

Athletes of the Week



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Alex Keeble

Mahomet-Seymour cross-country

Why he was chosen: The Bulldogs junior didn't hit his PR in winning Saturday's 20-team Lanphier Invitational with a time of 15 minutes, 7 seconds (that came a week earlier in Charleston with a 14:58), but his win on a sloppy, hilly course was a strong finish.

From Keeble: "It was a lot of fun, honestly. I started out pretty fast — probably faster than I should have, to be honest — but I tried to get away from the pack early so I could run my own race. I think a lot of this should be attributed to my team as well because they ran incredibly well."

I'm always texting ... Liz Perra, my girlfriend.
I'd love to drive ... a '71 Chevelle SS.

I need an autograph from ... It changes a lot. Honestly, right now it would probably be Hoodie Allen. I've been listening to his music for a while, and he just recently hit it really big, which I've been waiting for.

A movie I want to see is ... "Unbroken," coming out this Christmas. I read the book, and it was really good.

I need concert tickets to ... Hoodie Allen.

My first job was ... detasseling.

I started distance running during ... seventh-grade track season. I remember in seventh grade one day, actually, I had been a sprinter and decided to go on an actual run, and it felt really good. I trained for a half-marathon that year. I've been training for those long distance ever since.

The best thing about running is ... my teammates being with me every run. I love the fact that my teammates love running as much as I do. It creates a great atmosphere to be around, and it's so much fun to have them pushing me every day in the long runs.

The worst moment of a race is ... about a mile and a fourth to a mile and a half. It's right before the race is halfway over and it already hurts, and it's like, "Oh, jeez, I have to do that again and try to do it faster."

In five years, I see myself ... hopefully in college training to be a physical therapist or a personal trainer or something in sports medicine and, again, hopefully running in college.

Before a meet ... I always leave my jersey in the exact same place every night. It's on my door — kind of a weird place to put it, but I just throw it up there and know it's there all night and know it's there in the morning.

After a meet ... I always go home and drink three huge glasses of chocolate milk.

My pet peeve is ... when people chew really loud.