

M-S runners vie in State Saturday

by E. W. Hesse

Mahomet-Seymour's entire boys team and Laura Batsie of the girls team will bid for state honors in the windup of Illinois' prep cross country season at Detweiller Park in Peoria Saturday morning.

Coach John King's Bulldogs won their state berths with noteworthy performances in Class A sectional tests at Paxton last Friday and Saturday.

His boys ran third to winner Chrisman, which breezed in with a count of 55, and runnerup Normal U-High, scoring 88, with a tally of 132. Kankakee Bishop McNamara with 135 and Herscher with 152 also qualified for the state meet.

Batsie was the only member of King's girls squad who earned a state appearance. She ran 20th in

a 36-school field with a time of 12:45.88.

Mahomet's girls squad finished seventh, behind state qualifiers Chrisman, scoring 51; Unity, 89; Urbana Uni High, 94 and Chicago Luther North, 114. Herscher, with 164, and Stanford Olympia, 192, also preceded Mahomet-Seymour, posting 196.

Mahomet-Seymour sophomore Dan Nielsen placed third with a time of 15:25 in the boys sectional Friday. John Erickson of Eureka won the 3-mile event in 15:18. Nielsen's teammates, with places and times were: Brian Easter, 27th in 16:22; Hans Waters, 39th in 16:38; Burt Huddleston, 42nd in 16:40; Jeff Jankowski, 58th in 16:53; Jay Busey, 16:53 and James Yost, 17:23.

Ashley Wright of St. Joseph-Ogden won the girls 2-mile event Saturday with a time of 11:49.11. Mahomet runners chasing Batsie were: Jacqui Harland, 13:08; Barbara King, 13:31; Tara Treat, 14:08; Jill Yost, 14:45; Mindy Carpenter, 16:33 and Sarah Brucker, 18:10.

Class A boys will begin their state race at Peoria at 9:30 am Saturday; Class A girls will begin at 10:30, Class AA girls at 11:30 and Class AA boys at 12:45 pm.

Detweiller Park is just off State Highway 29 north of Peoria.

Awards will be presented in the Peoria High School gymnasium, 1615 N. North Street . . . Class A at 1:45 pm, Class AA at 3:30 pm.