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Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams at Mahomet-Seymour won conference titles in Eureka on Saturday.

# CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Both MSHS cross country teams clinch Corn Belt titles in Eureka

*Keeble shatters Corn Belt meet record dating back to 1990*

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The boys' cross country runners continue to set records and stay ranked as the No. 1 team in Class 2A and one of the top ten teams in the nation.

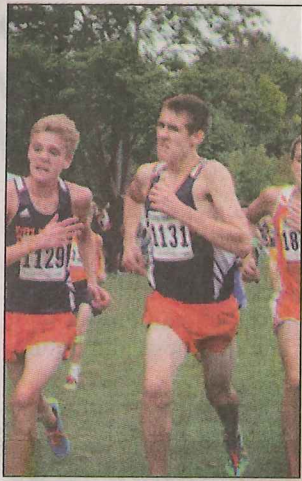
The Bulldogs scored the fewest points ever (20) to dominate the Corn Belt Conference meet hosted by Eureka High School on Saturday.

As the conference meet varsity champion, Alex Keeble shattered the Corn Belt meet record and broke the course record with a time of 14:36. Dan Nielsen set the previous meet record in 1990 with a time of 15:03.

Keeble also ran the fastest senior time ever run by a Mahomet runner at any meet in 46 years and is currently ranked in the top 50 individuals in the nation.

M-S won the conference meet for the third year in a row—their only championships since entering the Corn Belt meet in 1986.

Bulldog runners earned six of the first eight All-



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Conference honors (out of ten possible medal winners): 1) Keeble 3) Andrew Walmer 4) Gabe Pommer 5) Ben Craw 7) Brian Butcher and 8) Jack Hyde.

M-S also won the conference open race with a score of 17 points, only two higher than the perfect score of 15.

Again, the Bulldogs placed six runners in the top ten.

Bryson Keeble, who ran the fastest for a freshman,



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## *Whitehouse leads girls to top finish as team looks to Regional*

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The girls' cross country team won the Corn Belt Conference with a score of 43 at Lake Eureka Park Saturday.

The Bulldogs finished with three runners in the top ten, and all the top M-S runners finished with personal best times.

Lauren Whitehouse was race champion with a personal best of 17:38.90, and beat her nearest competitor by over 20 seconds. Teammate Brisa McGrath

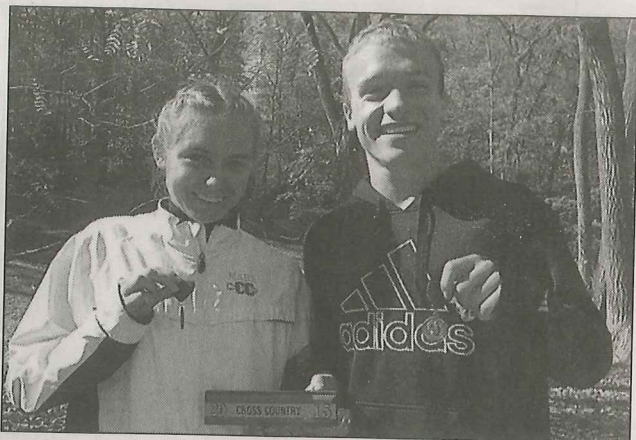
placed fourth with a personal best at 18:26.40.

Jenna Straub rounded out the top ten for the Bulldogs with another personal best time of 18:39.40.

Samira Kassem (19:28.20) and Olivia Meyer (19:42.00) finished 14th and 15th, respectively, and finished with personal best times.

Maddie Buzicky and Kaitlin Lewis placed 22nd and 24th with times of 19:58.81 and 20:04.

The team is scheduled to enter the IHSA Class 2A Regional meet Saturday.



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Top finishers Lauren Whitehouse and Alex Keeble show off their medals after Saturday's meets.

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was the conference meet open champion, followed by Mathias Powell in second place and Garret Williams in third.

Riley Fortune and Joe Churm placed fifth and sixth, while Lucas Chittick rounded out the top ten with

a ninth place finish.

The team also had the overall lowest team (15:02.4) and the top 5 averages (16:35.0) since joining the invitational.

The team is scheduled to enter the IHSA Class 2A Regional meet Saturday.