


Sports

# Bulldog cross country and volleyball on a roll, Band named Grand Champions



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Mahomet-Seymour's state-ranked girls' cross-country team had eight runners place among the top 50 in Saturday's 224-runner invitational at Metamora.

The Bulldogs, ranked fourth in Class 2A, won the 21-school meet with 96 points.

The individual leaders were runner-up Elizabeth Sims, who covered the 2.94-mile course in 17 minutes, 45.4 seconds and Brisa McGrath, who placed seventh in 18:03.4.

M-S' next six placers entered the chute within 42 seconds of one another.

They were: Olivia Bunting (26th in 19:02.3), Delaney King (30th in 19:05.3), Madi Balbach (40th in 19:20.7), Grace Lietz (41st in 19:23.3), Klein Powell (46th in 19:44.3) and Chloe Allen (47th in 19:44.6).

In rankings compiled by milesplitIL.com, M-S is fourth, trailing Vernon Hills, Belvidere and Dixon.

In the freshmen-sophomore division, Fiona Taylor ended 36th in 22:11.9.

M-S returns to action on Tuesday in the Apollo Conference meet at Scovill Golf Course, in Decatur.

Boys' cross-country

Individual champion Mathias Powell helped M-S — ranked 10th in Class 2A — finish fourth among 24 teams in the Metamora Invitational on Saturday.

Normal University High (72 points) was the meet winner, followed by Bloomington (99), Pekin (125) and the Bulldogs (127).

Powell's winning time for the 2.94-mile course was 14:55.2. He finished 31.5 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

The other top 10 placer for M-S was Bryson Keeble (10th in 15:58.7).

Five teammates completed the course among the top 90 on a day 301 runners finished.

Kyle Nofziger was 14th in 16:08.3, Jonah Singer was 34th in 16:40.1,

Joseph Scheele was 77th in 17:23.5, David Wilcoski was 81st in 17:27.7, and Joe Taylor was 87th in 17:30.0.

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## Volleyball

Savannah Matthews posted a double-double, but the Bulldogs (14-10) had their four-match winning streak ended on Thursday with a 25-20, 25-16 loss at Taylorville.

Matthews had 10 kills and 12 digs.

Ellie Beach had a team-high 15 digs and Lauren Minick chipped in with five kills.

Kayin Garner led M-S with 19 assists. She had one service ace as did Matthews and Josie Hess.

Amber Yeakel and Brooklyn Houser each had one block.

The Bulldogs are 7-3 in Apollo Conference matches.

M-S is back on the court Tuesday with a home match against Clinton.

In Saturday's junior varsity tournament at Mahomet, the Bulldogs ended fourth.

M-S swept Bloomington Central Catholic 25-16, 25-21 and Chicago Roosevelt 25-11, 25-18. In pool play, eventual runner-up Olympia handed the Bulldogs a 25-20, 25-20 loss.

In the third-place match, M-S fell to Pontiac, 25-21, 18-25, 15-7.