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Prep report 10/19/14: U High girls win Corn Belt by one point

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The University High School girls cross country team won its fifth consecutive Corn Belt Conference title by the narrowest of margins at Normal's Fairview Park on Saturday.

The No. 8-state ranked Pioneers scored 47 points to 48 for runner-up Mahomet-Seymour, which saw its own Lauren Whitehouse take the individual title in 17 minutes, 54 seconds on the 3-mile course.

Olympia's Shelby Siltman was second (18:19) and defending champion Shannon Supan of U High fourth (19:07). Quincy McSweeney ran fifth (19:12) for third-place Eureka (75).

Also scoring for the Pioneers were Madigan Landess (6th, 19:17), Advika Kamatar (7th, 19:20), Riley Madix (11th, 19:47) and Ally Shepherd (19th, 20:33).

For the boys, No. 2-ranked Mahomet-Seymour (21), led by individual winner Alex Keeble (15:13), repeated as champion ahead of U High (46) and Olympia (85).

Defending champion Alexander Bruno of U High was second (15:21). Other Bulldog scorers were William Wolf (3rd, 15:22), Jack Hyde (4th, 15:35), Ben Craw (5th, 15:37) and Brian Butcher (8th, 15:56).

NCHS boys threeppeat: Normal Community's boys scored 57 points to win their third consecutive Big 12 Conference title at Peoria's Detweiller Park. Danville was second with 72 while Normal West ran fifth (102) and Bloomington seventh (175).

Third-placer Jared Peters led the Ironmen on the 3-mile course in 15:28. Danville's Caleb Hummer won in 14:42. Also scoring for NCHS were Carson McCormick (4th, 15:33), Austin Peters (6th, 15:46), Mitch Turner (21st, 16:34) and Ben Lawrence (23rd, 16:37).

Normal West was led by Matt DeGroot (11th, 15:55) while BHS was paced by Austin Bicknell (13th, 16:01).

For the girls, individual champion Maryjeanne Gilbert (16:43) led Peoria Notre Dame (39) to the team title ahead of defending champion NCHS (49) and Normal West (93). BHS was sixth (165).

Danielle Beckstead paced NCHS in second (17:56). West was led by Sara Piller in fifth (18:32). Other top area finishers were Rachel Zimmerman (6th, 18:53) and Muriel Bean (10th, 19:03) of NCHS and Bre Fairley of BHS (11th, 19:06).

Galloway wins at Peoria: Sophomore Daly Galloway of the Gardner-Dwight co-op won the 262-runner Patriot Invitational in 17:21 at Peoria's Detweiller Park. She topped the runner-up by 19