Ellison, Cotter medal to lead Wildcats at home invitational



Louisburg sophomore Truman Ellison led the Wildcat boys Thursday at the Louisburg Invitational with an 8th place finish.

The Louisburg cross country team finally got a chance to run on its home course Thursday during the Louisburg Invitational.

Not only that, but a pair of Wildcats earned medals following the race at Lewis-Young Park. Sophomores Truman Ellison and Levi Cotter each had top 15 finishes to earn hardware and led the Wildcats at the 5-team meet.

Ellison finished eighth overall in 18 minutes and 2 seconds to earn his second straight medal. As for Cotter, he took 11th in

18:16 and he captured his fifth medal on the season. Both runners recorded personal bests in the process.

“Truman ran a great race and made a solid move with about 1,000m left and ran a solid PR,” Louisburg coach John Reece said. “Levi also ran a great race and PR’ed as well. They are setting themselves up to finish the season strong.”

Another sophomore, Spencer Mattison, just missed out on a medal in 16th in 18:57. Senior Jerynce Brings Plenty, who has been battling an injury, took 21st in 20:33 and senior Ben Proctor was 24th in 21:45.



Louisburg senior Marissa Vallejo led the Wildcat girls in 16th overall Thursday at Lewis-Young Park.

On the girls side, senior Marissa Vallejo also just missed out on a medal by one spot, but ran her best race of the season, Vallejo took 16th in 23:38. Sophomore Talen McMurray was right

behind her in 17th in 23:45.

Freshman Annie Hornberger took 21st in 24:55, while freshman Anna Cotter (26:15) and sophomore Luciana Vallejo (29:06) were 25th and 28th, respectively.

“The girls continue to work hard and are doing a great job,” Reece said. “Marissa had a good race and continues to lead the girls team.”

Louisburg will now prepare for its postseason schedule that begins this Thursday when the Wildcats travel to Tonganoxie for the Frontier League Invitational. The following week, the Wildcats will try and earn a spot in the state meet at the Class 4A regional meet, which is held at Blue Valley Southwest.

“We think they see the writing on the wall and there is a great chance to qualify individuals for state,” Reece said.