

Byrne stays undefeated individually at Bedford-North Lawrence Invitational Saturday

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North Harrison senior cross country runner Tyler Byrne remained undefeated as an individual over the course of the past week, and won the prestigious Bedford-North Lawrence Invitational as an individual in the process.

The winner in the team standings in the boys' varsity race was semi state contender Terre Haute North, who had a meager 53 points. North Harrison was in 2nd place with 85 points.

"We were pretty happy," said North Harrison boys' cross country coach Jerry Love. "We're close enough to them (Terre Haute North) to where we could beat them" later in the semi state.

To do that, the times will have to lower between the no. 1 runner on the team, Byrne, and the rest of the top four runners.

Saturday at the Bedford-North Lawrence Invitational, Byrne won with a time of 15:51. If that seems a bit slower than the previous week at a meet in Louisville's E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, it is. The course was wet and sloppy, after several days of rain made it so.

The wet conditions make all of the times slower than on a dry course.

"I thought we did really well," Love said, "(though) we didn't have any personal record type performances. The guys have been consistent all season long. They're not satisfied yet. They're very focused on the post season. We're right where we need to be right now."

Floyd Central's boys' team was in 11th place in the 19 team meet, and the Floyd girls were in 9th place among the 19 teams in the girls' division, with 239 points.

Floyd Central girls' coach Carl Hook echoed what Love said about the course.

Noblesville took team honors in the girls' varsity race.

Eastern runner Erika Wilson was in 3rd place as an individual, with a time of 19:34.

Hook said that the results were "nothing super." He said, "All in all, it was a decent day. It was just an average day for us. It was a good workout for us."

The North Harrison girls ran without sophomore Tori Moberly, who has had an injury keep her out of the past three races. She is expected to recover by sectional time, with physical therapy.

The girls placed 7th in the open race, and Abbey Stone had a personal record Saturday by 30 seconds. She was in 1st place for the North Harrison girls, with a time of 24:35.

Girls' coach Tim Martin, who teaches at Johnson Traditional Middle School in Louisville, has been with the program for the past few years.

Love credited Martin with helping with the conditioning of the runners on both the boys' and the girls' squads.

"We're fortunate to have him with us," Love said.