

Cross country: Phoenix sweep titles at Poynette; Bluejay girls second in small division, Pirate boys fourth

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Johnson Creek's girls cross country team placed second in the small school division at the Poynette Invitational on Thursday. Team members from left included Lia Constable, Kiara Dach, Rylee Hucke, and Lauren Nadboralski.

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POYNETTE — Luther Prep's boys and girls cross country teams won the large division at the Poynette Invitational on Thursday.

The Phoenix boys outpaced runner-up Lodi, 47 to 55.

Junior Andrew Holz led Luther Prep, placing fourth in 18 minutes, 33 seconds. Senior Sam Splinter (sixth, 18:52), sophomore Gabriel Sulzle (tenth, 19:39) and juniors Brian Duff (12th, 20:14) and Brett Breitkruetz (15th, 20:34) scored for the Phoenix.

Luther Prep's girls posted a winning total of 31 points, while runner-up Deerfield/Cambridge scored 46.

Senior Calliope Horn (second, 21:45), juniors Anna Haakenson (fourth, 22:27) and Brianna Wiedenhoef (sixth, 23:08), sophomore Naomi Taylor (eighth, 23:16) and junior Callie Peil (11th, 23:52) scored for the Phoenix.

All five scorers for each team won individual medals.

"Our teams had very good showings tonight," Luther Prep cross country coach Joe Gumm said.

"The girls took advantage of Deerfield/Cambridge not running their full slate of top runners and ran away with the trophy. The pack mentality that this group of ladies is fostering this season is starting to bear fruit. Give me grapes, give me apples, give me the whole basket - this group is going places.

"In the boys race, shout out to Andrew Holz, who looked strong even in the heat of the late afternoon, setting the pace for our guys today. We knew going into this season that we would need to build up the back half of the varsity team, and Brian Duff, Brett Breitkreutz, and Luke Stern have stepped up this year to fill those slots. They are key to having success with this team."

The Phoenix race at St. Lawrence Seminary on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Bluejay girls 2nd, Pirate boys 4th in small division

Johnson Creek's girls placed second in the small division with 61 points.

Sophomore Lauren Nadboralski (fifth, 23:16), freshman Lia Constable (sixth, 23:22), senior Rylee Hucke (11th, 24:23) and freshmen Kiara Dach (14th, 25:16) and Avril Gutierrez-Flores (25th, 27:31) scored for the Bluejays.

"We've got a special group of kids this season," Johnson Creek cross country coach Benjamin Hail said. Two meets in a row and the girls' team takes a podium as a team."

Johnson Creek's boys scored 164 points and took seventh.

Juniors Evan Chowanec (19th, 20:04) and Francisco Gutierrez (22nd, 20:36), sophomore Collin Hucke (33rd, 21:28), freshman Max Chowanec (41st 21:33) and sophomore Duncan Thomas (49th, 24:15) scored for the Bluejays.

Waterloo's boys scored 112 points and placed fourth.

Senior Owen Koele (tenth, 19:15), freshman David Sarmiento-Paz (18th, 19:59), senior Harrison Schaefer (24th, 20:43), junior Isaac Opsteen (25th, 20:54) and sophomore Mason Dolfin (35th, 21:33) scored for the Pirates.

Waterloo's girls scored 169 points and finished seventh.

Freshman Harmony Schaefer (26th, 27:35), sophomore Calla Schumann (31st, 30:44), senior Sydney Gordon (36th, 32:38), sophomore Leanna Schumann (37th, 33:12) and senior Evie Quamme (39th, 35:27) scored for the Pirates.

Large school boys: Luther Prep 47, Lodi 54, Wautoma 94, Portage 102 Columbus 105, Deerfield/Cambridge 106

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Small school boys: Pardeeville 48, Sheboygan Area Lutheran 55, Poynette 91, Waterloo 112, Ozaukee 129, Albany 137, Johnson Creek 164, Marshall 203, Markesan 220, Rio/Fall River 262

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