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## Cross Country Joins NYS Federation Meet

**Members of the East Aurora High School varsity cross country team traveled to Poughkeepsie this past weekend to participate in the New York State Federation Cross Country Championship Meet held at Bowdoin Park. The meet brought together the top teams from various New York associations.**

The East Aurora girls team continued to race well, placing third to Fayetteville-Manlius and Saratoga, the number-one and number-five ranked teams in the country. Leading the East Aurora charge were Jenna Hulton, who placed eighth, and Catherine Lusardi, who placed 12th. Also running well were Catherine Phillips 52nd, Megan Hulton 55th, Kirsten Weberg 80th, Alice Coughlin 81st, and Erin Crawford 86th. Coach McLaughlin was pleased with the team's performance but said he thinks they can still run better. "The team is running very well right now but individually there is room for improvement. I know we can run faster."

Scott Anderson represented the boys team and turned in his best race of the season, finishing 18th. Anderson was the second-fastest junior in the race and turned in an outstanding performance to finish in the top 20.

The girls team will travel back to Poughkeepsie this weekend for the Nike Team National Qualifier where the top two finishers automatically qualify for the national championships in Portland, Ore. The third-place team may also receive one of four bids given throughout the nation to top non-automatic qualifiers.