

Cross country: Edward Little girls, Messalonskee boys top tri-meet with Lewiston

Edward Little's Payton Bell cops a first-place finish while Ellis Slover takes second in the boys competition.

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3.1-mile course at Auburn Middle School on Thursday was a victory.

Edward Little, Lewiston and Messalonskee competed against the backdrop of a crystal blue sky and a warm sun, with the Red Eddies coming out on top in the girls competition with 25 points to beat the Eagles' 30. Lewiston did not score.

In the boys competition, Messalonskee, which occupied four of the top five slots and prevailed, scored 20 points, followed by EL (48) and Lewiston (59).

EL sophomore Payton Bell sailed into the first-place position in the girls race with a winning time of 21:24.2. She said the course was fine, but the warm sun could take its toll on runners.

"But it was my home course so I tried to do my best," Bell said. "I felt good all the way. I was struggling the second time coming up here, but felt good because I know on that last hill, it is just a downhill to the end.

"I guess the main motivation I had was just to keep going past the boys. I knew...I just wanted to keep passing boys as much as I can."

"She is an outstanding runner," Edward Little cross





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