



Schlarman junior Scott Krapf displays some of the hardware he's already won in his cross-country career. Rick Dantz/The News-Gazette

# TIME OF HIS LIFE

Hilltoppers junior  
searching for more  
— and having fun

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DANVILLE — Moments after logging his second straight all-state finish at the Class A cross-country meet, Scott Krapf was talking about working harder for next year.

Krapf had just finished a season worthy of earning the first News-Gazette Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year honor, but he wasn't satisfied. So about 48 hours after the finals, Krapf ran 6 miles and began hard training for a series of upcoming amateur races.

"It's been a good year overall, but I'm one of those people who only want to be the best," Krapf said. "To get 14th, it's all-state and I'm proud of that. But I'm going to hopefully try for the state championship next year."

Krapf's junior season included seven first-place finishes in 15 races, three runner-up medals, the first Vermillion Valley Conference title, a regional championship and that 14th-place finish at state. He led the Hilltoppers to a fourth-place finish as a team.

"I was pretty much pleased with how the season was," coach Brian Rohrbach said. "He put in a pretty good summer of miles. He went to the Arkansas camp and learned a little bit more the second time around. He really progressed as a runner."

Even when Krapf finished fourth at the Spartan Classic, he broke Kyle O'Brien's school record. Krapf ran the course in 14 minutes, 45 seconds, edging his friend's mark by a second.

"I finally got it," Krapf said. "That was one of my goals this year. Last year, I came within six seconds of him. He's a good friend. I haven't seen him yet, but we'll talk about it."

Krapf ran an AAU national qualifier Saturday in Elgin and has the Foot Locker Cross-Country Championships on Nov. 27 in Kenosha, Wis. He's already thinking about indoor track and even his summer schedule with an eye on next year's state finals.

"I've learned a few things over the past two seasons," Krapf said. "I tried to change a few things. I have to do harder training throughout the summer. I have to put in a lot more miles. I

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Keith Butler	Jr.	Monticello
Aaron Golden	Jr.	Schlarman
Michael Kesler	Jr.	Champaign Central
Jeff Miller	Sr.	Schlarman

## HONORABLE MENTION

	Jr.	Jr.	
Scott Phelps	Jr.	Monticello	
Dan Rolando	Jr.	Centennial	
Justin Sebens	So.	Mahomet-Seymour	
Brendan Smith	Sr.	Schlarman	
Nathan Warstler	So.	Georgetown-Ridge Farm	

## AWARDS CEREMONIES

The schedule for The News-Gazette's fall sports honors:

- Oct. 26: Girls' golf
- Nov. 2: Boys' golf
- Nov. 9: Girls' tennis
- Nov. 11: All-Area boys' soccer
- Today: Boys' cross-country
- Thursday: All-Area volleyball
- Nov. 23: Girls' cross-country
- Nov. 30: Girls' swimming & diving
- Dec. 2: All-Area football