

Wildcats bring home medals from Wamego Invitational



Louisburg senior Noah Cotter distances himself from the pack during a meet earlier this season. Cotter medaled 19th overall and moved to No. 7 on the school's all-time leaderboard.

WAMEGO – The Louisburg cross country team went up against some of the best Class 4A – and beyond – had to offer Saturday at the Wamego Invitational.

The Wildcats earned three medals, and for the second straight week, Jerynce Brings Plenty, Noah Cotter and Maddy Rhamy each brought home hardware to show for it.

Louisburg competed on one of the tougher courses in the state at the Wamego Country Club, which is the site of the Class 4A state meet later this season.

“I wouldn’t say they enjoy running one of the toughest courses in the state, as much as they embrace the experience in preparation for what we hope is a return trip to the state meet,” Louisburg coach John Reece said.

The three Wildcat medalists each had strong performances and

it started with Brings Plenty. The Louisburg junior finished 15th overall in 17 minutes, which moved him up to No. 5 on the school's all-time leaderboard.

As for Cotter, the Louisburg senior was right behind him in 20th in 17:17 to lead the Wildcat boys team. That mark was good for the seventh fastest time on the Wildcat leaderboard.

"Jerynce and Noah are working well together this season," Reece said. "Because of this, their performance at Wamego was impressive but not unexpected. Having two low sticks, fast runners so close to each other makes for great inner squad competition and it strengthens the team as well. Finishing 15th and 20th overall was awesome."

On the girls side, Rhamy was just one of two Wildcat runners to compete, along with senior Erin Apple. Rhamy medaled 38th overall in 21:51, while Apple ran a 25:34 for 99th.

"Maddy is a competitor," Reece said. "She is really stepping it up this year and posted one of her strongest times for Wamego, which will set her up for a strong run at returning there in October, hopefully with her team in tow."

The rest of the Wildcat team also posted good times.

Freshman Levi Cotter was third on the boys team in 66th overall in 19:02 and another freshman, Truman Ellison, was 73rd in 19:14. Junior Ben Proctor (21:22) and freshman Spencer Mattison (21:32) took 113rd and 114th, respectively.

"We took some freshman runners to the meet as well and they really showed some promise," Reece said. "Levi Cotter, Truman Ellison, and Spencer Mattison took on Wamego and showed they have what it is going to take when given the opportunity to race there again."

Louisburg is back in action Thursday when it travels to the Wamego Invitational. Races are set to begin at 4 p.m.