

# Warrior cross country runners got stronger as season progressed

By Lenny Sementi

New cross-country coach Mike Rosenbaum was all smiles at the end of the year banquet. The first year leader of the tribe welcomed a combined seventeen runners to the boys and girls squads most of which erased minutes from their season opening times by the time the post season rolled around. Nine runners posted personal records when the dust cleared with a pair of All Central Illinois Conference honorees leading the way.

"We were extremely proud of how the season went," stated the Coach. "It was a great group of kids who were very competitive and worked hard night in

and night out. Overall it was a great year."

Senior and fourth year runner Mason Day led the pack for the boys collecting his second All CIC patch of his career while junior and three-time all league performer Brynn Tabeling was out in front for the girls team. The duo added to their season hardware collection each earning MVP awards for their respective teams.

Day set a team best and personal best time of sixteen minutes and forty-one seconds at the Spartan Classic and was the lone advancer for the Warriors out of the Tuscola Regional. Sophomore Logan Wallace was next on the list also posting his best time of the last two

seasons in St Joe rounding the three-mile road course in seventeen minutes and thirty-seven seconds. River Kanitz was strong as well especially in the middle of the year for the Warriors he ran one of his best races of the year at the Tuscola Classic as Rosenbaum's group collected five medals between the boys and girls.

Seniors Nick Woods and Zachariah Mattingly were scorers all yearlong along with sophomore Riley Nolan attributed to giving the coach a solid lineup while Caleb Haste and Jacob Middleton served as alternates. The hard work paid off for Nolan as he collected the coveted Greg Weaver Memorial trophy while Woods earned the

boys Warrior spirit award.

"Mason and Logan had outstanding seasons, but two others who really ran well and stepped up as the year progressed were Riley and Nick," the coach was quoted as saying. "Nick was our vocal leader and I feel he really took ownership of his role on the team ending up being one of our more consistent runners in the end. Riley really took some big strides and I am looking forward to seeing what he can do the next two years."

Senior Hannah Lemay was the recipient of the Warrior spirit honor on the girl's side. She was one of the six ladies to turn in season best times at the Spartan Classic. The girls utilized a pack

mentality winning numerous regular meets while capturing a pair of invite trophies. The group effort also led to a strong showing at the Tuscola Regional earning them advancement to the Effingham Sectional. Lemay's classmate Faithlyn Daugherty was the number two runner at a lot of races and was always part of the pack that also included two juniors Hannah Hornaday and Kenzi Heckler.

Two freshmen were shoulder to shoulder with their elders in the pack. Mackenzie Herschberger set a season and personal best of twenty-three minutes and twenty-five seconds taking nearly a full three minutes off her times from late Au-

gust earning her the Most Improved Runner award. Sage Stahler was the number one at a meet midway thru the year eclipsing the course in twenty-three minutes and ten seconds for the second lowest girls time this season.

"Brynn was one of the better runners in the area, all her hard worked showed earning all conference honors," said Rosenbaum. "Mackenzie, Sage, Faithlyn and Hannah were not far behind. Those five girls gave us a front-runner and a nice pack keeping the splits between times down which kept our scores down and was a big reason why they were able to advance in the post season."



Submitted Photos  
**Nicholas Woods Warrior Spirit Award for XC. Nicholas missed the banquet because he was out of town.**  
**Left: XC Seniors were honored after their final meet.**  
**Front Row: Faithlyn Daugherty, Hannah Lemay**  
**Back Row: Nicholas Woods, Zach Mattingly, Mason Day, Tanner Cambell, River Kanitz**

# East Prairie School seventh and eighth grade girls basketball wrap

By Kendra Hennis

**Seventh Grade**  
On November 18, the Lady Hornets took on Sullivan, defeating them 26 to 18. On their win, Coach Pugh noted, "We had a really good quarter, starting the game off right. We also scored a lot off of our defense. We leveled out the rest of the game. Lia Patterson had a good game, and made a lot of lay-ups." Ava Boyer lead the girls with nine points, followed by Lia Patterson with eight points. Taylor Gordon also attributed six points, Carly Ochs had two points, and Isabelle

Sturts had one point.  
The next day, they went up against Paris-Crestwood. Their momentum wasn't enough, and they were defeated 40 to 16. Coach Pugh said, "We struggled against a very talented team. We did not get back defensively. I talked to the girls at halftime and told them they had to regroup and start the second half like the score is 0 to 0. They came back playing hard and we tied them in the third quarter 8 to 8." Lia Patterson lead the Hornets with six points, Raeleigh Rusk contributed five points, Taylor Gordon had four points, and

Ava Boyer had one point.  
In the last game of the week, the Lady Hornets took on LSA. The Hornets defeated LSA, giving them a 7-0 Conference record, and making them Conference Champions. Taylor Gordon lead the Hornets with nine points, Ava Boyer contributed seven points, Adrina Simmons, Carly Ochs and Raeleigh Rusk each attributed four points, and Olivia Wallace and Lia Patterson each had two points.

**Eighth Grade**  
In the next game on November 18, the Eighth grade girls also took on Sullivan,

defeating them 45 to 27. On their win, Coach Pugh said, "We started out really strong against Sullivan. Sullivan made us adjust our offense, and I was proud of the girls for staying focused and aggressive. Zoey Thomason and Sydney Moss had good games." Zoey Thomason lead the Hornets with seventeen points, Sydney Moss followed with sixteen points, Marissa Boyer contributed six points, Emily Czerwonka had four points, and Addyson Ring had two points.

On November 19, the girls took on Paris Crestwood, losing 22 to 28. Syd-

ney Moss lead the girls with seven points, Marissa Boyer had five points, Emily Czerwonka and Zoey Thomason followed with four points, and Addyson Ring contributed two points. Coach Pugh said, "We were tied after the first quarter, but we didn't have a good second quarter. We tied them in the third quarter and we were within two points of them later in the game. I thought that we played well offensively, but we could be more aggressive on the offensive end."

The last game of the week was against LSA. The Hornets defeated LSA, also

giving them a 7-0 Conference Record and making them Conference Champions. Coach Pugh said, "We had a really good game against LSA, with balanced scoring across the team." Zoey Thomason lead the team with eleven points, Sydney Moss had eight points, Carlina Patterson and Marissa Boyer each had six points, Emily Czerwonka attributed four points, followed by Addyson Ring with three points, Catie Gibson with two points, and Lauren Woods with one point.

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