

Uni High ^{10/12/96} takes title from M-S

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If cross-country titles were awarded on the basis of which team has all of its runners finish the fastest, the Mahomet-Seymour boys' team would have walked away from its own invitational Saturday with the championship.

The Bulldogs' core of Phil Alexander, Josh

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Mock, Scott De-
witt, Grant Iles
and Jesse

Schweig all came in between sixth (Alexander) and 26th (Schweig).

M-S was denied the title, though, when Urbana University High's Christian Suloway edged Cowden-Herrick's Jason Dunaway for 34th place to give the Illineks the team crown.

Three Illineks (Jeff Helfrich, Andrew Medendorp and Adam Reynolds) finished in the top 10 as Uni High edged the Bulldogs 80-81 in the team standings.

Helfrich ran the 3-mile course in 15 minutes, 51 seconds to take fifth. Medendorp was ninth (16:00) and Reynolds 10th (16:04). Paul Herendeen finished in 28th for Uni before Suloway ran home quick enough to preserve the victory.

Tuscola sophomore Robert Hanners beat runner-up Ryan Young of Prairie Central by 18 seconds to win the individual title. Hanners was timed in 15:21.

Rob Gardner was the first Champaign Central runner across the line. He placed 14th (16:17) as the Maroons finished eighth in the 23-school field. Eric Browning's 21st-place finish led Centennial to 10th place. Urbana finished 23rd.

In the girls' race, Central had two runners finish in the top five as the Maroons won the team title.

Kate Murray finished the 2-mile race in third (13:33) and Felicia Breen was fifth (13:37) for Central, which beat St. Joseph-Ogden 74-78.

SJ-O freshman Amy Roberts finished second to meet winner Lindsay Newlin of Georgetown-Ridge Farm. Newlin finished in 13:18, beating Roberts by eight seconds. Kara Franzen finished in 10th (13:56) for the Spartans.

Salt Fork's Kim Meyers finished fourth (13:37) to lead the Storm to a fourth-place showing. Urbana, behind Stacie Beasley's fifth, finished fifth in the team standings.

M-S' Sarah Bobsin finished ninth overall as the Bulldogs placed third.