

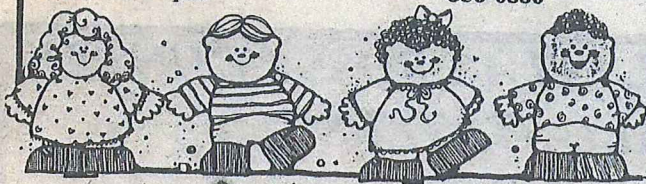
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# XC teams have bright future

The high school cross country season is over, but it's not too early to start thinking about next year.

Many area teams should be tough next year including the Mahomet Seymour High School boys.

This year they placed fourth in the state meet without their number one runner Grant Iles who is a junior and spent a majority of the season on the sideline with an illness.

Junior Phil Alexander should combine with Iles to give a powerful one-two punch. Alexander earned all-state honors last Saturday by finishing 16th in the state meet.

The Bulldogs are already looking forward to next year.

"It depends a lot on if Grant can get healthy and if we can get Josh (Mock) up there with us," Alexander said.

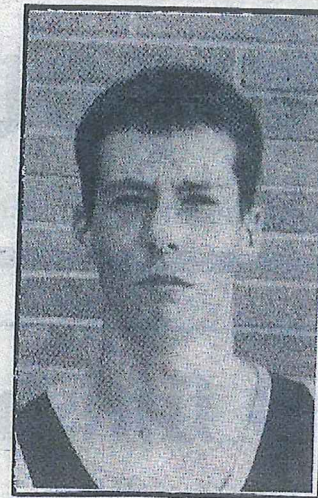
Iles agreed, "Next year I will be working extra hard to get back to where I was. I want us to finish higher than fourth."

M-S will have to replace a solid senior class.

"I think we're losing a lot of seniors and that will



*Jesse Schweig*



*Tim Hogan*



*Josh Mock*

hurt, but we are deep," Jesse Schweig said.

Schweig is a junior while Mock is a freshman. Both gained valuable state meet experience this year.

Other Bulldogs who should help next year are Ryan Pittman and Ryan Clements. Eighth grader Jereme Eckhoff should also be a valuable asset.

■ **Experience counts.**

St. Joseph-Ogden High School will lose all-stater Jon Jamison and Josh Hale, but they got everyone else returning including all-stater Adam Marriott.

"We're hoping this top 10 finish in state this year we'll get everyone fired up for next year," SJO Head Coach Jim Acklin said



*Sarah Bobsin*



*Laura Lege*

Those gaining state meet experience this year included the freshmen trio of Matt Hale, Mike McDannald, and Brad Hart. Junior Jay Rohde also competed in his first state meet.

was not only a runner, but she strong leader."

M-S will have legitimate candidates in sophomore Sarah Bobsin and Alana Booth.