

Bulldogs take steps toward reaching full potential

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MAHOMET — Mahomet-Seymour boys cross-country finished sixth at the 53rd Lee Halberg Lanphier Invitational on Sept. 14.

Head coach Neal Garrison was pleased with the effort of his Bulldogs, as the competition was very stiff and top runner Nick Mies took a hard fall and that affected his final time big-time.

M-S finished with 197 team points. Mundelein (43 points) ran away with the title of the 20-team invitational. Monticello took second. Chatham Glenwood won the Class 2A state title last year, and they placed third. Springfield took second in Class 2A last year, and they were fourth.

"They did what they needed to do at this meet to make steps toward reaching their full poten-

tial by the end of the season," Garrison said. "They ran controlled and also worked on some aspects of hill-running that will benefit them in the future."

Sophomores Kyle Nofziger and Joseph Scheele ran together throughout the race, and they both finished with medals. Nofziger was 15th and Scheele was 16th.

"They are really working as a smaller team within a team during

practice and meets to help our overall team," Garrison noted.

Joe Taylor and Nick Mies both crossed the line at the 18:11 mark to place 54th and 55th overall.

"Nick Mies took a hard spill, but got up to finish the race," Garrison said. "Nick showed great courage to do this."

Josh Wilcoski cruised to a 66th-place finish with a time of 18:32.

In the 2-mile freshman

race, Hayden Grotelueschen blazed his way to a fourth-place medal. Grotelueschen finished in 11 minutes, 25 seconds which was a lifetime best time. Gage Williams was seventh at 12:21 and Ben Williams also added a top-10 finish.

In the junior varsity race, M-S finished fifth. Caleb Dowers and Peter Slezak both had strong performances. Dowers shaved 1 minute and 23

seconds off his time from last week to place 14th (18:53). Slezak took 23rd with a time of 19:50.

Garrison also noted that David Wilcoski, Jonah Singer and John Tender stood out during the junior varsity race.

Looking ahead

The Bulldogs will compete in the Richard Spring Invitational on Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria.