team with 145 points. Maaike Niekerk's 22nd-place clocking of 21:05.12 sparked the Maroons.

Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin's **Gabriella Moreman** was the top local finisher, ranking second individually with a time of 19:38.46 — less than 8 seconds behind the race winner.

Other area top-15 individual finishes came from Danville's Allison Thompson (13th, 20:39.13) and the Urbana duo of Celia Barbieri (14th, 20:41.67) and Abby Fairbanks (15th, 20:47.38).

→ At Chrisman. Unity proved that an athlete's flight did not matter in the Cow Chip Classic, as the Rockets used strong finishes across the board to win the team championship with 96 points.

Uni High's Kate Ahmari was the individual victor, her 3-mile time of 18 minutes, 57.4 seconds in the first flight narrowly outpacing that of Monticello's Mabry Bruhn (19:02.3) in the second flight.

The Rockets, meanwhile, put all of their athletes in the top 20 individuals overall, paced by Flight 7 winner Olivia Shike (seventh overall, 19:57.0). Following her for Unity were Raegan Stringer (11th overall, 20:14.5), Flight 6 winner **Harper Hancock** (14th overall, 20:38.4), Erica Woodard (16th overall, 20:44.4), Malia Fairbanks (17th overall, 20:48.9), Flight 5 winner Emily Decker (18th overall, 20:49.7) and Caelyn Kleparski (19th overall, 21:00.1)

Monticello finished runner-up as a team with 116 points. Alongside Bruhn's showing, the Sages received a Flight 3 victory from Rachel Koon (third overall, 19:22.7) and top-20 outings from Estella Miller (fourth overall, 19:40.0) and Sylvia Miller (15th overall, 20:44.2)

St. Joseph-Ogden (145 points) and Uni High (181) also cracked the team top five. For the Spartans, Savanna Franzen rated fifth overall at 19:50.5, Ava Knap took sixth overall at 19:55.8 and Kailyn Ingram claimed 13th overall in