

# SLUH meets state goals

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The SLUH boys cross country team attained a long overdue goal by finishing among the top four state teams at the MSHSAA Class 4A state meet on Saturday in Jefferson City.

The Junior Billikens took third place behind state champion Lee's Summit and Jefferson City.

"It's something we've had an ambition for for a long time and to have a hold of it is a great feeling," said SLUH coach Jim Linhares, whose team placed 10th last season and 16th two years ago. "I thought our depth came

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through for us today. We were stronger at (Nos.) 4 and 5 than most of the teams, and that ended up being the difference."

Senior Ben Rosario paced the Junior Billikens with a 18th-place finish (16:46), senior John Christie finished 39th (17:08.22), junior Ken Reichert took 41st (17:10.06), sophomore Ted Snodgrass placed 58th (17:24.16) and fellow sophomore Murphy O'Brien finished 62nd (17:26.23).

Parkway West senior Jon Cordes finished second at the state meet behind Truman's Steve Wade. Cordes finished with a time of 16.15.07, 7.2 seconds behind Wade.

"It feels really good, but I think I could have done a lot better," said Cordes, who also finished second last season after placing seventh his freshman year and 16th his sophomore year. "Wade ran a really smart race. I think if I would

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**Parkway West's Jon Cordes finished second at the MSHSAA Class 4A meet for the second straight year.**

have trained harder, and I would have taken it like he did ... then I could have done a little better. I don't know about beating him though. My time was up to par. It was a lot faster than last year."

The Parkway West team also turned in a strong performance. For the 12th consecutive season the boys' team qualified for the state meet, a feat which only West Plains has also duplicated. The Longhorns just missed qualifying for one of the top four state trophies by finishing fifth total of 249 points, 15 behind fourth-place Liberty.

Other than Cordes, junior