

Louisburg cross country finishes third at home invitational



Louisburg freshman Maddox McGhee recorded the seventh-fastest time in school history last Thursday at the Wildcats' home invitational.

Both the Louisburg boys and girls cross country teams turned in strong performances at their home meet last Thursday, each finishing third overall at Lewis-Young Park.

The Wildcat girls scored 69 points to claim third at the Louisburg Invitational, doing so without one of their key runners, sophomore Hailey Shelton. Even with the lineup adjustment, Louisburg's younger runners stepped up in a big way – led by freshman Maddox McGhee, who continues to make her mark on the program's history.

McGhee placed eighth overall in 21 minutes, 37 seconds, a time that moves her to No. 7 on Louisburg's all-time leaderboard. Fellow freshman Karissa Williamson also earned a medal, finishing 11th in 22:14.

"The girls team continues to amaze me," Louisburg coach John Reece said. "With not all runners there, we have to have the 'Next Girl Up' mentality to be successful and we did that. Maddox ran a great race to put herself on the top 7 all-time leaderboard."

Sophomore Reese Smith just missed the podium with a 16th-place time of 22:55, while Annie Hornberger (18th, 23:21) and Talen McMurray (21st, 23:58) completed the team's top five. Felicity Allen rounded out the varsity lineup in 30th (24:49).

Spring Hill won the girls crown with 34 points and Blue Valley Northwest was second with 56.



Louisburg's Titus Ellison was one of four Wildcat boys to earn

medals last Thursday at their home invitational.

The boys team also brought home a third-place finish with 79 points, powered by four medalists in the top 15. Senior Truman Ellison led the way in 11th (18:12), followed closely by Titus Ellison (13th, 18:45), Levi Cotter (14th, 18:48) and Spencer Mattison (15th, 18:50).

“The boys are running great and look to continue improving as a team and individually,” Reece said. “Competition is second to their mindset as they are thriving within the team and good things will happen. This holds true for both boys and girls teams.”

Freshmen August Meyer (27th, 20:58) and Matthew Lien (33rd, 23:17) rounded out the Wildcats’ effort.

Spring Hill earned the boys crown with 24 points and Blue Valley Northwest was second with 38.

Louisburg now turns its focus to the championship stretch, beginning with the Frontier League Invitational on Thursday morning at the Baldwin Golf Course. Races are set to start at 10 a.m.