

?Floyd Central, North Harrison boys both advance to cross country semi state

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?Floyd Central and North Harrison ran in 1st and 2nd place in the boys' division in Saturday's Crawford County Regional, and will advance to the semi state at Brown County this Saturday. Floyd Central used four individual places in the top 20 to score the low of 67. Justin Hodge (16:26.8) and Garrett Blackman (16:27.0) were in 4th and 5th place respectively. In 16th and 17th place were Sam Mires and Daniel Huhnerkoch.

Korte was concerned about Perry Central, and thought that Perry's 5th man being back from their pack of their top four runners was a key in Floyd beating them.

"I was concerned about Perry Central," Korte said. "They had a strong pack of four, and it was a question of whether or not their 5th man was going to run a good race or not."

Korte thinks that his squad can get out of the semi state, and make it to the state meet. He doesn't think it will be easy, though.

"As of now, I think we're looking like we're 3rd or 4th. I think we can get 2nd, but Matthew Hamilton is (our) injured 5th man," Korte added. He said that he would like his team's chances if Hamilton is up to strength.

North Harrison enjoyed an excellent race from Tyler Byrne, who won the boys' race with a time of 15:49.2. Byrne had been injured during North Harrison's recent 2nd place team finish in the Mid Southern Conference meet, but was up to full strength. North Harrison finished in 2nd place as a team, with 95 points. Also advancing to the semi state are Perry Central (100), New Albany (102), and Heritage Hills (129).

Ryan Foster was also in the top 15 for the Cougars. He was in 8th place (16:41.3).

In the girls' division, both Floyd Central and North Harrison failed to advance to the semi state this Saturday.

Floyd Central finished in 7th place with 152 points, and North Harrison was in 9th place with 198 points. Neither team had an individual runner in the Top 15 finishers, who advance to the semi state, regardless as to whether or not the team they are on would.