

Kerpan Wins Individual Title, Edwardsville Places All Five Runners In Top Ten, Wins Southwestern Conference Girls Cross Country Meet

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GRANITE CITY - MacKenna Kerrpan of Edwardsville was the individual winner, as the Tigers took three of the top five slots and also placed all five runners in the top ten, going on to win the team title of the Southwestern Conference Girls Cross Country Meet, held Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14, 2026, at Wilson Park in Granite City.

Edwardsville won the team title with 21 points, with O'Fallon a distant second at 53 points, Mascoutah was third with 69 points, Triad came in fourth at 128 points, in fifth place was Belleville West at 152 points, Collinsville was sixth with 153 points, and East St. Louis was seventh at 168 points. Alton, Belleville East and the host Warriors did have runners entered in the race, but not enough for a team score.

Kerpan won the race with a time of 17:10.3, with teammate Morgan Popelar coming in second at 17:25.4, Lily McCollom of O'Fallon was third at 17:45.2, fourth place went to the Tigers' Ella Thompson at 17:50.3, and Emberlie Goins of Triad rounded out the top five at 17:57.3. The sixth-place finisher was Heidi Stahlheber of Edwardsville, who was in at 18:08.5, with seventh place going to Mae Naviera of the Panthers at 18:15.3, Edwardsville's Willow Jackson came in eighth place at 18:15.9, teammate Reagan Jumper was ninth at 18:16.4, and O'Fallon's Katelyn White rounded out the top ten at 18:27.2.





Audrey Payne led the Kahoks with a time of 20:25.9, with Ryelan Judiscak in at 20:28.9, Skylar Pace had a time of 22:49.1, Esme Malo came in at 24:00.9, and Sadie Demick had a time of 28:19.3, Damiya Hill led the Flyers with a time of 20:20.2, with Ja'Kayla Atkins coming in at 22:02.3, Shirlores Stewart was in at 24:59.5, Damaya Moore had a time of 25:20.8, and Jasmine Spiller was home at 26:54.2.

To go along with Goins' time, the Knights saw Leila Hiatt in at 19:31.8, Harper Diehl came in at 21:59.5, Alyssa McCalla had a time of 24:06.2, and Lainey Rockwell came home at 27:24.5. Charlene Viamin led the Redbirds with a time of 20:57.8, while Hallie Prough was in at 23:23.9, Anna Caughran was in at 23:42.6, and Haylee Brown had a time of 25:35.3. Elizabeth Genis led the Warriors with a time off 24:05.5, while Jordyn Gravot was timed in 26:42.7, Morgan Yehling came in at 27:20.2, and Isleny Galeana was home at 28:35.0.







