

Lady Cats take first at Prairie View; Vohs wins boys race



The Louisburg girls cross country team took first at Prairie View on Thursday. Members of the team (from left) are Erin Apple, Nova Ptacek, Maddy Rhamy, Bree Gassman, Emma Vohs and Reese Johnson. Lola Edwards was not pictured.

LA CYGNE – The Louisburg girls cross country team continues to show why it is one of the top teams in Class 4A

Its latest example came Thursday during the Ramsey Invitational at Prairie View High School. The Lady Cats edged out the host school Prairie View to win the team title with 35 points.

Not only that, the Lady Cats won without one of their top runners – Lola Edwards – who had to step out of the race with an injury.

The team of Emma Vohs, Maddy Rhamy, Reese Johnson, Nova Ptacek, Erin Apple and Bree Gassman took it the rest of the way as they guided Louisburg to its second straight team crown.



Louisburg junior Nova Ptacek stays with a Jayhawk-Linn runner Thursday at Prairie View.

Louisburg's boys also had a strong outing as the group of Jaden Vohs, Jerynce Brings Plenty, Noah Cotter, Leo Martin, Hayden Ross, Landon Henry and Sawyer Richardson took second with 42 points, just five points behind first place Fort Scott.

Individually, however, Jaden Vohs took home top honors individually as he won going away in 17 minutes and 30 seconds.

"The girls ran well again," Louisburg coach John Reece said. "We are still in the midst of some solid training, so to finish first as a team was great. We are beginning to see the fruits of our labor."

Emma Vohs led the Lady Cats as she was runner-up individually

with a time of 21 minutes and 13 seconds and teammate Maddy Rhamy was third in 21:42.

Senior Reese Johnson also had a top 10 finish as she took sixth in 22:27. Junior Nova Ptacek was 14th in 23:42.

Erin Apple (24:04) and Bree Gassman (24:16) rounded out the Lady Cat roster in 17th and 19th, respectively.



Louisburg freshman Jerynce Brings Plenty was second overall Thursday at Prairie View.

On the boys side, Jaden Vohs once again had another strong race, but this time he was joined by Brings Plenty as the Wildcat duo finished 1-2.

Brings Plenty, a freshman, was 13 seconds behind Vohs in 17:43. Sophomore Noah Cotter was 11th for the Wildcats in 18:43.

“Jaden and Jerynce are great teammates and are pushing each other,” Reece said. “As we near the end of the season they will be ready to run down the competition.

“Noah has moved into a solid No. 3 for us. He is training great and is much improved over last year. There is no sophomore slump for him.”



Sophomore Noah Cotter races to the finish Thursday during the Ramsey Invitational.

Martin was right behind Cotter in 14th in 19:12 and Ross was 20th in 19:44. Henry took 23rd in 20:07 and Richardson was 26th in 20:48.

Louisburg will look to continue its success this Thursday when it competes at the Perry-Leocompton Invitational. Races are set to begin at 4 p.m.