

M-S Bulldog runners 7th, 10th at Amboy

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Second and fourth at Normal
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That's a capsule summary of how Mahomet-Seymour's boys and girls cross-country teams respectively fared in the Big Three prep meets which annually provide an early October warmup for imminent regional and sectional tests.

The Amboy meet, run off Monday, was as prestigious as ever. Mahomet-Seymour's boys placed seventh in a field of 33 schools, while its girls ran 10th in a field of 19.

Princeton won the boys competition with a score of 108. Tremont was a close second with 113 despite running two of its sophomores in a junior varsity division. Sparta placed third with 135, Chrisman fourth with 164. Mahomet-Seymour rated seventh with 247.

Pacing the M-S Bulldogs' effort was, as usual, sophomore Danny Nielsen; he finished 17th with a time of 15:48 for the 3-mile course. Supporting him were Jeff Jankowski, 28th in 16:03; Burt Huddleston, 48th in 16:27; Brian Easter, 56th in 16:37; Hans Waters, 98th in 17:08.

Scoring for the Bulldog girls were Laura Batsie, eighth over the 2 1/2-mile course in 15:16; Jacqui Harland, 21st in 16:00; Barbara King, 43rd in 17:01; Jill Yost, 63rd in 17:26; Mindy Carpenter, 128th in 19:57.

Mahomet-Seymour's Invitational, staged last Saturday, was its 13th annual edition, and coach John King and staff again conducted it with model organization and efficiency.

Little Chrisman claimed both boys and girls team titles, the boys repeating their 1987 triumph. Chrisman's score of 52 was an easy first for the boys, Kankakee Bishop McNamara was second with 81, Mahomet-Seymour third with 125. Seventeen schools competed.

The Chrisman girls were tops with a score of 42. Unity was runnerup with 62, followed by Olympia with 109 and Mahomet-Seymour 153 in a field of 14.

M-S soph Nielsen placed second in the boys race, timed in 16:37. Jeremy Skinner of Shelbyville was the winner in 16:21. Other Mahomet-Seymour placers and times: Waters, 24th in 17:59; Jankowski, 28th in 18:08; Easter, 34th in 18:15; Huddleston, 39th in 18:19. One

hundred and 15 boys completed the event.

Ashley Wright of St. Joseph-Ogden finished first in the girls run, earning a time of 11:26 for the two miles. Batsie led the Mahomet-Seymour contingent, notching 17th place in 12:41. King was 22nd in 12:54, Harland 29th in 13:03; Tara Treat 47th in 13:44; Jill Yost, 49th in 13:47. Ninety-nine girls competed.

Chrisman also won the boys title in the Junior High meet which preceded Mahomet's varsity Invitational, scoring 58 vs. 73 for runnerup Columbia of Champaign. Chrisman's Junior High girls, moreover, placed second to Danville Northridge, 64 points to 47.

Mahomet-Seymour's Junior High boys finished fifth, while its girls placed third. Individually, Wagner of M-S ran third in a field of 82 boys, and Johnson of M-S was eighth among 71 girls.

The Bulldog preps have a date at Argenta, including Monticello, Thursday. Coach King, however, plans to rest his varsity to get them ready for the Corn Belt Conference meet at Pontiac, scheduled at 10 am Saturday.