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The Kiel Raider cross country teams took a break away from the regular scoring format to compete in the Don Chase Relays hosted by Weyauwega-Fremont last week Thursday.

In relay scoring, the times of your five fastest runners are added up to come up with a team score, as opposed to adding the top five place finishes.

The Raider boys had one of their best meets of the season taking third behind a strong Freedom squad and Division one Beaver Dam. Freedom's combined time was 1:28.02, followed by Beaver Dam at 1:30.13 and Kiel at 1:30.52. There were 18 schools in the field.

Accounting for the Raider time was Andrew Maile at 17:24, Isaiah Grybush at 17:47, David Helf 18:15, Dustin Esswein at 18:37 and Ben Behnke 18:49. Other Raider runners were Anthony Meyer (19:50) and CJ Brennan (19:59).

Kiel girls came in fifth as Beaver Dam won at 1:22.37. Wittenberg-Birnamwood (1:22.52), Freedom (1:23.43), Mosinee (1:24.23) and Kiel (1:24.46) round out the top five teams.

The Raiders were again led by Alexis Genke. Her time was 16:20 with Rosemary Mueller coming in at 16:29. Abby Gilsdorf (16:34), Samantha Platz (17:01) and Kristin Mathes (18:22) also had their times count towards scoring. Melanie Westphalen (18:33) and Alexandra Kuehl (19:16) also competed for Kiel.

The Eastern Wisconsin Conference titles are on the line this Saturday morning as the conference meet is hosted by Sheboygan Falls at the Sheboygan Lutheran/UW-Sheboygan course. Action begins at 10 a.m.

JV race

Rebecca Horneck was the individual champion in the girls JV race. Her time was 18:34. Brittany Meyer came in 18th for Kiel at 20:30, with Alexis Lucas coming in at 21:19 and Nicole Christel 21:44. Josh Coleman's tenth place finish topped the Raider junior varsity boys. Coleman's time was 19:49. Zach Droste was 27th in 20:39.

Other Raider JV boys times were: Tyler Schickert 20:55; Brandon Spindler 21:24; Jacob Kisiolek 22:46; Justin alters 22:52; Jacob Tarnowski 23:23; Andrew Kumlin 23:51; Noah Draxler 24:02; Jay Moritz 29:49; and David Krause 31:47.

Addison Dahmer came in tenth in the middle school race to lead Kiel girls. She had a time of 15:06.

Other Kiel runner included: Greta Binversie 15:49; Taylor Bincersie 16:30; Abbie Retajczak 16:45; Carly Ritger 18:56; and Mariah Ausloos 20:04.

Sam Vogel topped the Kiel Middle School boys with a time of 17:01