



***By Shari Friedel***

### ***Tribune Staff***

An excellent finish to the cross country season occurred last Thursday, Oct. 14 at the district tournament at the Grant Golf Course with nearly every Perkins County runner improving their time.

The girls team will attend the state tournament in Kearney on Friday, Oct. 22, and junior Ashley Kemling, who finished second individually, will make her third trip to the annual competition held near the UNK campus.

Kemling's time of 16:22 put her in second place behind Dundy County-Stratton's Gabby Mullanix, who finished in 16:05.

"The girls third place finish was no surprise," said Coach Paula Wurst. "Tim (Colglazier, assistant coach) and I both felt that if the girls were healthy and ran well, the only teams we had to worry about were St. Pat's and Dundy County."

Perkins County did indeed finish behind the two teams with 51 points. St. Pat's was first with 42 points and Dundy County-Stratton second with 49 points.

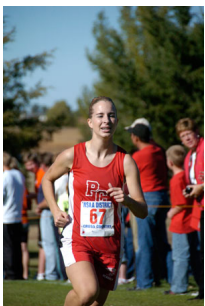
"Everyone ran lights out," said Wurst.

Ashley took more than 30 seconds off last week's time; Jessi (Hoffert) finished just out of medals in 17th, nearly a minute faster than the previous week. Courtney Lyon ran 15 seconds faster, and Krystal Gaar, who still wasn't 100 percent after an illness, gave tremendous effort.

Anna Fournier reduced her time by nearly 40 seconds and Becca Cornelius, also ill at conference, ran well.

The boys season ended with a sixth place finish as a team, with no individuals qualifying for state.

They also showed vast improvement with four of the six boys setting season personal records. Dalton McCormick took 30 seconds off and Seth Burge was over 30 seconds faster than last week. Jake Sexson was 20 seconds faster and Brendon Barry took an astounding 1:25 off his SPVA time. Robert Engel lost 30 seconds and Mark Hansen 20 ran seconds faster.



### Girls Team Scores

1. NP St. Pat's 42
2. Dundy Co-Strat 49

**3. Perkins County 51**

4. Hershey 63

5. Chase County 94

6. Eus.-Far/MV 99

7. Hemingford 110

8. Morrill 117

9. Crawford 151

10. Maxwell 156

Banner Co. NS

Bayard NS

Bridgeport NS

Hay Springs NS

Maywood NS

Paxton NS

South Platte NS

Sutherland NS

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### **Girls Medalists**

1. G. Mullanix, DCS 16:05

**2. A. Kemling, PC 16:22**

3. M. O'Malley, NPSP 16:29

4. M. Vinton, NPSP 16:33

5. B. Hannaford, Hem 16:39

6. J. Stone, May 17:04

7. L. Trevino, Bay 17:20

8. J. Madron, EFM 17:25

9. B. Wood, Hem 17:26

10. A. Harrison, BC 17:31

11. K. Cole, SP 17:34

12. B. Frederick, Her 17:40

13. E. Baldrige, Her 17:40

14. K. Confer, DCS 17:52

15. M. Niesen, NPSP 18:00

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**Other PC Finishers**

(out of 69)

17. J. Hoffert 18:26

21. C. Lyon 18:41

23. K. Gaar 18:51

57. A. Fournier 22:01

59. R. Cornelius 22:12

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**Boys Team Scores**

1. Paxton 29

2. Dundy Co.-Strat 37

3. Chase County 40

4. Eus-Farn/Med Val 54

5. NP St. Pat's 73

**6. Perkins County 108**

7. Hemingford 149

8. Sutherland 153

Bayard NS

Bridgeport NS

Crawford NS

Maxwell NS

Maywood NS

Minatare NS

Morrill NS

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**Boys Medalists**

1. K. Archuletta, Pax 17:31

2. C. Franklin, Bri 18:09

3. T. Talbot, Chase Co. 18:21

4. S. O'Malley, NPSP 18:24

5. G. Perlinger, Pax 18:28

6. L. Swenson, DCS 18:44

7. K. Bottom, Chase Co 18:58

8. L. White, May 19:01

9. A. Johnson, DCS 19:06



10. K. Gibbons, EFM 19:18

11. D. Stansbury, Cra 19:22

12. W. Welch, Pax 19:24

13. S. Young, EFMV 19:28.4

14. R. Lowry, Mor 19:28.4

15. B. Fox, DCS 19:36

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### **PC Finishers**

**(out of 63)**

31. D. McCormick 20:33

32. S. Burge 20:41

36. J. Sexson 21:06

44. B. Barry 21:36

45. R. Engel 21:54

50. M. Hansen 22:45

### **Next Action**

The girls will race at 11 a.m. MDT at Kearney on Friday, Oct. 22.