

Northern Valley girls place 11th in state race

By DICK BOYD

Coach Lonnie Brungardt's Northern Valley girls cross country team placed 11th in the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet on the golf course in Wamego on Saturday morning.

Bryce Marble was the only Husky boy competing in the meet.

No.1 state ranked Tribune won the girls championship with 21 points, followed by No.2 state ranked Goessel, 65; Olpe, 71; Stafford, 74; Hanover, 74; Langdon-Fairfield, 89; Troy, 96; Macksville, 116; Pike Valley, 133; Quinter, 173; Northern Valley, 185.

The Northern Valley girls placed second behind Quinter in the regional run at Grainfield on Oct. 21.

Bryce Marble placed second in the regional boys race.

The Tribune boys are also ranked No.1 in the state and they won the championship with 21 points. No. 2 state ranked South Gray placed second with 30 points. Stafford finished third with 52, followed by Pretty Prairie, 68; Hanover, 85; Wheatland, 125; Lawrence Seabury, 131; Pike Valley, 144; Quinter, 156.

Individual results:

Girls

Megan Cole, 32nd place, time 17:51; Amanda Hopkins, 64th place, time 19:53; Jessie Redeker, 80th place, time 21:26; Jena Jessup, 82nd place, time 22:02.

Boys

Bryce Marble, 45th place, time 20:17.

Coach's comments

"I was very happy with this year's performance and the heart

given by all our runners," said coach Brungardt.

"I know they met many of their goals, especially qualifying for the state meet. We had some personal best performances and competed very hard throughout the course on Saturday.

"Our runners have nothing to be ashamed of. They all got the opportunity to run at the state meet, which many other runners don't.

"I know our runners well enough to know that they are already thinking for next year and setting their goals.

"Many thanks to Jessie and Jena for all their hard work, dedication and team-building that they have instilled into our cross country program. We will miss that next

year.

"We hope to gain a few more runners to rebuild for next season."

Comments on each runner

Cole — Super year, Megan!. Great performance today and personal best. Be proud of your accomplishments this season.

You improved your time by almost one minute on the toughest course this year.

Hopkins — Nice finish. That was great the way you passed those three runners at the end. It was your personal best time. You had a great season, Amanda!

Redeker — It was a strong finish, Jessie! You had one of your top three times of the season.

Thanks for all the memories the

past four years. You have been very successful. Continue on with that attitude!

Jessup — You had a personal best time for the season! Your time was an improvement of one minute.

You had a great season, Jena. I appreciate your dedication to the sport and your enthusiasm for the past four years.

I will miss that! Good luck in your future endeavors.

Marble — You had a tough race today! You ran great early and were in the top 20 but tensed up and fell fast.

Don't look at this race as your season. You have had a great season to be proud of and you have a base to work from for next year.



Megan Cole was the fastest runner for the Northern Valley girls cross country team in the Class 1A state meet on Saturday morning in Wamego. She is shown here striding out during one of the easier parts of the very hilly course. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Northern Valley cross country coach Lonnie Brungardt discussed race strategy with his Husky runner Bryce Marble prior to the boys 3.1 mile race in the Class 1A state cross country meet in Wamego on Saturday morning. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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Huskies lose big to 'Cats

A two-quarter 58-0 shutout was the latest result for the Northern Valley football Huskies in their game with the Sharon Springs Wildcats last Thursday.

The Wildcats scored 42 points in the opening quarter and added 16 in the second.

Statistically, the Huskies rushed for 72 yards on 41 carries vs. 270 yards on 27 carries for the Wildcats. Passing found the Wildcats completing 1 of 2 for 3 yards, the Huskies didn't go aerial. Northern Valley picked up 4 first downs and Sharon Springs 1. The Wildcats were penalized 10 yards on two whistles, the Huskies weren't penalized. Northern Valley fumbled 5 and lost 2, while the Wildcats fumbled 3 and lost 0. Sharon Springs was not forced to punt, while the Huskies kicked 4 times for 76 yards, for a 19.0 per kick average.

Here is how Sharon Springs scored its 58 points:

Taylor Elder, 70-yard kick return, he also ran for 2 points; Elder, on a 47-yard run, point-after failed; Tate Andrews, 31-yard run, point-after failed; Tyler O'Connor, 4 yard run, Andrews pass to Bieker for 2 points; O'Connor, 70-yard run, Taylor Pierce, run for 2 points; Pierce, 10-yard run, point-after failed; Pierce, 36-yard run, he also ran for 2 extra points; and Andrews, 31-yard run, Braden Lucas ran for 2 extra points.

Rushing: Northern Valley, Travis Redeker, 8 carries, 23 yards, 2.9 per carry; Dusty Eagleburger, 14 carries, 59 yards, 4.2 per carry; Blake Johnson, 14 carries, -3 yards, -.2 per carry; Hammond, 1 carry, -1 yard, -1.0 per carry; and Ethan Hays, 4 carries, -6 yards, -1.5 per carry. Sharon Springs, as a team, 27 carries, 270 yards, 10.0 per carry.

Punts: Northern Valley, Tanner Jessup, 4, 76 yards, 19.0 per kick.

Kick-offs: Northern Valley, Chase Miller, 1, 40 yards, 40.0 per kick. Sharon Springs, 8, 260 yards, 32.5 per kick.

Kick-off returns: Northern Valley, Hays, 3, 46 yards, 15.3 per return. Sharon Springs, 1, 70 yards, 70.0 per return.

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