

McGinnis Wins Race, Panthers Have Four Runners In Top Ten, O'Fallon Nips Edwardsville For SWC Cross Country Championship

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GRANITE CITY - Edwardsville's Will McGinnis won the individual championship, as O'Fallon placed four runners to the Tigers' three in the top ten, and it made the difference as the Panthers came out on top in the team standings, getting past the Tigers to win the Southwestern Conference Boys Cross Country Meet Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14, 2026, at Wilson Park in Granite City.

The Warriors were the host team for the event in their first year back after returning to the SWC this season. Triad and Mascoutah also ran well, with both schools finishing in the top five in the team standings.

O'Fallon won the title with 36 points, with Edwardsville coming up with 44 points to finish second. The Indians placed third with 98 points, the Knights were fourth at 113 points, and Belleville West was a close fifth with 117 points. Collinsville came in sixth with 180 points, Belleville East came in seventh with 199 points, Alton was eighth at 207 points, Granite finished ninth at 265 points, and East St. Louis was 10th with 268 points.

McGinnis won the race on the park's three mile cross county course with time of 14:50.2, with Miles Cintron of the Panthers second at 15:08.6, third place went to Chase Cummins of Collinsville at 15:19.7, the Tigers' Jake Burris was fourth at 15:24.0, and Nick Rossi of the Maroons rounded out the top five at 15:35.1. Cole Deering of O'Fallon was sixth at 15:35.8, teammate Benjamin Lown was seventh at 15:41.3, Connor Osborne of Edwardsville came in eighth at 15:42.4, Mascoutah's Jackson Schubert was ninth at 15:42.9, and O'Fallon's Will Thoman rounded out the top ten at 15:43.3.

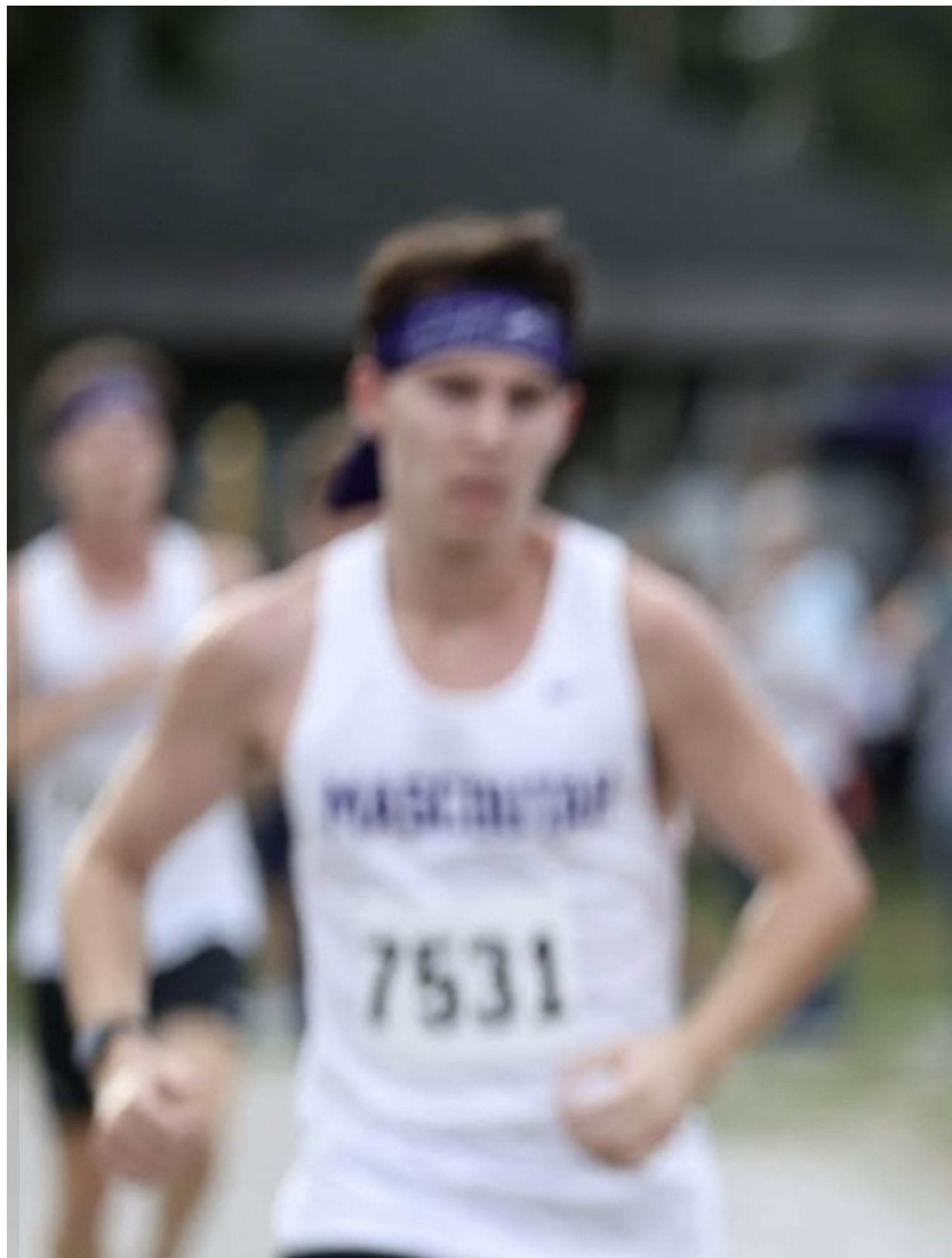


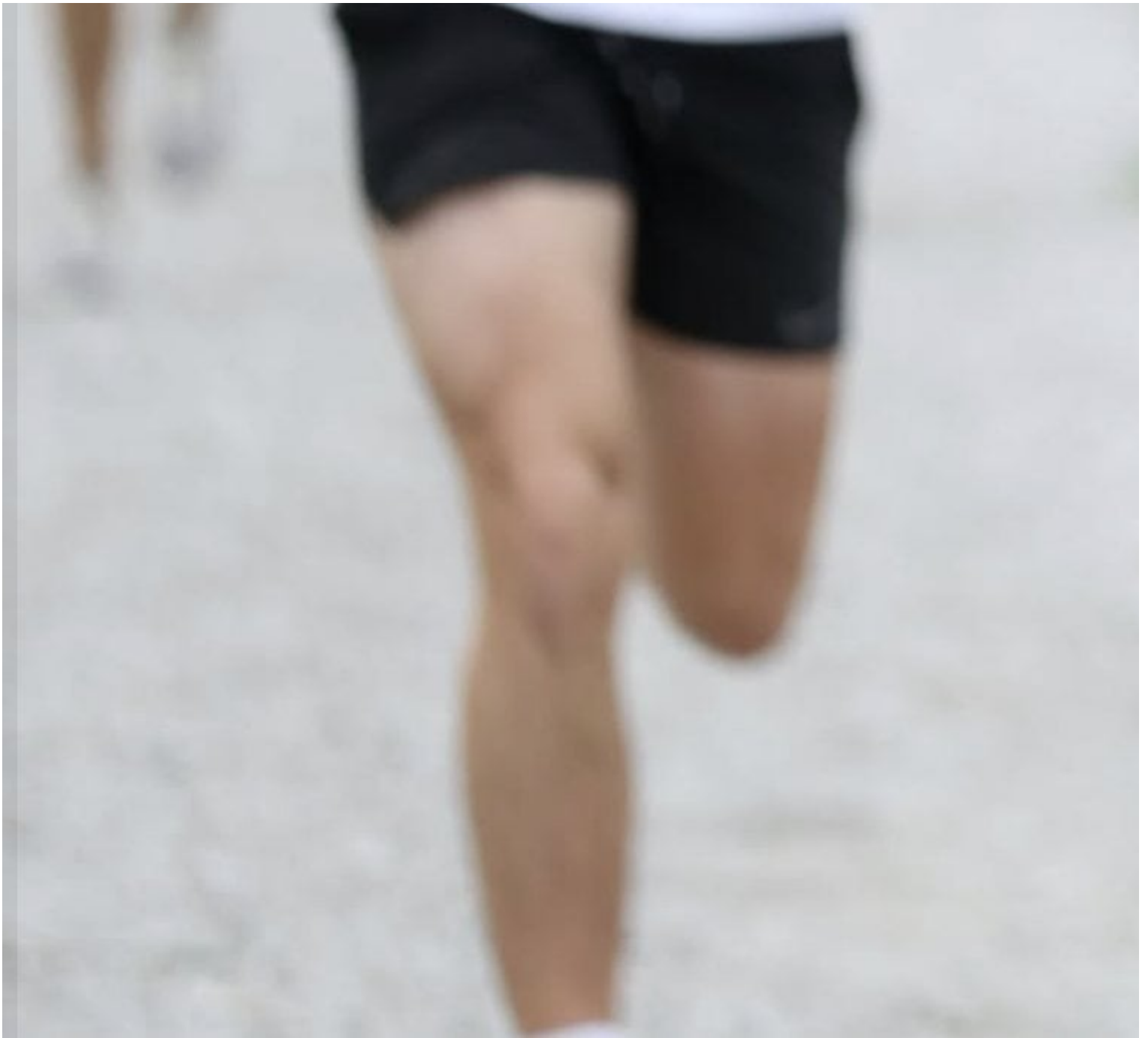


Outside of the four runners who finished in the top ten, O'Fallon had Kasyn Rasey come in at 15:44.6, while the Tigers also had Preston Brown in at 15:52.6, and Colin Luitjohan had a time of 15:53.7. The Redbirds were led by Isaiah Cooper, who had a time of 17:07.0, followed by Gusavo Alcazar at 17:18.7, Gabriel Jinks came in at 17:37.9, Ezra Pfleger had a time of 17:52.5, and Austin Jones came in at 18:06.1

Along with Cummins, the Kahoks saw Daniel Gutierrez-Trejo come in at 15:57.0, Anton Beljanski had a time of 18:14.3, Ethan Williams was in at 18:50.8, and Benjamin

Woodbury had a time of 19:07.5. Marcus Palmer led the Flyers with a time of 17:29.5, with Robert Harris in at 17:50.0, Jimmy Pressley had a time of 19:09.3, Jaylen Atkins came in at 20:19.9, and Willie Dowd had a time of 20:43.6.





Landon Harris led the Warriors with a time of 16:28.3, with Lucas Cooley in at 18:46.2, Issac Beatty was in at 19:47.8, Trevor Rippee was in at 19:51.6, and Tanner Dickerson had a time of 21:04.5. The Knights were led by Michael Schram, who came in at 15:48.9, while Sam Skirball was in at 16:08.7, Carter Rich had a time of 16:28.0, Caden Meier was right behind at 16:28.5, and Nile Diehl had a time of 16:35.1.