

# M-S, SJO finish year in top ten at state meet

## ■ Jamison places 4th for Spartans

Last Saturday the Mahomet Seymour High School boys' cross country team completed a goal that they had been working on for one year.

Jon Jamison, Adam Marriott, and the St. Joseph-Ogden High School team all got their goals as well.

Last Saturday marked the grand finale of the cross country season at Detweiller Park, Peoria, as the state's best competed in the IHSA Class A State Championship.

The Bulldogs placed fourth as a team while SJO came in 10th. Jamison of SJO, Phil Alexander of M-S, and Adam Marriott of SJO all earned all-state honors by placing in the top 25 individually.

"I felt good about everything they've done the last couple of weeks," M-S Head Coach John King said, "We wanted to get out at the start and get the pack ahead early which we did."

Last year the M-S boys surprised everybody by placing 10th at the state meet with no seniors. That performance gave sight to this year's result.

"I'm pretty happy," M-S senior Josh Smith said, "This is something we have wanted since last year and we got it."

Despite the fact that they had everybody returning off last year's team the Bulldogs ended up only ranked sixth in the final Class A state poll.

"For the conditions we ran pretty well," M-S

senior Chad Avery said, "We proved the rankings wrong and we achieved our overall goal."

M-S senior Neil Banwart agreed, "We had to overcome a lot of adversity, but we still accomplished our initial goal."

Alexander led the way with a 22nd place finish in 15:55. Banwart was 45th in 16:18, Smith 47th in 16:19, Avery 61st in 16:23, Scott DeWitt 86th in 16:43, Jesse Schweig 107th in 16:53, and Josh Mock 116th in 17:04.

## ■ SJO right on schedule.

SJO Head Coach Jim Acklin traditionally has his teams peaking at the right time, the state meet.

"I told the boys a couple of weeks ago with three potential all-staters





# 1995 IHSA CLASS A CROSS COUNTRY ALL-STATERS



**JON  
JAMISON**

**PHIL  
ALEXANDER**

**ADAM  
MARRIOTT**

didn't need great  
th and fifth runners to  
well," Acklin said.

The SJO trio of  
son, Marriott, and  
Hale did not  
appoint.

Jamison came in  
th in 15:16, Marriott  
16th in 15:45, and  
was 29th in 16:08.

I was nervous the first  
I was cramping,"  
son said, "After that  
I just decided to stay  
and concentrate on  
pace."

Jamison was 13th after  
first 800 and eighth  
the first mile.

Marriott was 20th with  
meters to go, but he  
off to finish 16th.

felt great," Marriott  
"I'm glad I got  
ate. It's a relief."

Hale participated in

first state meet and just  
missed earning all-state  
honors. He was in 42nd  
place with 1,000 meters to  
go.

"He passed a lot of  
bodies in the end," Acklin  
said, "He was pretty tough  
especially considering it  
was his first state meet  
ever."

Hale agreed, "I did

better than I thought and I  
gotta be happy with what I  
did. I just wish I had  
another year to expand on  
what I did this year."

Other SJO finishers  
were Matt Hale 127th in  
17:17, Brad Hart, 145th in  
17:46, Jay Rohde 151st in  
18:03, and Mike  
McDannald 165th in  
18:42.



*Neil Banwart*



*Josh Smith*

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