### LOMIRA AREA

# Runners Hahn and Doyle Qualify for State

LHS CROSS COUNTRY

**LHS Boys** 

Carter Hahn went into the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Assocation (WIAA) Sectional race last Saturday with the single goal of qualifying for the state meet.

By the end of the day, Hahn had accomplished his goal by covering the 5,000-meter course in 17:35, finishing ninth overall and snagging the last state qualifying spot.

Hahn ran a smart race by getting out earlier and settling in where he needed to be. The race was a quicker start then he is used to, but he used his endurance to make it through the middle of the race and athletic determination to finish strong over the last half mile.

Coach Jerry Danner was impressed with Hahn's race

'Carter knew what he had to do today and went out and took care of business," said the coach. "He went out faster than normal because he knew he had to stay with the lead pack to qualify. Carter is a competitor and I knew if he was in position with a half mile to go, he would finish strong. He did just that. Carter had a very impressive day and an amazing last three weeks and there is still a week to go."

The Lions finished ninth out of sixteen teams, beating out Columbus on the tie breaker.

Sixth runner Weston Poth finished in front of Columbus's sixth runner to break the tie. This is the second week in a row Poth broke a tie in favor of the Lions.

Coach Danner was thrilled with the team's finish and season.

"Columbus beat us by a significant margin at the Dodge County Meet earlier this year," he acknowledged. "Beating them today is a testament to this team's hard work and improvement. Every week we got better finding more success as a team and as the season progressed. I am very proud of them."

Grant Luedtke finished second for the Lions in a time of 19:30. He placed 45th in the 96-runner field.

"Grant knew he had to go out fast today. Not only did he do that, but he also continued to pass people throughout the race," said Danner. "Grant came back to cross country this year after playing soccer for a year, and we are happy to have him back."

Dawson Doyle finished third for the Lions in a time of 19:47.

"Dawson broke 21 minutes one time last year. He ran under 21 minutes every race but three this year and broke 20 minutes in the last four races," said Danner of Doyle's growth. "A few summer miles and Dawson will be under 18:30 next year."

The junior class had a strong showing by taking the next two spots for the Lions with Thomas Goldapske finishing fourth on the team and Easton Neuman finishing fifth. Goldpaske took an impressive five minutes off his time this year while Neuman shaved off more than a minute after joining the squad halfway through the season.

Marshall Hanke finished off the varsity team with a solid race.

Coach Danner noted that Marshall was a consistent member of the varsity team over the last weeks of the season and looks forward to his progress next year. Danner had nothing but positive things to say about the Lions' second pack, as a

"We were significantly more successful this season than I expected," admited Danner. "Our second pack played a large part in our success."

The entire team will travel to Wisconsin Rapids next week to support Hahn at the state meet.

#### **LHS Girls**

Sasha Doyle finished second in the WIAA Sectional in Portage last Saturday, tying her career-best time for the second week in a row.

Doyle ran what Coach Danner described as the "perfect race" by getting out with the lead pack, settling in while staying comfortable and making a move over the last half.

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