

M-S runners vie in sectionals

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Mahomet-Seymour's prep cross country boys team won its regional run here last Friday . . . and will try for sectional honors at Paxton this Friday . . . while the Bulldog girls will start their state bidding in a sectional meet, also at Paxton, Saturday.

Coach John King's boys prevailed over a nine-school field at Mahomet, racking up a score of 37. Paxton was runnerup with 66, Unity third with 72, St. Joseph-Ogden fourth with 91 and Urbana Uni High fifth with 95.

Bulldog Danny Nielsen was the individual winner with a time of 16:48. Three teammates also made the first 10: Hans Waters, sixth in 17:46, Brian Easter, eighth in 18:03 and Burt Huddleston, 10th in 18:10. Jeff Jankowski didn't run because of an injury.

The Bulldogs had been ranked fifth in the state before the regional.

The boys sectional at Paxton will get under way at 4 pm Friday. Regional survivors from Chrisman, Herscher and Normal U-High will join the four top teams from Mahomet for a try to qualify for the state finals at Peoria Saturday, November 5.

The girls sectional at Paxton Saturday morning will be the first Class A girls competition conducted by the state. Until this year, there had been just a single class for girls. Mahomet-Seymour will be just one of 36 schools bidding at Paxton.

With no regional lead-ins last weekend, the M-S girls vied in an Invitational staged by Uni High last Saturday. Chrisman won with a score of 35, followed by Unity with 49, Uni with 56, Mahomet-Seymour with 91 and Olympia with 112.

Karen Morris of Chrisman won the 2-mile race in 12:34. Laura Batsie of Mahomet-Seymour placed fourth in 13:07.