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The Ogallala Invite is a favorite for cross country runners from Perkins County.

“We love this meet,” said Coach Paula Wurst. “The team ran really well against top-notch competition—four Class B schools, three Class C, four Class D.”

Individually, PCS harriers did not medal, but several set season or career personal records. Emily Kemling, Mariah Curtis and Courtney Lyon had season PRs. For the boys, Brendon Barry set a career PR and Jake Sexson and Brady Mailand has season bests.

“I was super proud of the team,” said Wurst. “We were up against mostly B and C schools. Running against competition of this caliber makes us better. I was especially proud of Emily [Kemling], Courtney [Lyon], and Mariah [Curtis]; I have never had three girls in the 17’s at once. Awesome.”

Wurst said the Hoffert sisters, Kendra and Jessi, also ran well. The efforts of Brendon Barry and Mark Hanson continue to impress her. They are both trying really hard to get into the 19’s, she said.



“Their effort has the dual effect of pulling Robert [Engel], Jake [Sexson], and Brady [Mailand] to faster times, because they are all really working hard to keep one another in their sights.

Next Meet

The teams ran at UNK on the 24th, with results to appear next week, and then will be at home for the Perkins Co/SPVA invite on Oct. 4, followed by D-5 Districts, also at Grant, on Oct. 11.

Girls Team Scores

1. Cozad 35
 2. Sidney 40
 3. McCook 56
 4. Holdrege 62
 5. Ogallala 75
 6. Perkins Co. 100
 7. Lexington 113
 8. Kimball 122
 9. Hershey 180
- Alliance NTS
Garden Co. NTS
Paxton NTS

Individual

Girls Results

17. E. Kemling 17:11
22. C. Lyon 17:52

- 26. M. Curtis 17:59
- 39. K. Hoffert 19:27
- 45. J. Hoffert 21:02

Boys Team Scores

- 1. Ogallala 32
- 2. Cozad 43
- 3. Sidney 46
- 4. Paxton 49
- 5. Lexington 64
- 6. McCook 92
- 7. Holdrege 128
- 8. Alliance 130
- 9. Perkins Co. 152
- Kimball NTS

Individual Boys Results

- 34. B. Barry 20:13
- 35. M. Hanson 20:15
- 43. R. Engel 21:23
- 44. J. Sexson 21:28
- 48. B. Mailand 21:48
- 55. C. Aerni 25:19
- JV 37. D. Barry 25:25