

Annual Bulldog Invitational coming up Saturday on Old Barn course

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Mahomet-Seymour's 13th annual Invitational Cross Country Meet, expected to attract a score of entries, will be one of three big prep competitions attracting the Bulldogs during a six-day period starting today (Wednesday).

The Normal U-High Invitational is on tap today, starting at 4 pm. The Bulldog Invitational will be run off on

the Old Barn course Saturday morning. Amboy's prestigious Invitational is set for Monday morning (it's a school holiday).

The Bulldogs were runnersup in all three meets last year: second to Delavan at Normal, second to Chrisman in the local event and second, again to Delavan, at Amboy.

M-S coach John King's boys dominated a triangular meet with Argenta-Oreana and Prairie

Central at Lake of the Woods last Thursday, earning a score of 16 vs. runnerup A-O's 69. Danny Nielsen paced the Bulldog pack over the 5,000-meter course in 17:32. Seven of the next nine runners represented M-S: Jeff Jankowski in 18:06, Hans Waters in 18:13, Burt Huddleston in 18:23, Brian Easter in 18:53, Jay Busey in 19:12, Jason Lasater in 19:13 and Derek Short in 19:15.

M-S girls also prevailed, although no team scores were kept. Laura Batsie completed the two-mile course in 12:49, followed by Jacqui Harland in 13:40 and Tara Treat in 14:08.

Back on September 27, Mahomet-Seymour's boys finished behind Pontiac and ahead of Olympia, while the girls wound up back of Olympia but in front of Pontiac in a triangular meet.

"We hope to place in the top five in our Invitational," says Coach King. "Chrisman, of course, is the favorite. Unity, Urbana Uni High, St. Joseph-Ogden and Olympia look like top-flight contenders."

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