Harriers Continue to Set Personal Bests

by Casi Orr

The cross country team ran at CPU on last Tuesday. The girls' team finished third out of eight teams, with 79 points. The girls ran well, the winner finished in 15:09 ahead of 54 girls. Callie Krafl came in 8th at 17:13, Jennifer Nurre came in 11th at 17:13, Amy Conrad came in 16th at 17:41, Kelli Dabroski came in 19th at 17:53, Amanda Harris came in 24th at 18:30, Michelle Tumey came in 26th at 18:30, and Mekell Helle came in 41st at 20:59.

The boys finished in sixth place out of nine teams, with 149 points. Tyler Willey came in 11th at 19:08, Adam Ries came in 16th at 19:34, Jordan Keith came in 34th at 21:08, Jeremy Nurre came in 37th at 21:22,
and Jeff Nurre came in 51st at 24:23.

Coach Mensen said happily, "All but three of the twenty athletes ran their best times of the season at this meet!! I was pleased with most of the individual placing, and even more excited about the team placing. The boys' team beat two conference teams that have been placing ahead of them and were only two points from another conference team. This is exciting, as we look to the conference meet in three weeks. The girls' team was only 13 points from North Linn, much closer than the 30 point difference last year."

The JV team ran great too. Kallyn Ford placed 18th at 22:00, Bonnie Jaeger came in 20th at 23:05, Amanda Conrad placed 22nd at 22:21, and Casi Orr came in 25th at 23:43.

The cross country team spent their Saturday morning running at MHI. The boys' team finished tenth out of fourteen teams. Willey came in 33rd at 19:00, Ries came in 39th at 19:18, Keith came in 55th at 20:21, Jeremy Nurre came in 59th at 20:35, and Jeff Nurre came in 71st at 21:56.

The girls' team ran very well and placed higher than North Linn, with 116 points. North Linn had 145 points. Krapfl ran at 16:20 in 12th place, Nurre came in 20th at 16:43, Harris came in 21st at 16:45, Dabroski came in 26th at 17:01, Conrad came in 37th at 17:18, Tumey came in 42nd at 17:30, and Helle came in 71st at 19:58.

As Coach Mensen was celebrating she said, "WOW!! What an exciting morning! All of the high school kids ran their best times of the season!! Some of the kids improved nearly two minutes over Tuesday night's meet. The girls' team had an outstanding team finish getting ahead of North Linn for the first time in many years!! Independence had been 67 points ahead of them just a week and a half ago at Starmont and today our MV girls finished 17 points ahead of them! Jeremy Nurre continues to improve at an incredible rate and Adam ran very close to his best time ever."

Callie Krapfl winds through the course at Independence. (photo by Jessi Preussner)

JV girls were excellent as well. Ford came in 25th at 19:51, Conrad in 41st at 21:32, Jaeger came in 44th at 21:41, and Orr in 49th at 23:26.

The cross country team ran on Tuesday and the results of that meet will be in next week's issue. Go Cats!

Camanche Cross Country Team Readies the Ball for Tonight's Game

Paul Thomas of the Camanche cross country team takes off from Delhi with tonight's game ball. The team is running the ball from Delhi to Camanche. Camanche is celebrating its homecoming tonight.

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