

Kirkwood Keeps Harrier Crown

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COLUMBIA, Mo., Oct. 26—Kirkwood became the first team to win four Missouri high school cross-country championships when the Pioneers coasted to the title today.

Kirkwood placed five runners among the top 10 individual finishers and scored 26 points, easily outdistancing Southwest of St. Louis, which was second with 157. Kansas City Central was third with 175 and McCluer fourth with 178.

Kirkwood captured its first state crown in 1962. The Pioneers also won in 1964 and again last year.

Kirkwood achieved another first in state meet competition today. No team had ever won back-to-back titles. And the Pioneers' total of 26 points was the lowest since 1951, when Springfield Senior High established the state record of 19.

Southwest's Steve Wilson overhauled Kirkwood's Bob Neilums in the final 125 yards to win the individual crown. Wilson was timed in 9 minutes 58.5 seconds over the two-mile lay-

State Results

TEAM STANDINGS

Kirkwood 26, Southwest 157, Kansas City Central 175, McCluer 178, Raytown South 187, Pattonville 197, Principia 199, Hazelwood 201, Independence Truman 210, Kansas City West 211.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Steve Wilson, Southwest; 2. Bob Neilums, Kirkwood; 3. Larry McMahon, John Burroughs; 4. Jim Benkert, Kirkwood; 5. Kevin Liebig, Pattonville; 6. Ron Thompson, McCluer; 7. Dave Ford, Kirkwood; 8. Cecil Jones, Kirkwood; 9. Linley Lysper, Cahokia; 10. Don Axt, Kirkwood; 11. Mitch Wittner, Kansas City Westport; 12. Bill Allinder, Kansas City Truman; 13. Steve Ratajczyk, Southwest; 14. Lennie Harrison, Kirkwood; 15. Bob Kolen, Lee's Summit. Time—9 minutes 58.5 seconds.

out on Missouri University's A. J. Gustin golf course.

Neilums, a junior who had been beaten only once this season and was the favorite today, was clocked in 10:05.

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