

Moore takes third at Wamego Invitational; Lady Cats finish fourth



The Louisburg girls cross country team was all smiles after its fourth-place finish Saturday in Wamego. Members of the team are (from left) Bree Gassman, Carlee Gassman, Trinity Moore, Reese Johnson, Kennady Wilkerson and Ruth Minster.

WAMEGO – The goal for members of the Louisburg cross country team is make the trip to Wamego for the state meet in early November.

Louisburg got a little taste of what state is going to be like Saturday when the Wildcats competed in the Wamego Invitational at the Wamego Country Club.

Senior Trinity Moore felt right at home as the 3-time state medalist mastered her way through the course and finished third overall out of 103 runners. The Lady Cats were also toward the top of the team standings as they finished fourth overall with 189 points.

Buhler won the girls title with 25 points, Baldwin was second with 81 and Eudora was third with 111 points.

“The

girls ran a great race," Louisburg coach John Reece said. "Fourth place as a team was good and it shows us that we need to close the gap between No. 3 and the rest of the team. It is always good to run at Wamego, which we missed out on last year. It is a good barometer for how state might shake out."

Moore

made her way through the field for that third place finish as she ran a time of 21 minutes and 2 seconds and was one of three Lady Cats to earn medals. Chapman junior Taylor Briggs, who is the two-time defending state champion, won in 19:12 and Buhler senior Daycee DeWindt was second at 20:57.

"Trinity

ran a solid race," Reece said. "She was feeling it as we had two good workouts this last week and it showed a little in her face at the end. She is cranking out the miles and workouts and will be ready for regionals and state."

Sophomore

Reese Johnson and senior Carlee Gassman ran strong races as well as both left Wamego with medals. Johnson took 18th overall in 22:07 and Gassman was 21st in 22:32.

Freshman

Bree Gassman was fourth on the Louisburg team as she was 78th in 26:11, while junior Kennady Wilkerson (26:17) and sophomore

Ruth Minster

(26:30) finished in 80th and 82nd, respectively.

The

girls weren't the only ones to garner medals.

Senior

Anthony Davis earned his second consecutive medal as he took 29th

overall in 18:42 out of 127 runners in the 18-team meet.

"Anthony

ran well and he sees, by his finish, that he has some work ahead of him and he

will be ready come regionals to qualify for state and hopefully have six other

runners with him," coach Reece said."

As

a team, the Wildcats finished 11th overall with 282 points.

Wamego

won the title with 89 points, Buhler was second with 96 and Towanda-Circle was

third with 114.

Sophomore

Ryan Rogers was second on the Wildcat team and ran a 19:25 to take 48th

overall. Junior Carson Houchen finished 56th in 19:32 and junior

Cade Holtzen was 69th in 19:49.

Sophomore

Sawyer Richardson came in 93rd in 20:53 and senior Evan Murphy ran a

21:37 to take 104th.

Louisburg

will be back in action Thursday when it travels to the Wellsville Invitational.

The meet is set to begin at 4 p.m.