

Mansure Finishes Fourth At HC Classic

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Kathleen Mansure has put together a consistent season for the Watauga High girl's cross country team. On Saturday, Mansure, who captured the gold at the Caldwell County Invitational on September 4, continued her strong pace by finishing fourth on Saturday in the High Country Classic hosted by WHS at the State Farm Fields.

Mansure, a junior, crossed the finish line in 20-minutes, 39-seconds; Holly Bailey of Lake Norman won the race in 19:52. Lake Norman had five runners in the top 20 and won the HC Classic with 38 points. Spring Valley High from Columbia, S.C., came in second place with 66 points. The Pioneers were fourth with 121 points. The Pioneers had three runners in the top 20. Celia Jackson finished 12th in 21:25; Lily Weeks was 16th in 21:31.

For the boy's, Michael Holland was their top finisher. He finished tenth in 17:25. Patrick Sheehan of Lake Norman won medalist honors by besting the field in 16:15. Jack Timmerman of Spring Valley finished second in 16:50. Spring Valley won the team title with 65 points; Lake Norman finished a close second with 74 points. The Pioneers, like the girl's team, finished fourth with 134 points.

WHS had two runners in the top 20. Will Vandenberg supported Holland's effort by turning in a 15th-place finish in 17:36. Matt Osborne came in 24th (17:51).

Grant Pilkington paced WHS in the boy's junior varsity race by finishing fourth in 18:27. WHS had three runners in the top 20 and finished fifth with 101 points. Andrew Harrelson was 13th (19:01) and Bill Bisignani was 17th (19:09).

In the girl's JV race, Maddie Allain was WHS' highest place finisher as she crossed the finish line in 24:32. Mandy Eagle-Farrar was 17th (24:55) and Sidney Wiswell was 21st (25:26). The Pioneers finished fourth as a team with 93 points.

The Pioneers have a pre-Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet at Freedom on Wednesday; they travel to McAlpine Park in Charlotte for the Wendy's Invitational next Saturday.