

# Boys' cross country plagued by illness, girls' team finishes strong at State

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After an incredible season, the Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross country team was plagued with illness during the IHSA State finals Saturday.

The Bulldogs were ranked second in the State by [dyestatil.com](#) for eight consecutive weeks. They finished 15th as a team at the State finals.

Front runner Alex Keeble made an attempt to run with a fever, but had to pull out of the race after the first mile. Head coach Neal Garrison said the field seemed to be about 20 second slower than normal due to recent rains on the Peoria course.

Despite slower times overall, freshmen Andrew Walmer ran a lifetime 3-mile best at 15:52. He earned Illinois Elite Status by [dyestatil.com](#). This is the fastest freshmen time at an IHSA State meet in school history. Walmer placed 62<sup>nd</sup> overall and was the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest freshmen.

James Williams finished second for the Bulldogs at 16:02. He placed 90<sup>th</sup>. William Wolf placed 113<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 16:16.

"Our team had incredible support throughout the year from our parents, the alumni, the alumni parents, administration and their teammates," Garrison said. "The State meet brought out the most amount of fan support we have had in years.

The Mahomet-Seymour girls' cross country team finished 20th at the IHSA State meet Saturday.

Lauren Whitehouse finished first for the Bulldogs at 18:09. She finished 26th overall. Abigail Neilsen finished 47th overall at 18:48.