

Lebanon cross country solid in season opener

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FAIRFIELD — Lebanon High's cross country teams opened the season with solid performances at the Brian Plasman Invitational.

The Warrior girls placed third out of 14 teams at the 5K varsity run, hosted by Fairfield High School on Saturday, Aug. 28. Lebanon scored 95 points, finishing behind Mason (54) and Colerain (73). The Lebanon boys placed 12th out of 15 teams with 299 points.

"All of our girls performed at very high levels and I'm proud of all of them," Lebanon coach Tom Hoeffel said. "Our boys showed significant improvement and we had some rookies run some great races."

Lebanon's girls were led by freshman Jacquelyn Crow, who placed eighth overall with a time of 19 minutes, 50 seconds.

Junior Hayley Stegemiller was close behind,

finishing 11th in 20:07 while classmate Hannah Turpin was 18th in 20:37. Jacqueline Lewis (29th, 21:07) and Rachel Hill (31st, 21:11) rounded out the Warriors' scoring.

"Jacquelyn Crow and Rachel Hill ran outstanding races in their first varsity competitions ever," Hoeffel said.

Bryan Reed was Lebanon's top finisher on the boys' side, finishing the race in 18:25 to take the 48th overall spot and score 45th while junior Cam Kidder was 55th overall with a time of 18:37.

Rounding out Lebanon's scoring were Mark Cecil (76th, 19:11), Tad Masthay (85th, 19:27) and Sam Cochran (87th, 19:33).

The Warriors host their annual Lebanon Invitational at Lebanon High School this Saturday, Sept. 4. More than 30 teams will be competing in the race that begins at 10 a.m.

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