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Top left, Highland freshman Siena Stanerson leads a pack of runners in the SEISC championship race. Top right, Lone Tree senior Jadin Grieser runs the final mile. Middle left, Erika Thomann keeps up her pace. Center, Taylor Alberhasky keeps pushing during the final mile. Middle right, Jackson Schneider works to catch the next runner. Bottom left, Hillcrest's Micah Gerber continues to move up during the third mile of Thursday's race. Bottom right, Highland senior Brendan Schnoebelen competes in his final SEISC meet.

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time will probably convert to be his best effort ever. Jesse did a great job too. He's going to have his best effort as well as Kyle Neuschwander. Delaney (Shaw) also ran an even pace and equaled or bettered her best effort."

Shaw finished 31st out of 60 runners in the girls varsity race with a time of 25:50.

Highland senior Katelyn Waters edged her teammate

Halle Hazelett by a second for 49th place with a time of 27:42.

Sophomore Taylor Alberhasky led the Lone Tree boys with a time of 22:28.

"It's a little hilly, but it's pretty nice," he said about the Winfield course. Alberhasky started near the back of the pack, but moved up to finish 65th.

"I didn't really have any strategy, just trying to get up

there," he said.

He finished one place ahead of Highland junior Jackson Schneider, who led the Husky boys with a time of 22:31.

Seniors Brendan Schnoebelen of Highland and Jadin Grieser of Lone Tree finished 69th and 70th with times of 23:11 and 23:35. Lone Tree's Joey Bircher was 75th with a finish of 24:23.

Highland freshmen Brayden Zywiec and Chase Boshart

were 77th and 79th with finishes of 24:28 and 24:38.

Hillcrest sophomores Jeremiah Danker and Neuschwander were 82nd and 85th with times of 25:54 and 26:23. Highland freshman Chase Hickenbottom was 86th with a time of 27:24.

The second-ranked team in 2A, Danville/New London, won the boys SEISC championship with 35 points. No. 17

Mediapolis finished second with 53 points led by individual champion Solomon Zaugg with a time of 16:56.

Pekin, ranked No. 6 in 1A, was the winner of the girls championship led by SEISC champion Chloe Gosser. The Panther freshman finished nearly 30 seconds ahead of the field with a winning time of 20:12.



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Left, Emma Slaughter and the Lady Lions celebrate a point on senior night. Right, Adelynn Kleopfer has 36 aces this year and leads the Huskies with a serve efficiency of 94.1%.

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we wanted to serve 10 aces. And it was nice to get more than our goal."

Senior Jessica Kraus said the Huskies kept talking to each other even when they fell behind by three points in the final set.

"I think we did a good job communicating," said Kraus, who had three kills. "We worked well as a team and we had pretty good chemistry in the third set."

Grace Prybil had 15 assists

and was 14-of-15 serving with two aces.

Riley Krueger led the Lady Lions with eight kills and 14 digs in the loss. Ella Buser had 21 assists and Hogan Eden had 11 digs.

Avery Morarie had six kills and Bailey McGrew had five. Rylee Shield finished with three blocks and went 13-of-13 serving with a pair of aces.

Highland improved to 4-2 in conference play with the win.

"I feel like we believed in

ourselves the whole game," said senior Lillee Boshart. "And it's really nice that we're winning right now."

Highland kept that winning feeling on Thursday with a 25-11, 25-17, 25-14 sweep of Louisa Muscatine.

The Huskies served 72-of-76 with 19 aces in the win. Smith served just nine times but led the team with five aces, while Kleopfer finished with four. Burton, Krotz, and Kraus each had three.

Burton had a team-high 11 kills in the win as Highland won its fifth conference match of the season.

The Huskies went 2-2 on Saturday at a tournament in Washington.

Burton had six kills and 11 digs in a 21-11, 18-21, 15-13 win over Sigourney. Kleopfer had five aces in the win.

Burton also led the Huskies with seven kills and eight digs in a 21-14, 21-13 sweep of Hillcrest. Kraus had four kills

while Kleopfer added three. Prybil had three kills and seven assists. The Huskies fell to Regina and Washington and have one regular season game left at WACO (24-6).

Highland (12-13) will open the postseason on Monday, October 17 hosting Tri-County (5-17) in the first round of Regional play. The winner advances to the Region quarterfinal against either Lone Tree (5-18) or Central City (15-10).