

14TH ALL-AREA BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

RUNNER OF THE YEAR: ARTHUR-LOVINGTON-ATWOOD-HAMMOND'S LOGAN HALL

STEADY CLIMB

Illinois signee on pace to accomplish even more

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ARTHUR — Logan Hall's sophomore year of high school may have been the most important time of his young life.

That's not a simple thing to nail down for an athlete who since has won a state track and field title and notched two top-three finishes at the state cross-country meet. But his second year as a prep athlete contained some life-changing moments in his development as a runner.

Hall accepted the coaching services of Justin Jones and met standout Oakwood runner Jon Davis. He also was preparing for life under new

Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond coach Derik Eaton.

All of these happenings, combined with Hall's tireless work ethic, pushed him to the aforementioned success, a spot in the Illinois men's distance program and recognition as The News-Gazette's 2017 All-Area Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year.

Did Hall imagine all of this was possible when he first competed for the Knights' cross-country team?

"Definitely not," he said with a chuckle. "I definitely didn't think about it at all. I thought I would be a pretty decent runner. I didn't know how I would compete against grown men, being a freshman. But it's working out pretty well."

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Logan Hall of Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond had the area's top time this past season and placed second in state in Class 1A.

N-G Boys' Cross-Country Runners of the Year

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL
2017	Logan Hall	ALAH
2016	Andrew Walmer	Mahomet-Seymour
2015	Jon Davis	Oakwood
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2012	Nick Hess	St. Thomas More
2011	Steve Schroeder	Monticello

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2010	Steve Schroeder	Monticello
2009	Ryan Root	Centennial
2008	Tom Pacey	Paxton-Buckley-Loda
2007	Justin Jones	Oakwood
2006	Nathan Warstler	Georgetown-RF
2005	Scott Krapf	Schlarman
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N-G Boys' Cross-Country Coaches of the Year

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL
2017	Neal Garrison	Mahomet-Seymour
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2015	Dike Stirrett	Unity
2014	Dave Rimmert	Monticello
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2012	David Behm	St. Thomas More
2011	Dike Stirrett	Unity

Inside: Meet the rest of our All-Area boys' cross-country team, plus Coach of the Year, Mahomet-Seymour's Neal Garrison, B-2.