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EA Teams Give Top Performances in Home Invitational, Earn Team Titles

The East Aurora cross country team hosted its invitational this past Saturday on the three-mile course at the High School. Twenty-five teams participated this year, many in preparation of the ECIC Championship Meet, which will be held at the high school on Oct. 27.

The East Aurora teams turned in outstanding performances, earning team titles in the boys varsity, girls varsity, girls junior varsity, and girls modified races. The boys junior varsity team placed second to Clarence and the boys modified team placed fourth in the field.

Leading the East Aurora charge was Catherine Lusardi, who won the girls varsity race with a new course record time of 17:32. Jenna Hulton placed second, followed by Kirsten Weberg fourth, Alice Coughlin sixth, Paige Peltan seventh, Megan Hulton tenth and Tara O'Connor 12th.

Setting the pace for the girls junior varsity team was Catherine Philips, who won the race by over a minute. Also running well were Kim Dziulko fourth, Abbi Boss fifth, Emily Crawford sixth, Alyssa Schiffererele eighth, Molly Hones 18th, Amanda Westfall 19th, Sarah Mars 20th, Leah Klocke 32nd, Alyssa Niggel 36th, Laurel Payne 60th and Rebecca Powers 61st.

The boys varsity turned in solid performances, led by junior Scotty Anderson's second-place finish. Also running well were Lyle O'Brien sixth, Alex Weberg 12th and Jack Wynes 78th.

The boys junior varsity raced well to finish second behind large school Clarence, led by Matt Malican's first place finish. Also running well were Phil Trzyzewsky sixth, Jake Thornley 11th, Steve Smith 12th, Matt Hoeh 40th, Garrett Shea 43rd, Christian Link 52nd, Nick Hart 56th, Simon Pabst 59th, Sam Naughton 81st, and Mark Nowak 112nd.

The cross country teams will head to the McQuaid Invitational in Rochester this Saturday, where the girls team will move up to the large school race to match up with Fayetteville-Manlius and Burnt-Hills, the number one and number three ranked girls teams in the nation. The McQuaid Invitational is the second largest invitational in New York State all season and brings in teams from many other states and Canada.



Scott Anderson of the Blue Devils cross country team heads for the finish of the varsity boys run at the East Aurora Invitational last Saturday at the High School. Scott finished second in the race that had 155 boys competing. The East Aurora boys team finished first by beating out Clarence by nine points.

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