

Boys' cross-country Bulldogs recognized

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MAHOMET — Mahomet-Seymour sophomore Kyle Nofziger was named second-team All-Area by the News-Gazette on Sunday. Nofziger finished 53rd overall at state with a time of 15:54.

"Kyle led our team all season and even at State he continued to do so," M-S head coach Neal Garrison said. "Kyle broke into the 15s again at the State meet where he ran within four seconds of his lifetime 3-mile best. His time was fast enough to earn the 10th fastest time of any M-S sophomore at the State meet in the past 50 years. Kyle showed great leadership the entire season in both meets and practices."

Nofziger also placed second in the Apollo Conference race. Nofziger had a strong case for first-team All-Area. The junior will undoubtedly be one of the top runners in the area next season.

Junior Nick Mies, sophomore Joseph Scheele and sophomore Jonah Singer were named honorable mention All-Area.

Nofziger, Mies, Scheele and Singer all finished in the top 20 at the Apollo Conference meet to help the Bulldogs with the conference crown.

Mies was a major reason why the Bulldogs placed 11th at state. Mies finished 47th overall with a time of 15:49.

"The addition of Nick to the team

has really helped push our team to the next level," Garrison said. "His time was the 17th fastest time of any M-S junior that has run in the State meet in the past 50 years. He was the 20th fastest junior from any team in the State meet and is the 23rd fastest time of any returning runner going into next year's season."

Scheele and Singer are two high-ceiling sophomores who are just finding their groove.

"Jonah's improvement throughout the season really helped make the team great," Garrison said. "Joseph fought through an injury to get back for the state meet. His contributions were huge to our success."

