



Girls compete at state; boys fourth in GMC

The girls cross country team finished sixth in the GMC and placed ninth out of 21 teams in the division one competition at the Brookville Invitational.

Karen Kelly finished 4th out of 70 runners at the GMC championship and placed 7th at Brookville. Junior Jessie Good commented, "The Brookville Invitational was one of the team's best meet. It was a lot of fun, and everyone did well."

Kelly was selected first team all GMC, and junior Nikki Jackson was named to the second team all GMC.

Kelley successfully competed at regionals and qualified for state. "She's the first freshman I've coached in ten years that has gone to state," stated Coach Randy Lothrop. Karen finished 50th out of 156 runners.

The girls worked hard and competed well in the league. Coach Lothrop commented, "Each girl has improved over the course of the year. We are a strong team and I am optimistic for next year."

The boys cross country team demonstrated how hard work and dedication pay off. "The strength of our team this year, is the willingness of the team to work harder, to be better," said Coach Don Testerman.

The team's first meet, the Lakota Classic, got the boys off to a rocky start, finishing seventh out of nine teams. At the Anderson Invitational, the team showed great improvement, placing third. At the third and only home meet, the Sycamore Invitational, the boys ran well again, finishing second.

After falling to eighth place at the second Anderson Invitational, the team came back with some great finishes. Until the Regional meet at Troy, they never dropped below fourth place. Kevin Munson was the team's Most Valuable Runner.

Sophomore Kyle Livingston said, "I

liked running on the team because I have a lot of friends on the team, I am good at it, and I liked the camaraderie."

Among the many sophomores, juniors, and seniors, there were only two freshmen on the team, Bryan Smith and Sunit Parekh. Smith says, "I thought being on the team was tough, because I was running against guys two and three years older than me." Parekh commented that he enjoyed the team for its spirit and camaraderie, also.

Coach Testerman's overall view of the team was, "The team consists of dedicated people involved in a sport where there is not a lot of glory, but a lot of self satisfaction."

Cross Country placed very high in some of their meets. At the St. Xavier Invitational, the boys finished second out of 11 teams. At the Middletown Invitational, they came and swept the other 11 schools, winning a first place ranking. They also placed well in the GMC meet (fourth out of eight).

Testerman says "The team has placed at or near the top of most meets this year." At the end of the season, the boys were ranked fifth in the city.

Testerman mentioned seniors Ryan Mecum, Mike Pauciulo, Ben McVay and Richard Chamberlain; junior Jason Gerber; and sophomores Kevin Munson and Kyle Livingston as star runners.

The annual Fall Sports Awards ceremony was on November 16. The team's star runners were all members of the 17:00 club. Mike Pauciulo and Jason Gerber are the team's most improved runners. Ben McVay, Pauciulo, and Gerber won GMC All Academic certificates.

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Boys Cross Country	
Lakota Classic	6th
Anderson Inv I	3rd
Sycamore Inv	2nd
Anderson Inv II	4th
Brookville Inv	8th
St. Xavier Inv	2nd
Middletown Inv	1st
GMC	4th
Districts	4th
Regionals	10th

Girls Cross Country	
Lakota Classic	6th
Sycamore Inv	4th
Anderson Inv	4th
Brookville Inv	9th
St. Xavier Inv	9th
Middletown	4th
GMC	6th



Front row: A. Zumbro, P. Cho, W. Hise, N. Jackson. Back row: J. Drennan, C. Coggins, M. Bry, A. Poff, Coach Lothrop, D. Butt, J. Good, K. Kelly, A. Wert.