

Moore wins Ramsey Invitational; Wildcat boys, girls take second



The Louisburg boys and girls cross country teams finished second Thursday at the Ramsey Invitational at Prairie View High School. Members of the team are (front row, from left) Emily Williams, Reese Johnson, Kennady Wilkerson, Carlee Gassman, Trinity Moore, Bree Gassman, Nova Ptacek; (back row) Caden Bradshaw, Carson Houchen, Sawyer Richardson, Evan Murphy, Anthony Davis, Ryan Rogers and Cade Holtzen.

LA CYGNE – The medals continue to pile up for the Louisburg cross country teams as they added to their collection Thursday at Prairie View High School.

The Wildcat boys and girls squads both finished second overall during the Ramsey Invitational as they continue to improve their times for the stretch run later this month. Louisburg also had seven individual medalists, including senior Trinity Moore, who finished first in the girls race.

“I was pleased to see the teams medal again,” Louisburg coach John Reece said. “The last two weeks have been a

grind with three meets in 14 days, plus workouts. We haven't run fast yet, but we do compete very well."

Moore was the class of the girls division as she ran a time of 20 minutes and 37 seconds and finished 17 seconds ahead of Jayhawk Linn's Kate Dawson, who was runner-up.

Louisburg also had a pair of runners who finished in the top 10. Sophomore Reese Johnson was sixth in 21:33 and senior Carlee Gassman was seventh in 21:52.

"Finishing first is always a confidence builder," coach Reece said of Moore. "She knows that we are in the middle of the season and still training hard and her times might not show it yet. Every race is different and she stepped up and ran well."

Junior Kennady Wilkerson was fourth on the team with a 24:55 and was 23rd overall. Freshmen Bree Gassman (25:02) and Nova Ptacek (25:38) took 25th and 27th, respectively, while senior Emily Williams was 31st in 25:59.



Trinity Moore distances herself from the rest of the pack Thursday at Prairie View.

As

a team, the Lady Cats recorded 57 points to finish second. Central Heights won the meet with 46 points and Anderson County was third with 65.

Senior

Anthony Davis continues to lead the Wildcat boys team as he was one of four runners to earn individual medals in their race. Davis was fourth with a time of 18:37 and was 30 seconds behind the leader.

Sophomore

Ryan Rogers finished sixth overall in 18:53 and fellow sophomore Caden Bradshaw was 10th in 19 minutes. Junior Carson Houchen also medaled as he took 13th in 19:23.

Junior

Cade Holtzen was 16th in 19:39, while senior Evan Murphy (20:08) and

sophomore Sawyer Richardson (20:10), were 20th and 21st, respectively.

Louisburg finished the day with 49 points to take second overall. Central Heights won with 43 points and Anderson County was third with 52.



Caden Bradshaw was one of four medalists for the Louisburg boys team Thursday at Prairie View.

“The boys again worked well together and in the last kilometer they really went for it,” coach Reece said. “Teammate or not, it is about running for yourself in that last part of the race and they did.”

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Wildcats will face another challenge this Thursday when they travel to the Pittsburg Invitational at Four Oaks Golf Course.

Louisburg also found out where it would be running in the postseason. The Wildcats are in the Baldwin regional with Atchison, Eudora, Ottawa, Tonganoxie, Bishop Miege, Holton and Piper.

“I’m pleased with where we are at as of now,” Reece said. “We are going to be in a very tough regional and we have a lot to do in the next few weeks to prepare for it.”