



"Super Heros support Leafs at Sectional Meet"

Nate Silver ("N"), Blake Wyffels ("A"), Erik Kowits ("T"), Ryan Kotecki ("E"), Jordan Wildermuth (Spiderman), Bill Barton (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtla Donatello), Pete Nelson (Firefighter), and Caleb Diericx (Superman) braved the cold and wind on Saturday to support Nathan Schlindwein and the Lady Leafs in their Sectional Meet performances.

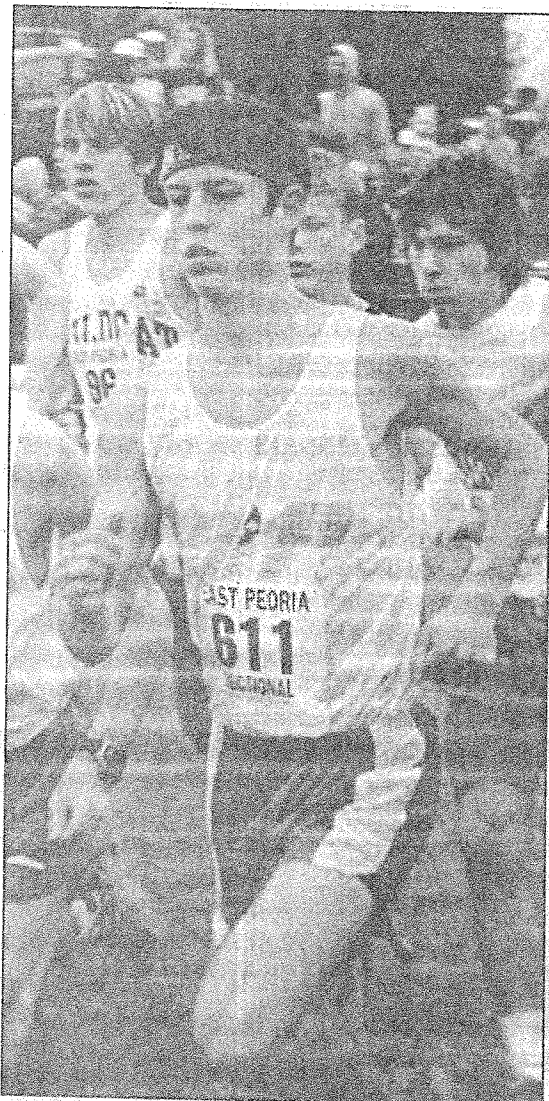
"Schlindwein and Wyffels just miss qualifying for state"

On Saturday the Lady Leafs team and individual qualifier Nathan Schlindwein traveled to East Peoria to participate in the IHSA Sedtional Final. Nathan Schlindwein (29th) and Rachel Wyffels (17th) were near misses. The Lady Leaf's team ran a strong race and finished 14th in the powerful field. The conditions were challenging as 30 MPH winds with gusts up to 43 MPH with wet and muddy ground conditions. The team was supported by a large Geneseo contingent led by the "Super Heroes"

RESULTS

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Cross Country finishes season at sectionals



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NATHAN SCHLINDWEIN makes his way through the pack during his race at the sectional meet last Sat. Oct. 30.



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ELIZA CROPP takes on the course during competition at the sectional meet last Sat. Oct. 30 in East Peoria.

Cameron runs to title;

Panthers second as a team

► Cross country state qualifiers

Class AA

Team: United Township boys (2nd), Moline boys (T-5th).

Individual: Boys — Austin Green, Rock Island (9th); **Girls** — Brittany Minor, Moline (8th).

Class A

Team: Alleman boys (1st-Oregon), Bureau Valley girls (2nd-Oregon), Sherrard girls (5th-Oregon), Monmouth girls (4th-Elmwood).

Individual: Boys — Mike Grieve, Bureau Valley (3rd); Dorian Ulrey, Riverdale (4th).

By Shannon Heaton
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EAST PEORIA — Forgive Kyle Cameron for taking a split second to enjoy the moment.

He spent the last two weeks chasing other cross country runners — including a disappointing, for him, seventh at the Western Big 6 Conference Meet and second last weekend at the Class AA Galesburg Regional. But on Saturday the United Township senior found himself approaching the final 10 meters of the East Peoria Sectional with a clear view in front of him and no one that close behind.

As he crossed the Illinois Central College 2.98-mile course's finish line in first place, he slowed, raised both hands in the air and with fists clenched, let out a loud, satisfying "Yeah!"

"It's unbelievable, like the biggest rush ever in my life," Cameron said of winning the sectional, duplicating the feat that Panther alum Brian Taghon, now running at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, pulled off on the same course three years ago. "Today, I was out there running for the other six guys, to help get them to state and help them reach their dreams while at the same time fulfilling mine."

Cameron's sectional title led the Panthers to a second-place finish (113 points), just nine points behind Rockford Guilford, and qualifying UT for next week's Class AA state meet at Peoria's Detweiller Park. It's the first time a Panther team has gone to state in cross

country since 1980.

"There's not much coaching involved at this point in the season. Right now I just show up for practice, watch them and enjoy it," UT coach Russ Boore said. "It's one of the tightest teams I've ever coached. It's a beautiful thing to see."



Kyle
Cameron

Meanwhile, Moline's boys also advanced, though it isn't possible to make the margin of error any closer. The Maroons tied with Metamora for fifth place at 187 points, with all teams tied for fifth qualifying for state.

"We're always happy to get kids down to the state meet; we just wish we'd had better circumstances where we're not standing around worrying about it," Moline coach Jeff Quick said. "We were able to get (senior) Alex Hutchins to

state all four years. We've trained to run at Detweiller. I always expect us to go to state."

The Quad-Cities area also had two individual qualifiers. Rock Island's Austin Green was ninth in the boys race and Moline's Brittany Minor was eighth in the girls competition.

But the day, such as it was with a soggy track at ICC with howling wind conditions, belonged to Cameron, who ran the perfect tactical race.

He was part of a trio of runners (with Galesburg's Tom Tate, who beat Cameron at regionals last week, and Pekin's Matt Koetter) just a step or so behind Bloomington's Andy Kubiak — predicted as the favorite coming into the race.

At the two-mile mark, when the course turns uphill and the wind began beating at the backs of the runners, Cameron made his move and Kubiak went with him, but the UT senior's half-

mile capability was too much and Cameron started pulling away with 600 meters to go.

"I figured that was the time to go, right when the wind was at our back, and it worked. I played my cards right," Cameron said. "(Before the two-mile mark) I wanted to stay with the leader the whole race. We were all trying to draft off of each other and stay out of the wind."

Green's ninth place qualified him for state as an individual, regardless of who else finished ahead of him, as all top-10 runners advanced. "I thought I probably had a chance (to qualify), but I didn't say it too much," said Green, who led the Rocks to a 10th-place team showing. "Qualifying was great, and then the team went all crazy. That's even better."

Minor will be the lone Q-C entrant at the AA girls state meet. She made sure of that with her finish, but the local teams in the field struggled (UT 12th, Geneseo 15th and Rock Island 17th).

"I was hoping to be a little farther up there (toward the leaders), but I'm just happy to be going (to state). Next week's place matters more, anyway," said Minor, who was in the lead pack of runners trailing winner Caitlin Comfort of Peoria Notre Dame and runnerup Stephanie Baliga of Rockford Auburn for most of the race.

"I was surprised that a lot of those girls had a lot left at the end, because I didn't have a lot left. Strength was the biggest thing today. No matter how fast you are, the wind pushed you back."

By AMY BOLDT
Sports Editor

Senior Nathan Schlindwein and junior Rachel Wyffels both just missed qualifying for the cross country state tournament last Saturday, Oct. 30. The sectional meet was held on the Illinois Central College campus in East Peoria.

Schlindwein, the only representative from the boys' team, finished the sectional race in 29th place with a time of 16 minutes and 51 seconds, just 31 seconds away from qualifying.

"Nathan was right there," Head Coach Don Fredericks said of Nathan's finish. "He ran basically a perfect race."

Schlindwein got cut off at the beginning of the race, but threw in some huge moves to gain a higher position in the pack, Fredericks said. He held his ground and continued to fight hard to move up in the field.

"I was so proud of him," Fredericks said. "He left it all on the course."

Wyffels also came close to qualifying with a 17th place finish in 19:40, only 23 seconds behind the last qualifier.

"Rachel ran a real smart and strong race and put her in a spot to contend for a qualifying position," Fredericks said.

The Lady Leafs came in 15th

place as a team with 309 points for the sectional race.

Freshman Eliza Cropp was the second Lady Leaf to cross the line for Geneseo coming in 62nd with a time of 20:41, only 1:01 behind Wyffels, while teammate senior Katie Croegaert finished in 21:09 for a 87th place finish.

Other Lady Leafs bringing in times for Geneseo were seniors Allison Curran in 90th place with a time of 21:11 and Erica Brenny in 21:32 for 105th. Teammates junior Sally Collis finished with a 22:24 for 132nd and sophomore Abby Winberry in 141st place with a time of 23:03.

"The team overall ran real well and I am very proud of the girls team," Fredericks said. "They ran to the best of their ability and finished with a great season."

"The three seniors, Erica, Allison and Katie, have done a great job and they have had an extremely successful high school cross country career," Fredericks said.

The Lady Leafs and Schlindwein, along with the rest of their teammates, ended this season as Coach Fredericks tells them with 'no excuses, no retreats and no regrets'.

Cross-Country Team Results
East Peoria Cross Country Girls Sectional
ICC, East Peoria, IL 10-30-2004 10:30am Windy, 60 degrees

1. NORMALCOMMUNITY
4 8 19 27 30 (40) (69) = 88
Katie Nelson, Olivia Myers, Megan Johnson, Emily Lyden,
Whitney Meyer, Stacey Turilli, Kristin Wall
2. EAST PEORIA
2 20 25 31 48 (78) (113) = 126
Mary Kate Beyer, Simone Parker, Tasha Messer, Brooke Potendyk,
Jaclyn Williamson, Caitlin Gross, Rachel Underwood
3. DEKALB
5 35 42 45 58 (84) (96) = 185
Ashley Schrader, Karlene Fox, Amber Froeming, Kayli Davison,
Krista Stafstrom, Mumo Masesi, Christy Collins
4. ROCKFORD BOYLAN
11 18 50 54 60 (63) (83) = 193
Sarah Hilby, Kristen Peterson, Erin Filak, Jessica Schmidt,
Britta Shold, Michelle Lind, Whitney Waldsmith
5. METAMORA
9 33 44 49 61 (85) (102) = 196
Jess Husted, Cailey Lantz, Mallory Schlink, Kelsie Holsapple,
Hannah Griffin, Emily Brinkman, Melissa Shults
6. BELVIDERE
10 26 46 62 72 (88) (99) = 216
Kim Voiles, Kim Boisvert, Ayesha Gloria, Megan Paul, Karla Schmidt,
Rachel Grove, Amber Hicks
7. NORMALWEST
3 15 29 82 93 (103) (108) = 222
Kayla Braffett, Rachel Wright, Maggie Krall, Mary Kenney,
Sara Miner, Julia Wehrenberg, Carianna Cottone
8. NOTRE DAME
1 38 56 68 73 (77) (91) = 236
Caitlin Comfort, Kim Willi, Ann Clark, Meghan Bongartz,
Megan Snodgrass, Carey Dahlquist, France Fricano
9. STERLING
32 39 43 67 70 (107) (128) = 251
Jaclyn Sciacero, Devon Carbaugh, Daujevon Clark, Megan Fliss,
Tasha Romano, Jessy Perz, Nicole Williams
10. DIXON
6 21 55 71 127 (132) = 280
Kate Gillespie, Bre Brevitt, Jordanna Schauff, Miranda Teller,
Whitney Didier, Lauren Roth
11. BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS
22 41 64 74 92 (100) (123) = 293
Amanda Potter, Alisha Lundmark, Samantha McConnaughy, Sarah Cox,
Katie Gremar, Lindsay Baker, Ashley Mulligan
12. UNITED TOWNSHIP
24 34 59 81 95 (105) (112) = 293
Casey Vanhecke, Tari Fisk, Lauren Savala, Janel Miller,
Brooke Ashcraft, Tabitha Sanders, Breanna Diaz
13. RICHWOODS
23 28 66 94 97 (118) (121) = 308
Katie Grinstead, Laura Craig, Theresa Smart, Robin Pestien,
Elizabeth Sinclair, Jenna Rieker, Olivia Coker
14. ROCKTON HONONEGAH
16 51 52 86 104 (110) (126) = 309
Paige Sopczic, Sophia Ponce, Tasha Atchley, Kristen Radtke,
Steffanie Bartholme, Andria Sopczak, Cara Hill
15. GENESEO
12 53 76 79 89 (114) (122) = 309
Rachel Wyffels, Eliza Cropp, Katie Croegaert, Alison Curran,
Erica Brenny, Sally Collis, Abby Winberry
16. DUNLAP
17 36 57 98 101 (117) (125) = 309

Samantha Conlee, Courtney Gilles, Colleen Fergusen, Becky Barqfrede,
Katie Small, Veronica Sparks, Erin Westerby

17. ROCK ISLAND

37 65 75 80 87 (109) (119) = 344

Erika Jakobsen, Julie Dietsch, Alyssa Leone, Joella Ruefer,
Mari Alvarado, Sara Segal, Kara Moroni

18. MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM

14 47 90 111 120 (124) (137) = 382

Amanda Switzer, Ashlee Smith, April Brown, Emily Cave,
Nicole Riddle, Kirsten Coffman, Kelly Madison

19. MORTON

13 106 115 129 134 (135) (136) = 497

Darcy King, Natasha Piper, Leslie Thomas, Tania Reitz, Amy Anderson,
Lyndsay Thomas, Megan Fischer

20. BLOOMINGTON

7 116 130 131 133 = 517

Ashley Verplank, Jenny Cook, Libby Geison, Rachel Schlagel,
Ashley Szabo

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Complete Overall Results
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Place	No.	Time	NAME	Team	TIME
1	270	1	Caitlin Comfort	NOTRE DAME	18:16
2	636		Stephanie Baliga	ROCKFORDAUBURN	18:35
3	262	2	Mary Kate Beyer	EAST PEORIA	18:59
4	325	3	Kayla Braffett	NORMALWEST	19:01
5	621		Nicole Benson	LIMESTONE	19:02
6	301	4	Katie Nelson	NORMALCOMMUNITY	19:04
7	422	5	Ashley Schrader	DEKALB	19:05
8	631		Brittany Minor	MOLINE	19:12
9	372	6	Kate Gillespie	DIXON	19:15
10	349	7	Ashley Verplank	BLOOMINGTON	19:17
11	302	8	Olivia Myers	NORMALCOMMUNITY	19:25
12	250	9	Jess Husted	METAMORA	19:26
13	622		Allison Glick	PEKIN	19:28
14	434	10	Kim Voiles	BELVIDERE	19:32
15	410	11	Sarah Hilby	ROCKFORD BOYLAN	19:32
16	632		Jessica Allen	CANTON	19:39
17	361	12	Rachel Wyffels	GENESEO	19:40
18	337	13	Darcy King	MORTON	19:41
19	457	14	Amanda Switzer	MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	19:41
20	326	15	Rachel Wright	NORMALWEST	19:45
21	447	16	Paige Sopocic	ROCKTON HONONEGAH	19:48
22	282	17	Samantha Conlee	DUNLAP	19:50
23	411	18	Kristen Peterson	ROCKFORD BOYLAN	19:51
24	303	19	Megan Johnson	NORMALCOMMUNITY	19:52
25	263	20	Simone Parker	EAST PEORIA	19:53
26	373	21	Bre Brevitt	DIXON	19:56
27	313	22	Amanda Potter	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	20:00
28	294	23	Katie Grinstead	RICHWOODS	20:07
29	378	24	Casey Vanhecke	UNITED TOWNSHIP	20:11
30	264	25	Tasha Messer	EAST PEORIA	20:13
31	638		Alison Kolinski	ROCKFORD EAST	20:13
32	435	26	Kim Boisvert	BELVIDERE	20:14
33	305	27	Emily Lyden	NORMALCOMMUNITY	20:15
34	232	28	Laura Craig	RICHWOODS	20:16
35	331	29	Maggie Krall	NORMALWEST	20:17
36	304	30	Whitney Meyer	NORMALCOMMUNITY	20:18
37	265	31	Brooke Potendyk	EAST PEORIA	20:18
38	633		Kayla Kauzlarich	MOLINE	20:19
39	388	32	Jaclyn Sciacero	STERLING	20:19
40	252	33	Cailey Lantz	METAMORA	20:20
41	379	34	Tari Fisk	UNITED TOWNSHIP	20:21
42	624		Sara Schlink	WASHINGTON	20:21
43	423	35	Karlene Fox	DEKALB	20:22
44	283	36	Courtney Gilles	DUNLAP	20:23
45	400	37	Erika Jakobsen	ROCK ISLAND	20:24
46	271	38	Kim Willi	NOTRE DAME	20:25
47	390	39	Devon Carbaugh	STERLING	20:25
48	306	40	Stacey Turilli	NORMALCOMMUNITY	20:26
49	623		Carrie Bunting	WASHINGTON	20:26
50	314	41	Alisha Lundmark	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	20:28

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Place	No.	TmPl	NAME	Team	TIME1
51	424	42	Amber Froeming	DEKALB 9	20:29
52	389	43	Daujevon Clark	STERLING 9	20:34
53	251	44	Mallory Schlink	METAMORA 11	20:34
54	425	45	Kayli Davison	DEKALB 10	20:35
55	438	46	Ayesha Gloria	BELVIDERE 9	20:37
56	458	47	Ashlee Smith	MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM 12	20:38
57	266	48	Jaclyn Williamson	EAST PEORIA 11	20:38
58	255	49	Kelsie Holsapple	METAMORA 11	20:39
59	414	50	Erin Filak	ROCKFORD BOYLAN 10	20:39
60	449	51	Sophia Ponce	ROCKTON HONONEGAH 11	20:40
61	446	52	Tasha Atchley	ROCKTON HONONEGAH 12	20:40
62	360	53	Eliza Cropp	GENESEO 9	20:41
63	416	54	Jessica Schmidt	ROCKFORD BOYLAN 12	20:42
64	374	55	Jordanna Schauff	DIXON 12	20:42
65	272	56	Ann Clark	NOTRE DAME 12	20:43
66	284	57	Colleen Fergusen	DUNLAP 11	20:43
67	426	58	Krista Stafstrom	DEKALB 12	20:43
68	382	59	Lauren Savala	UNITED TOWNSHIP 11	20:44
69	415	60	Britta Shold	ROCKFORD BOYLAN 10	20:45
70	253	61	Hannah Griffin	METAMORA 11	20:46
71	437	62	Megan Paul	BELVIDERE 9	20:47
72	637		Maria Solonyanko	ROCKFORDGUILFORD 12	20:47
73	413	63	Michelle Lind	ROCKFORD BOYLAN 9	20:52
74	315	64	Samantha McConnaughy	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS 10	20:56
75	401	65	Julie Dietsch	ROCK ISLAND 10	20:57
76	296	66	Theresa Smart	RICHWOODS 10	20:58
77	394	67	Megan Fliss	STERLING 11	20:59
78	273	68	Meghan Bongartz	NOTRE DAME 12	20:59
79	307	69	Kristin Wall	NORMALCOMMUNITY 12	21:00
80	391	70	Tasha Romano	STERLING 10	21:01
81	375	71	Miranda Teller	DIXON 10	21:01
82	639		Ashley Gabriel	FREEPORT 11	21:03
83	436	72	Karla Schmidt	BELVIDERE 10	21:04
84	276	73	Megan Snodgrass	NOTRE DAME 10	21:06
85	317	74	Sarah Cox	BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS 11	21:07
86	402	75	Alyssa Leone	ROCK ISLAND 10	21:08
87	362	76	Katie Croegaert	GENESEO 12	21:09
88	275	77	Carey Dahlquist	NOTRE DAME 9	21:10
89	267	78	Caitlin Gross	EAST PEORIA 9	21:10
90	364	79	Alison Curran	GENESEO 12	21:11
91	404	80	Joella Ruefer	ROCK ISLAND 11	21:11
92	381	81	Janel Miller	UNITED TOWNSHIP 10	21:13
93	327	82	Mary Kenney	NORMALWEST 12	21:14
94	626		Laura Harnish	PONTIAC 12	21:15
95	627		Anna Niebuhr	STREATOR 10	21:16
96	412	83	Whitney Waldsmith	ROCKFORD BOYLAN 12	21:17
97	427	84	Mumo Masesi	DEKALB 12	21:20
98	635		Brittni Moorehead	ROCHELLE 10	21:21
99	254	85	Emily Brinkman	METAMORA 10	21:22
100	448	86	Kristen Radtke	ROCKTON HONONEGAH 9	21:27

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ace	No.	TmPl	NAME	Team	TIME1
101	634		Katie Cowley	10 ROCHELLE	21:27
102	640		Leann Ippolito	12 ROCKFORDAUBURN	21:28
103	403	87	Mari Alvarado	9 ROCK ISLAND	21:29
104	439	88	Rachel Grove	11 BELVIDERE	21:31
105	363	89	Erica Brenny	12 GENESEO	21:32
106	459	90	April Brown	12 MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	21:32
107	274	91	France Fricano	12 NOTRE DAME	21:34
108	316	92	Katie Gremer	11 BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	21:35
109	328	93	Sara Miner	11 NORMALWEST	21:38
110	233	94	Robin Pestien	12 RICHWOODS	21:39
111	380	95	Brooke Ashcraft	10 UNITED TOWNSHIP	21:42
112	428	96	Christy Collins	10 DEKALB	21:47
113	298	97	Elizabeth Sinclair	11 RICHWOODS	21:49
114	285	98	Becky Barqfrede	12 DUNLAP	21:49
115	625		Marissa Menke	11 MANUAL	21:52
116	441	99	Amber Hicks	10 BELVIDERE	21:53
117	318	100	Lindsay Baker	11 BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	21:54
118	286	101	Katie Small	9 DUNLAP	21:57
119	258	102	Melissa Shults	11 METAMORA	21:59
120	333	103	Julia Wehrenberg	12 NORMALWEST	21:59
121	450	104	Steffanie Bartholme	10 ROCKTON HONONEGAH	22:00
122	383	105	Tabitha Sanders	12 UNITED TOWNSHIP	22:03
123	338	106	Natasha Piper	10 MORTON	22:06
124	392	107	Jessy Perz	12 STERLING	22:07
125	332	108	Carianna Cottone	10 NORMALWEST	22:11
126	407	109	Sara Segal	10 ROCK ISLAND	22:12
127	451	110	Andria Sopczak	9 ROCKTON HONONEGAH	22:14
128	628		Sadie Jacob	9 OTTAWA	22:15
129	461	111	Emily Cave	12 MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	22:15
130	384	112	Breanna Diaz	10 UNITED TOWNSHIP	22:23
131	268	113	Rachel Underwood	11 EAST PEORIA	22:23
132	365	114	Sally Collis	11 GENESEO	22:24
133	339	115	Leslie Thomas	12 MORTON	22:35
134	350	116	Jenny Cook	12 BLOOMINGTON	22:36
135	288	117	Veronica Sparks	12 DUNLAP	22:37
136	629		Abby Parsons	10 LASALLE-PERU	22:38
137	299	118	Jenna Rieker	11 RICHWOODS	22:41
138	405	119	Kara Moroni	9 ROCK ISLAND	22:48
139	462	120	Nicole Riddle	10 MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	22:48
140	300	121	Olivia Coker	9 RICHWOODS	22:55
141	368	122	Abby Winberry	10 GENESEO	23:03
142	319	123	Ashley Mulligan	11 BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	23:13
143	460	124	Kirsten Coffman	9 MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	23:14
144	287	125	Erin Westerby	9 DUNLAP	23:19
145	452	126	Cara Hill	9 ROCKTON HONONEGAH	23:24
146	377	127	Whitney Didier	10 DIXON	23:25
147	630		Sarah Jacob	11 OTTAWA	23:26
148	398	128	Nicole Williams	12 STERLING	23:27
149	341	129	Tania Reitz	12 MORTON	23:30
150	351	130	Libby Geison	11 BLOOMINGTON	23:31

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Place	No.	Time	NAME		Team	TIME1
151	353	131	Rachel Schlager	10	BLOOMINGTON	23:33
152	376	132	Lauren Roth	10	DIXON	23:36
153	352	133	Ashley Szabo	9	BLOOMINGTON	23:39
154	344	134	Amy Anderson	10	MORTON	24:13
155	342	135	Lyndsay Thomas	12	MORTON	24:34
156	340	136	Megan Fischer	9	MORTON	24:35
157	464	137	Kelly Madison	12	MACHESNEY PARKHARLEM	25:01
158	354		Laura Colee	12	BLOOMINGTON	25:52

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1. ROCKFORDGUILFORD
6 14 16 23 45 (47) (58) = 104
Dupre Jacques, Mark Martinez, John Mathews, Nathan Mallow,
Stephan Semmelroth, Crosby Sanders, James Noonan
2. UNITED TOWNSHIP
1 13 19 28 52 (81) (101) = 113
Kyle Cameron, Damon Bautista, Kevin DeWalsche, Chris Matthews,
Stefan Escontrias, David Nino, Jordan Jennings
3. BLOOMINGTON
4 20 32 33 44 (49) (71) = 133
Andy Kubiak, Ben Nathan, Rob Barkulis, Joey Waldorf, Doug Rever,
Matt Christensen, Brett Litwiller
4. BELVIDERE
17 22 30 39 48 (90) (91) = 156
Dan Myers, Andrew Paul, Tom Chambers, Derek Larson, Aric Romriell,
Aaron Leonard, John Redman
5. METAMORA
7 15 43 55 67 (76) (86) = 187
T.J. McMorrow, Nate Rauh, Scott Sabin, Bill Miller, Scott Perry,
Brenton Pfaff, Jeremy Bell
6. MOLINE
11 18 37 60 61 (79) (84) = 187
Alex Hutchins, Mark Gustafson, Chris Theofilis, Colby Schulz,
Jon Stoelk, Mitch Castel, Tim Doyle
7. NORMALCOMMUNITY
10 29 34 59 63 (96) (127) = 195
Chris Zook, Steven Hurth, Nick Corkill, Jared Starnes,
Brock McIntosh, Luke Beasley, Andrew Cummings
8. ROCKFORDJEFFERSON
12 42 50 51 53 (68) (88) = 208
Marc Corcoran, Joseph Kleczkowski, Jason Carlson, Hector Pacheco,
Nick Dugo, Nick Roeling, Aaron Kleczkowski
9. RICHWOODS
25 31 41 64 65 (80) (116) = 226
Ryan Smith, Doug Luebecke, Steve Frye, Kavan Shay, Matt Peharda,
Sydney Berkman, David Ferino
10. ROCK ISLAND
8 38 54 72 89 (108) = 261
Austin Green, Brad Begyn, Alex Seiver, Scott Sparkman, Steve Simmon,
Kevin Moroni
11. GALESBURG
2 26 36 99 126 (131) (132) = 289
Thomas Tate, Josh Bailey, Zach Yeager, Matthew Billeter,
Austin Meeker, Jacob Noll, Tom Fornander
12. LIMESTONE
9 27 73 97 100 (107) (111) = 306
T.R. Pursell, Chris Brown, Clay Staley, Nick Holmes, Brock Williams,
Kyle Lueken, Lance Tisdale
13. PEKIN
3 21 78 102 119 (120) (133) = 323
Matt Koetter, Jared Milam, Jody Parker, David Richards,
Mike Sheehan, Mike Walker, Caleb Spangler
14. MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM
5 62 77 83 110 (114) (134) = 337
Jared Richardson, Andrew Taylor, Justin Darden, Ben Dresser,
David Whitmore, John Schneider, Chattman Olson
15. SYCAMORE
56 70 74 75 85 (92) (93) = 360
Kyle Horst, Danny Decleene, Craig Pearson, Jeff Stolley, Levi Braun,
Dan Denig, Peter Grimson
16. DIXON
24 57 87 95 103 (122) (129) = 366

Jeff Mayer, Christian Clark, John Davenport, Tim Bentz,
Justin Jones, Nick Berardi, Chris Moss

17. DUNLAP

40 69 82 115 123 (136) (138) = 429

Brock Buttrick, Aaron King, Blake Brooks, Aaron Alcaraz,
Matt Harlan, Matthew Zmuda, Doug Sahm

18. MORTON

46 66 98 106 118 (121) (135) = 434

Max Behle, Tim Owdom, Zach Crandall, Ben Getz, Justin Phillis,
Scott Sheller, Justin McCollum

19. NORMALWEST

35 94 109 112 113 (125) (130) = 463

Jonny Kaufmann, Cory Thomas, Doug Lewis, Brant Basting,
Adam Kapraun, Alex Hickman, Reid Basting

20. LASALLE-PERU

104 105 117 124 128 (137) = 578

Bob Spelich, Luke Holmbeck, Jordan Rick, Kyle Jefferson,
Scott Clark, Steve Newcomer

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Place	No.	TmPl	NAME	Team	TIME1
1	114	1	Kyle Cameron 12	UNITED TOWNSHIP	15:38
2	162	2	Thomas Tate 12	GALESBURG	15:44
3	36	3	Matt Koetter 11	PEKIN	15:45
4	56	4	Andy Kubiak 12	BLOOMINGTON	15:47
5	220	5	Jared Richardson 11	MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	15:54
6	616		Ryan Jacobs 10	ROCKTON HONONEGAH	16:03
7	172	6	Dupre Jacques 12	ROCKFORDGUILFORD	16:12
8	13	7	T.J. McMorrow 9	METAMORA	16:17
9	138	8	Austin Green 11	ROCK ISLAND	16:18
10	25	9	T.R. Pursell 11	LIMESTONE	16:19
11	68	10	Chris Zook 11	NORMALCOMMUNITY	16:20
12	126	11	Alex Hutchins 12	MOLINE	16:25
13	196	12	Marc Corcoran 12	ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	16:27
14	116	13	Damon Bautista 12	UNITED TOWNSHIP	16:28
15	173	14	Mark Martinez 11	ROCKFORDGUILFORD	16:28
16	18	15	Nate Rauh 12	METAMORA	16:29
17	175	16	John Mathews 12	ROCKFORDGUILFORD	16:34
18	184	17	Dan Myers 12	BELVIDERE	16:38
19	127	18	Mark Gustafson 11	MOLINE	16:38
20	117	19	Kevin DeWalsche 11	UNITED TOWNSHIP	16:40
21	57	20	Ben Nathan 10	BLOOMINGTON	16:41
22	38	21	Jared Milam 12	PEKIN	16:42
23	185	22	Andrew Paul 11	BELVIDERE	16:45
24	176	23	Nathan Mallow 12	ROCKFORDGUILFORD	16:47
25	151	24	Jeff Mayer 11	DIXON	16:47
26	44	25	Ryan Smith 12	RICHWOODS	16:48
27	164	26	Josh Bailey 10	GALESBURG	16:49
28	26	27	Chris Brown 12	LIMESTONE	16:50
29	611		Nathan Schindwein 12	GENESE	16:51
30	115	28	Chris Matthews 11	UNITED TOWNSHIP	16:52
31	72	29	Steven Hurth 12	NORMALCOMMUNITY	16:53
32	187	30	Tom Chambers 12	BELVIDERE	16:54
33	46	31	Doug Luebcke 10	RICHWOODS	16:55
34	59	32	Rob Barkulis 11	BLOOMINGTON	16:55
35	58	33	Joey Waldorf 10	BLOOMINGTON	16:57
36	71	34	Nick Corkill 12	NORMALCOMMUNITY	16:58
37	92	35	Jonny Kaufmann 9	NORMALWEST	16:58
38	163	36	Zach Yeager 10	GALESBURG	16:59
39	129	37	Chris Theofilis 12	MOLINE	16:59
40	139	38	Brad Begyn 11	ROCK ISLAND	17:00
41	186	39	Derek Larson 12	BELVIDERE	17:00
42	1	40	Brock Buttrick 13	DUNLAP	17:00
43	45	41	Steve Frye 12	RICHWOODS	17:01
44	197	42	Joseph Kleczkowski 11	ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:01
45	15	43	Scott Sabin 12	METAMORA	17:02
46	60	44	Doug Rever 9	BLOOMINGTON	17:02
47	177	45	Stephan Semmelroth 12	ROCKFORDGUILFORD	17:03
48	613		T.J. Ellis 12	CANTON	17:04
49	617		Jeremy Wilkison 12	DEKALB	17:04
50	80	46	Max Behle 11	MORTON	17:06

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Place	No.	Time	Name	Team	TIME1
51	174	47	Crosby Sanders	11 ROCKFORDGUILFORD	17:08
52	189	48	Aric Romriell	10 BELVIDERE	17:09
53	61	49	Matt Christensen	12 BLOOMINGTON	17:10
54	198	50	Jason Carlson	11 ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:10
55	200	51	Hector Pacheco	10 ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:11
56	118	52	Stefan Escontrias	10 UNITED TOWNSHIP	17:11
57	199	53	Nick Dugo	12 ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:12
58	140	54	Alex Seiver	11 ROCK ISLAND	17:12
59	14	55	Bill Miller	10 METAMORA	17:13
60	208	56	Kyle Horst	12 SYCAMORE	17:13
61	150	57	Christian Clark	12 DIXON	17:15
62	614		Sam Megli	10 STERLING	17:15
63	178	58	James Noonan	9 ROCKFORDGUILFORD	17:16
64	618		Dennis Baliga	9 ROCKFORDAUBURN	17:17
65	69	59	Jared Starnes	11 NORMAL COMMUNITY	17:19
66	128	60	Colby Schulz	10 MOLINE	17:22
67	132	61	Jon Stoelk	11 MOLINE	17:23
68	612		Michael Chandler	11 CANTON	17:23
69	620		David Gramer	12 ROCKFORDBOYLAN	17:24
70	221	62	Andrew Taylor	12 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	17:25
71	70	63	Brock McIntosh	11 NORMAL COMMUNITY	17:25
72	49	64	Kavan Shay	11 RICHWOODS	17:26
73	47	65	Matt Peharda	11 RICHWOODS	17:26
74	83	66	Tim Owdom	10 MORTON	17:27
75	16	67	Scott Perry	11 METAMORA	17:28
76	201	68	Nick Roeling	10 ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:29
77	2	69	Aaron King	11 DUNLAP	17:31
78	209	70	Danny Decleene	11 SYCAMORE	17:32
79	615		Drew Rowe	10 STERLING	17:33
80	62	71	Brett Litwiller	12 BLOOMINGTON	17:34
81	141	72	Scott Sparkman	9 ROCK ISLAND	17:35
82	27	73	Clay Staley	12 LIMESTONE	17:35
83	213	74	Craig Pearson	12 SYCAMORE	17:38
84	214	75	Jeff Stolley	11 SYCAMORE	17:40
85	17	76	Brenton Pfaff	10 METAMORA	17:41
86	223	77	Justin Darden	12 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	17:42
87	37	78	Jody Parker	11 PEKIN	17:46
88	130	79	Mitch Castel	10 MOLINE	17:47
89	48	80	Sydney Berkman	11 RICHWOODS	17:48
90	120	81	David Nino	11 UNITED TOWNSHIP	17:48
91	3	82	Blake Brooks	9 DUNLAP	17:49
92	222	83	Ben Dresser	11 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	17:49
93	131	84	Tim Doyle	11 MOLINE	17:50
94	212	85	Levi Braun	11 SYCAMORE	17:51
95	19	86	Jeremy Bell	10 METAMORA	17:53
96	153	87	John Davenport	9 DIXON	17:54
97	203	88	Aaron Kleczkowski	11 ROCKFORDJEFFERSON	17:55
98	142	89	Steve Simmon	11 ROCK ISLAND	17:55
99	190	90	Aaron Leonard	11 BELVIDERE	17:56
100	604		Marcus Taylor	9 WASHINGTON	17:57

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Place	No.	Time	NAME	Team	TIME1
101	188	91	John Redman	11 BELVIDERE	17:59
102	602		Dustin Wood	9 EAST PEORIA	18:00
103	211	92	Dan Denig	11 SYCAMORE	18:01
104	210	93	Peter Grimsen	9 SYCAMORE	18:02
105	601		Ben Lahood	12 PEORIA NOTRE DAME	18:04
106	607		Robert Johnson	11 STREATOR	18:06
107	603		Tim Newlin	12 PEORIA NOTRE DAME	18:07
108	619		Luke Jungles	10 FREEPORT	18:07
109	96	94	Cory Thomas	11 NORMALWEST	18:08
110	152	95	Tim Bentz	12 DIXON	18:09
111	74	96	Luke Beasley	12 NORMALCOMMUNITY	18:10
112	28	97	Nick Holmes	9 LIMESTONE	18:12
113	85	98	Zach Crandall	12 MORTON	18:12
114	165	99	Matthew Billeter	11 GALESBURG	18:13
115	29	100	Brock Williams	9 LIMESTONE	18:13
116	119	101	Jordan Jennings	11 UNITED TOWNSHIP	18:14
117	40	102	David Richards	11 PEKIN	18:15
118	154	103	Justin Jones	12 DIXON	18:16
119	104	104	Bob Spelich	12 LASALLE-PERU	18:17
120	105	105	Luke Holmbeck	12 LASALLE-PERU	18:18
121	605		Mason Brown	9 EAST PEORIA	18:19
122	84	106	Ben Getz	12 MORTON	18:28
123	31	107	Kyle Lueken	9 LIMESTONE	18:29
124	143	108	Kevin Moroni	10 ROCK ISLAND	18:30
125	94	109	Doug Lewis	11 NORMALWEST	18:31
126	224	110	David Whitmore	10 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	18:32
127	30	111	Lance Tisdale	11 LIMESTONE	18:35
128	93	112	Brant Basting	10 NORMALWEST	18:36
129	95	113	Adam Kapraun	9 NORMALWEST	18:37
130	225	114	John Schneider	11 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	18:40
131	4	115	Aaron Alcaraz	11 DUNLAP	18:43
132	610		Dan Lane	11 BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS	18:45
133	50	116	David Ferino	12 RICHWOODS	18:48
134	106	117	Jordan Rick	12 LASALLE-PERU	18:58
135	81	118	Justin Phillis	11 MORTON	18:58
136	608		Coree Woltering	9 OTTAWA	18:59
137	39	119	Mike Sheehan	12 PEKIN	19:07
138	43	120	Mike Walker	12 PEKIN	19:10
139	82	121	Scott Sheller	10 MORTON	19:10
140	156	122	Nick Berardi	10 DIXON	19:12
141	5	123	Matt Harlan	12 DUNLAP	19:13
142	609		Dustin Crone	11 STREATOR	19:14
143	107	124	Kyle Jefferson	12 LASALLE-PERU	19:15
144	98	125	Alex Hickman	11 NORMALWEST	19:18
145	166	126	Austin Meeker	9 GALESBURG	19:19
146	73	127	Andrew Cummings	11 NORMALCOMMUNITY	19:19
147	108	128	Scott Clark	9 LASALLE-PERU	19:24
148	155	129	Chris Moss	12 DIXON	19:25
149	97	130	Reid Basting	9 NORMALWEST	19:29
150	167	131	Jacob Noll	12 GALESBURG	19:35

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Place	No.	TmPl	NAME	Team	TIME1
151	170	132	Tom Fornander	9 GALESBURG	19:36
152	41	133	Caleb Spangler	12 PEKIN	19:39
153	227	134	Chattman Olson	9 MACHESNEYPARK HARLEM	19:43
154	86	135	Justin McCollum	11 MORTON	19:52
155	7	136	Matthew Zmuda	12 DUNLAP	20:23
156	109	137	Steve Newcomer	10 LASALLE-PERU	20:57
157	6	138	Doug Sahm	12 DUNLAP	22:12
158	111		Matt Franklin	11 LASALLE-PERU	23:46

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Cross country runners take running seriously, but not themselves

Cross country isn't a sport for the faint of heart, or, apparently, as some might believe it, for the sound of mind, either.

It takes a passion for running long distances day after day since the beginning of sweltering June through the end of howling October. The payoff is — with a few exceptions, and other than a lifelong hobby — preciously small.

Or, in the case of the Rock Island cross country teams, very large, indeed, if not necessarily in economic terms like college scholarships. But in terms of building life skills like teamwork, discipline, cooperation and having fun with peers, the Rocks are very rich.

"Ever since the beginning of the season, everyone's been all together, all talking together and hanging out together," said junior Alex Seiver, one of the group's social leaders. "There's just something about it."

"It's a family," junior JV runner Nick Camlin interjected.

"Yeah," Seiver responded. "It's a very big family."

A family that's a bit dysfunctional when it comes to doing things together, perhaps, but one that's like many families, with all sorts of temperaments, social outlooks and preferences that come together for one big group.

"There's something about cross country in general that builds groups like this, from the first teams we coached to now," RI coach Michelle Lillis said. "This group is just like that."

And in between all of the running, there are a lot of opportunities for good times. During the fall break, the teams camped on land of the parents of top runner Erika Jakobsen. That was probably one of the more normal team-building events the Rocks had this year.

But, many times, the good times were a bit on the quirky side. "We take advantage of the time that we have to make things fun," Camlin said.

By way of example:

► There was the less-than-hostile takeover of a Sterling McDonald's after a meet, when the Rocks sang "Happy Birthday" to teammate Brad Begyn, quieting the entire restaurant with their sonorous tones.

► Steve Simmon's decision to turn a trip to The Grinders restaurant in



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Moline into a "Funny Hat Night" among team members on the Thursday night before sectionals. "We got some stares, we got some looks and then we took over the place," Seiver said.

► The ways the team will count to 15 during their warm-up stretching, like from high to low, then low to high, then different voices, languages and accents. Sometimes words will be employed rather than numbers. Guess you had to be there.

"We always get some people telling us we're crazy to run that far. It just goes with the personality of the team, because we are crazy," sophomore Julie Dietsch said.

► The GQ day, where all of the team members dressed up for school.

► The impromptu game of duck, duck, goose, which even drew in some Peoria Notre Dame girls runners at Saturday's IHSA Class AA East Peoria Sectional meet.

► And, perhaps most quirky of all, Michael Carroll's "Perculator" dance, which he broke out at a team pasta party and has been a RI signature event ever since.

"I love being around these guys," said Seiver, who's planning to create a "Rod Squad" for the Rocky girls' basketball team this winter, saluting coach Rod Leatherman.

"We're always around each other. We practice together; we hang out together on weekends. The team is really close," Dietsch said.

Close enough to always know when it's time for the Perculator.

► **Super appearances:** Speaking of odd appearances, a group of superheroes made a visit to East Peoria on Saturday.

Superman (also known as Geneseo's Caleb Diericx), Spiderman (Jordan Wildermuth), Donatello of the Teenage

Cross country honor rolls

Prep girls

Top Class A Times (through Oct. 30)

Name	School	Course	Time
Hannah Hottle	Monmouth	Peoria	19:33.83
Shea Boehle	Kewanee	Kewanee	19:36
Niki Lecander	Sherrard	Peoria	19:41.79
Rebekah Clark	Aledo	Peoria	19:43.13
Molly VonHolten	Bureau Valley	Peoria	19:43.64
Jessica Reis	BV	Peoria	19:51.11
Morgan Melvin	Monmouth	Peoria	19:59.29
Alisa Baron	BV	Peoria	20:00.15
Amber Hoffman	Orion	Kewanee	20:05
Brenna Kesinger	Monmouth	Macomb	20:11
Nina Johnson	AlWood	Kewanee	20:17
Sara Michaletti	Alleman	C. Island	20:19.15
Libby Harris	Sherrard	Kewanee	20:22
Kari Findley	Kewanee	Kewanee	20:25
Kelly Layer	Alleman	Sterling	20:28

Top Class AA Times

Name	School	Course	Time
Brittany Minor	Moline	Metamora	18:05
Casey VanHecke	UTHS	Sterling	18:51
Rachel Wyffels	Geneseo	Sterling	19:07
Tari Fisk	UTHS	C. Island	19:18.58
Brooke Ashcraft	UTHS	C. Island	19:20
Kayla Kauziarich	Moline	Sterling	19:35
Eliza Cropp	Geneseo	Sterling	19:36
Erika Jakobsen	RI	C. Island	19:38.01
Joella Ruefer	RI	C. Island	20:04.87
Tabitha Sanders	UTHS	C. Island	20:05.80
Megan Reeh	RI	C. Island	20:17.28
Julie Dietsch	RI	C. Island	20:19.40
Alyssa Leone	RI	C. Island	20:29.25
Ashley Hartson	Moline	Metamora	20:33
Katie Croegaert	Geneseo	C. Island	20:35.01

Prep boys

Top Class A Times (through Oct. 30)

Name	School	Course	Time
Nathaniel Hird	Alleman	C. Island	14:52.11
Mike Grieve	Bureau Valley	Peoria	15:13.75
Alex Kelly	Alleman	Sterling	15:28
Dorian Ulrey	Riverdale	Sterling	15:33
Shane Shemek	Alleman	Sterling	15:52
Alex Knobloch	Alleman	C. Island	15:54.75
James Hogan	Alleman	Sterling	15:59
Josh Moshier	Riverdale	Sterling	16:16
Colt Smith	Kewanee	Kewanee	16:26
Troy DeBlieck	Alleman	Sterling	16:27
Ted McMillan	Erie-Ptown	Peoria	16:43.41
Joe Carlin	Alleman	Sterling	16:49
Adam Tisue	Sherrard	Peoria	17:17.52
Cliff Miles	AlWood	Peoria	17:23.73
Lance Nelson	AlWood	Kewanee	17:29

Top Class AA Times

Name	School	Course	Time
Kyle Cameron	UTHS	C. Island	15:02.04
Tom Tate	Galesburg	Peoria	15:15
Alex Hutchins	Moline	Metamora	15:36
Austin Green	Rock Island	C. Island	15:38.13
Nathan Schlindwein	Geneseo	C. Island	15:39.79
Chris Matthews	UTHS	C. Island	15:47.26
Mark Gustafson	Moline	Metamora	15:54
Damon Bautista	UTHS	C. Island	15:55.26
Colby Schulz	Moline	Metamora	16:05
Chris Theofilis	Moline	Metamora	16:10
Brad Begyn	RI	C. Island	16:10.80
Alex Seiver	RI	Sterling	16:25
Kevin DeWalsche	UTHS	C. Island	16:29.37
Zach Yeager	Galesburg	C. Island	16:32.11
Jon Stoelk	Moline	E. Peoria	16:42

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competitions only and from events with a minimum distance of three miles. Coaches can call in results at 1-800-272-6397 or 757-

4974 after 5 p.m. every day. For honor roll questions/corrections, coaches can call prep writer Shannon Heaton at (309) 757-4968.

Mutant Ninja Turtles (Bill Barton) and "Fireman Petey" (Pete Nelson) all came out to support Maple Leaf senior Nathan Schlindwein, the lone Geneseo boys' runner at Saturday's Class AA sectional meet.

Schlindwein closed his cross country high school career by finishing 29th in the race. Along the way, he got support

from fellow teammates Nate Silver, Blake Wyffels, Erik Kowitz and Ryan Kotecky, who spelled out N-A-T-E in bare chests despite cool temperatures and howling winds at Illinois Central College's cross country track.

"The sales lady (at the Geneseo Wal-Mart, where the boys bought their costumes) said she didn't want to see my

picture on the front page of the newspaper," Wildermuth said.

Sorry, Jordan. Some things, perhaps, just weren't meant to be seen, but they can be written.

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