

Lukas Mees takes 7th at Class 3A race

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FORT DODGE - Marion High School senior Lukas Mees finished seventh in the Class 3A state cross country meet Saturday at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

Mees ran the 5-kilometer course in 15 minutes, 53 seconds. Marion placed eighth out of 15 teams in the standings with 221 points.

Zach Buchheit won the individual race in 15:10 and led Pella to the team championship with 85 points. Decorah finished second (100 points) and Dubuque Wahlert was third (112).

Cole Kuethe finished 45th for Marion, followed closely by Greg Sam in 46th place and Peter Rethwisch in 47th. Isaac Smith placed 77th to finish the team scoring for the Indians.

Mees finished seventh overall, but was credited with sixth place in the team standings because an individual runner from Waverly-Shell Rock finished ahead of him. Waverly-Shell Rock did not compete in the team race.

Team Standings

1. Pella 85, 2. Decorah 100, 3. Dubuque Wahlert 112, 4. Mount Vernon/Lisbon 113, 5. Boone 123, 6. Sioux City Heelan 139, 7. Grinnell 201, 8. Marion 221, 9. Ballard 243, 10. Fort Madison 253, 11. Glenwood 283, 12. Knoxville 285, 13. Charles City 286, 14. MOC-Floyd Valley 287, 15. Webster City 297.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Zach Buchheit, Pella	15:10
2. Conner Smock, Mt. Vernon	15:33
3. Nathan Carr, Grinnell	15:34
4. Chandler Austin, Boone	15:34

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5. Patrick Larson, Decorah	15:35
6. Daniel Huff, Waverly-SR	15:37
7. Lukas Mees, Marion	15:53
8. Brien Nugent, Wahlert	15:54
9. Buddy Franson, Wahlert	15:59
10. Mark Abrams, Glenwood	16:00

Marion: 6. Lukas Mees 15:53, 45. Cole Kuethe 17:00, 46. Greg Sam 17:00, 47. Peter Rethwisch 17:02, 77. Isaac Smith 17:38, 81. Colton Forster 17:44.