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Perkins County cross country runners were able to improve their times remarkably last Thursday, Sept. 10 at Chase County, which offers a flatter course than the hilly Goodland Course from the previous week.

The girls team placed sixth with a score of 96 and the boys were seventh with 100 team points.

On the girls side, sophomore Ashley Kemling medaled fifth (16:48) with an intelligent race, said Paula Wurst, cross country coach. She started out conservatively, making her way to the 10th place spot by the mile.

Brooke Poppe also had a much better day. “Everything clicked for her and she felt good,” said Wurst.

Jessi Hoffert, Erica Howard and Krystal Gaar also showed improvement over previous times.

Medaling for Perkins County boys was freshman Rassel Hausman who finished eighth in 18:41.

“Rassel ran an outstanding race,” said Wurst. “He also started conservatively, and pulled up in the pack steadily as the race progressed.” To medal at this meet as a freshman is a big deal, she added.

She was also pleased with the performances of Jake Sexson, Seth Burge and Josh Sexson who finished close together, less than two minutes behind Hausman.

Also running well and improving their times were Brian Krajewski, Mark Hanson and Zac White.

Girls Team Scores
1. McCook 21
2. Bertrand/Loomis 52
3. Dundy County 58

4. Southwest 75
5. St. Pat's 80
6. Perkins County 96
7. Chase County 112
8. Hershey 123
Ogallala nts
South Platte nts
Sutherland nts
Paxton nts
Girls Individual Results
(out of 64 runners)
1. Jessa Sughroue, McC 16:18
2. Mandy O'Malley NPSP 16:24
3. Gabby Mullanix Dun Co 16:29
4. Emily Tolliver McC 16:39
5. Ashley Kemling PC 16:48
6. M. Drobnitzky Dun Co 16:55
7. K. Geschwentner McC 17:04
8. Kenzie Maps Ber 17:11
9. Emilyne Nichols McC 17:15
10. Cristina Murillo Ber 17:32
11. Taylor Brooks SW 17:34
12. Haley Harpham McC 17:35
13. Jobi Hasenauer May 17:38
14. Erin Baldridge Her 17:39
15. Laura Brooks McC 17:41
Other PCC Finishers
24. Brooke Poppe 18:57
38. Jessi Hoffert 20:28
50. Krystal Gaar 21:36
57. Erica Howard 23:14
Boys Team Scores
1. Chase County 37
2. Ogallala JV 53
3. Dundy Co. 53
4. McCook JV 72
5. Paxton 84
6. St. Pat's 96
7. Perkins Co. 100
8. Bertrand/Loomis 110
9. Sutherland 160
Maywood nts
Southwest nts
Hershey nts
Boys Individual Results
(out of 70 runners)

1. Koby Archuletta Pax 17:24
2. Dustin Renken Ber 17:42
3. Tyler Talbott CC 17:49
4. Dillon McKeag Og 17:57
5. Levi Swenson Dun Co 17:59
6. Kyle Bottom CC 18:00
7. Levi White May 18:27
8. Rassel Hausman PC 18:41
9. Jon Solorzano McC 18:45
10. Sean O'Malley NPSP 18:48
11. Kevin Cosman NPSP 18:49
12. Grant Jones Dun Co. 18:54
13. Shane German CC 18:58
14. Lane Bergen Pax 19:05
15. Evan Troxel Og 19:06

Other PCS Finishers

31. Jake Sexson 20:27
33. Seth Burge 20:29
35. Josh Sexson 20:32
47. Brian Krajewski 21:55
57. Mark Hanson 23:38
66. Zac White 26:54

Next Meet

McCook is the next destination on Sept. 17 for the runners, who will begin their race at 5:30 p.m. CDT (4:30 MST—slightly different than previously posted). Foreign exchange students Markus Wehrmann and Pierre Schmitt will be added to the Perkins County roster at McCook.