# Harriers Perform Well in "Preview" of State Meet

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The SLUH Cross-Country team captured seventh place in the twenty-four team field at last Saturday's Hancock Invitational, a race many consider to be a preview of the state meet.

"That's where we should have finished on paper, "coach Jim Linhares said. "I'm not disappointed because man for man, we're not very far behind from the top teams."

Senior Tim Probst finished first for the Harriers, with a time of 17:45. Following Probst were sophomores Kevin Meyers (17:49), Matt Shuckman (18:07), and Pat Hamel (18:07), juniors Jack Kennebeck (18:16) and Ray Griner (18:48), and senior Matt Dougherty (19:03).

Dougherty's race was hampered by an injured ankle, which caused him to be somewhat tentative on the hilly course.

Linhares was very impressed with the trio of sophomores finishing second through fourth on the team. "I am real pleased with the way Meyers has been competing. I am also real proud of how Schuckmann and Hamel are racing. They are all giving an irreplaceable contribution to the team."

The junior varsity team placed fourth in the large field. Junior Tom Schoenbeck finished first on the team with a time of 18:33, thereby earning a spot on the varsity squad for tomorrow's race.

Seniors Pat Nahm, Gene Marshall, Tim Fete, and junior Dave Chilenski rounded out the top five for the J.V. Top runners Mike Russo and Chris Jones both had to drop out about two miles into the race because of injuries. "The JV team looked great. If you factor in Russo and Jones, we have a powerful squad."

The B-team was led to a seventh place finish by a strong performance by Doug Auer, who had a time of 19:08. Following Auer were John Weller, Joel Brown, Steve Schlitt, and Tim Denny.

The team's next race is tomorrow in the Parkway West Invitational at Queeny Park. The Harriers will be battling top teams Kirkwood, CBC, Parkway West, Jefferson City Helias, and Blue Springs from Kansas City. "We'll be running to beat them," concluded Linhares.