



With illness and injury hampering team efforts, Perkins County cross country runners competed at D-5 district cross country Thursday, Oct. 15 at their home course.

The gloomy and cold weather of the previous week gave way to warmer temperatures and sunshine for the more than 130 runners from 19 schools who took to the rolling hills of the Grant Golf Course in district action.

With a score of 95, Perkins County girls finished in sixth place as a team, with Ashley Kemling qualifying for the second year in a row as an individual runner for state, which will be held Friday, Oct. 23 in Kearney.

Kemling finished the race in 16:56, within 30 seconds of the first two placers, Mandy O'Malley of North Platte St. Pat's (first) and Gabrielle Mullanix of Dundy County-Stratton (second).

Perkins County's Brooke Poppe, Krystal Gaar and Jessi Hoffert finished within seconds of each other with times of 19:36, 19:43 and 19:51 respectively.

"All my girls ran well in lots of tough district competition," said Coach Paula Wurst. "Ashley ran a remarkable race. She was in the top four at the 800 mark and maintained her position, eventually breaking away from Jobi to finish a strong third."

The boys finished in eighth place with a team score of 120 with none of the members finishing in the top 15, despite a mighty effort to overcome tough district competition.

Out of 60 runners, Markus Wehrmann finished 30th in 20:56; Seth Burge 33rd in 20:57; Brian Krajewski 46th in 22:11 and Mark Hanson 52nd in 23:39.

Four boys team members, Russel Hausman, Jake Sexson, Josh Sexson and Pierre Schmitt were unable to compete due to illness or injuries.

### Girls Team Results

(top three teams qualify for state)

1. Dundy Co-Strat 48
  2. Eus-Far/Med Valley 54
  3. North Platte St. Pats 58
  4. Kimball 62
  5. Morrill 69
  6. Perkins County 95
  7. Southwest 98
  8. Bridgeport 144
  9. Bayard 146
  10. Cambridge 183
  11. Crawford 184
  12. Paxton 220
- Chase County nts  
Hay Springs nts  
Hemingford nts  
Maxwell nts

Maywood nts  
South Platte nts  
Sutherland nts

**Girls' Results:**

(Top 15 medalists)

1. Mandy O'Malley, NPSP 16:30
2. Gabrielle Mullanix, DCS 16:37
3. Ashley Kemling, PC 16:56
4. Jobi Hasenaur, MWD 17:08
5. Baily Wood, Hem 17:27
6. Cassa McConville, SW 17:30
7. Kayli Rageth, Kim 17:30.8
8. Lizabeth Trevino, Bay 17:38
9. Jessica Madron, EFM 17:38.7
10. Mariele Drobinsky, DCS 17:44
11. Magie Vinton, NPSP 17:52
12. Kaitlin Moritz, Kim 17:54.3
13. Valarie Kesterson, Bri 17:54.7
14. J. Khamouna, EFM 17:57
15. Karissa Austin, Mor 17:58

Other PC Finishers (out of 76)

34. Brooke Poppe 19:36
36. Krystal Gaar 19:43
40. Jessi Hoffert 19:51

**Boys' Scores**

(top three teams qualify for state)

1. Dundy Co-Stratton 33
2. Kimball 48
3. Paxton 51
4. Chase County 56
5. North Platte St. Pats 81
6. Eus-Farn/Med Valley 88
7. Maxwell 99
8. Perkins County 120
9. Sutherland 143

Bayard nts  
Bridgeport nts  
Cambridge nts  
Crawford nts  
Hemingford nts  
Maywood nts  
Morrill nts  
Southwest nts

**Boys' Results:**

(Top 15 medalists)

1. Koby Archuleta, Pax 17:55

2. Tyler Talbot, CC 18:27
  3. Sean O'Malley, NPSP 18:29
  4. Levi Swenson, DCS 18:43
  5. Levi White, MWD 18:45
  6. Cody Franklin, Bri 18:52
  7. Brandon Craddock, DCS 18:56
  8. Kevin Cosman, NPSP 18:57
  9. Kingsley Gibbens, EFM 19:04
  10. Daniel Evertson, Kim 19:08
  11. Shawn Nagel, Kim 19:17
  12. Kyle Bottom, CC 19:30
  13. Grant Jones, DCS 19:46
  14. Brian Custer, Cam 19:53
  15. Michael Osbon, Max 19:57
- PC Runners (out of 60)
30. Markus Wehrmann 20:56
  33. Seth Burge 20:57
  46. Brian Krajewski 22:11
  52. Mark Hanson 23:39
- Zac White dnf