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A hilly course and tough competition greeted the Perkins County cross country runners at the most recent meet in McCook on Thursday, Sept. 17, which included schools from all four classes.

Perkins County girls were not able to produce a team score, with only three runners participating. Jessi Hoffert and Erica Howard were unable to compete due to illness.

Perkins County boys finished in 11th place with a team score of 195.

Josh Sexson also deferred on this competition, nursing a hip injury.

"It is excellent for us to be there, racing with the big schools, mentally as much as anything," said Coach Paula Wurst. "Each runner may not be as far up in the pack as he or she is accustomed, but still has to race hard."

Freshman Rassel Hausman demonstrated this concept perfectly as he kept up with upperclassmen from A and B schools, finishing at 22nd.

Ashley Kemling medaled ninth, running a smart race moving up in the pack at an aggressive pace, said Wurst, and Brooke Poppe also ran a noteworthy race, finishing in the 29th spot and running well.

Enjoying their first cross country competition were foreign exchange students Pierre Schmitt and Markus Wehrmann.

### Girls Results

#### Team Scores

1. McCook 23
2. North Platte 46
3. Holdrege 54
4. Dundy Co 60
5. NPSP 86
6. Cozad 88
7. Hershey 129
8. Chase Co 140
9. Decatur, KS 147

#### Top 15 medalists

1. Ashley Ogborn, NP 15:18
2. Jessa Sughroue, McC 15:57
3. Gabby Mullanix, DC 16:09
4. Kelsea Geschwenter, McC 16:32
5. Natalie Poppe, NP 16:36

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6. Emily Tolliver, McC 16:42
7. Mariele Drobnitzky, DC 16:58
8. Ashley Kemling, PC 17:05
9. Emilyne Nichols, McC 17:13
10. Haley Harpham, McC 17:25
11. Jobi Hasenauer, May 17:35
12. Megan Kreutzer, Hol 17:42
13. Mandy O'Malley, NPSP 17:45
14. Francesca Perosa, Og 17:51
15. Maggie Vinton, NPSP 18:00

### Other PC Finishers

27. Brooke Poppe 19:10
46. Krystal Gaar 21:47

### Boys Results

#### Team Scores

1. North Platte 13
2. Ogallala 30
3. Cozad 89
4. Chase Co 98
5. Holdrege 102
6. Dundy Co 106
7. NPSP 126
8. McCook 138
9. Cambridge 139
10. Decatur KS 157
11. Perkins Co 195
12. Maxwell 218
13. Sutherland 249

#### Top 15 Medalists

1. Brady McGuire, NP 16:50
2. Bryan Hill, NP 17:18
3. Sam Adams, Og 17:21
4. Rick Poppe, NP 17:35
5. Jerod Schoneman, Hol 17:47
6. Mateo Wilcox, NP 17:55
7. Dereck Rosad, Coz 18:15
8. Harry Adams, Og 18:22
9. Dillon McKeag, Og 18:22
10. Shad Krajewski, Og 18:28
11. Tyler Talbot, CC 18:29
12. Sean O'Malley, NPSP 18:29
13. Michael Haws, NP 18:33
14. Brian Custer, Cam 18:34
15. Levi Swenson, DC 18:35

#### PC Finishers

22. Rassel Hausman 19:08

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- 57. Seth Burge 22:02
- 58. Jake Sexson 22:13
- 62. Brian Krajewski 22:29
- 67. Markus Wehrmann 23:52
- 69. Mark Hanson 23:54
- 39. Pierre Schmitt (JV) 23:28
- 54. Zac White (JV) 27:17

