

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Teams advance to State

### Boys clinch Sectional title; girls place 5th at Normal U-High

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The Mahomet-Seymour boys' cross country team continued to run past its competitors to win its fifth straight IHSA Class 2A Sectional title at Normal University Saturday.

"Despite the horrible cold, wind, and rain the team ran a strong race," said coach Neal Garrison. "They represented our team and school well."

Alex Keeble was the runner-up with a time of 15:24.4.

Keeble, Gabe Pommier (15:39.4), and Brian Butcher (15:40.1) earned All-Sectional honors by placing in the top 10. Pommier finished eighth and Butcher placed tenth.

"We have only had 15 runners earn All-Sectional honors in our 46-year history," said Garrison. "This is the first time we have had three runners in the same year accomplish this feat."

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Rainy, cold weather didn't deter the boys' team (top right) and the girls' team (right) from logging top performances at the IHSA 2A sectional on Saturday.

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The top 7 runners were senior Alex Keeble, junior Gabe Pommier, junior Brian Butcher, sophomore Ryan Hodge, sophomore Riley Fortune, freshman Bryson Keeble, and freshman Mathias Powell.

Alternates are senior Jack Hyde, junior Andrew Walmer, junior Ben Craw, sophomore Joe Churm, and sophomore Garret Williams.

“This qualifies our team to race in the State meet,” said Garrison. “This is the first time in our 46-year history that Mahomet-Seymour has had a team qualify for State five years in a row.”

M-S will try to improve its 176-3 record and bring home a State title during the Class 2A State meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria Saturday.

