



High School: Willmar Cardinals take 10th in girls, 12th in boys at Section 8 team championships

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CALLAWAY — The Willmar Nordic ski team competed in the Section 8 championship Thursday at Maplelag Resort, with the Cardinal girls placing 10th and the boys finishing 12th.

Eighth-grader Elizabeth Haugen led the Cardinal girls with a total time of 36 minutes, 0.37 seconds (18:25.56 classic/17:34.81 skate). Emmie Larson placed 67th at 40:01.30 (20:12.27/19:49.03), Jary Santos Segovia was 72nd at 51:52.79 (24:51.33/27:01.46) and Melinda Twedt was 75th at 56:50.70 (27:54.60/28:56.10).

Led by Liliana Schaeffer's first-place time of 28:35.51, Brainerd won the girls' team championship with 384 points, beating Alexandria's 363.

Andrew Garcia, a freshman, was the Willmar boys' top skier, finishing in 53rd place overall at 29:50.28 (14:18.74 classic/15:31.54 skate). Jacob Peterson was 66th at 33:59.03 (16:25.71/17:33.32), Timothy Halvorson was 68th at 34:49.32 (17:02.45/17:46.87), and Mateo Engan placed 70th at 36:47.73 (17:28.92/19:18.81).

Bemidji was the boys' team champion with 385, holding off Little Falls with 378. The Lumberjacks' Logan Jensen finished in first at 21:41.51.

The top two teams and the top six individuals not on the top two teams advance to the state championships March 11-12 at Giants Ridge in Biwabik.

Section 8 championship

Boys

Team scoring

(1) Bemidji 385 (2) Little Falls 378 (3) Brainerd 366 (4) Moorhead 293 (5) Detroit Lakes 290 (6) Fergus Falls 279 (7) Sartell/Cathedral 246 (8) Alexandria 246 (9) Trek North 218 (10) St. Cloud Tech 188 (11) St. Cloud Apollo/Sauk Rapids 168 (12) Willmar 147

Individual

TOP FIVE — (1) Logan Jensen, Bem, 21:41.51 (2) Jackson Grant, LF, 21:54.50 (3) Nick Youso, Bem, 22:05.69 (4) Ethan Yorek, LF, 23:06.31 (5) Connor Grant, LF, 23:31.83

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TOP FIVE — (1) Liliana Schaeffer, Bra, 28:35.51 (2) Kaisa Bosek, Alex, 29:02.49 (3) Wren Scott-Lumbar, Tech, 30:26.62 (4) Bridget Collins, Bra, 30:59.85 (5) Mari Devine, Bra, 31:10.09

WILLMAR — (47) Elizabeth Haugen 36:00.37 (67) Emmie Larson 40:01.30 (72) Jary Santos Segovia 51:52.79 (75) Melinda Twedt 56:50.70 (76) Eavan Bobbe 60:35.11