

Alton girls, Jersey boys both second at Alton Invitational

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It was a good day for the Jersey boys and Alton girls bowlers Tuesday at Alton Invitational championship at Airport Bowl in Bethalto.

Jersey's boys and Alton's girls each placed second in the tourney.

Alton junior Eryka Graham captured first place in the invitational in the girls' competition, finishing with 1,314 pins and a 219 average for six games. Jacob Freand had an outstanding tourney for Jersey, placing second overall. He had the second highest game on the day with a 288.

Alton bowling coach Jeff Woszczyński said Graham and the rest of his girls did a “great job” in the invitational.

Becca McBride was fifth with a 1,200 and Ashley Heistand was sixth (1,183).

“Our girls are one of the best teams in the Southern Illinois area,” Woszczyński said.

Collinsville and Herrin have been battling in other tournaments with the Lady Redbirds, the coach added.

Lindsay Vanost led the Jersey girls with a 21st place. Allison Steines was also in the top 20 with 14th place for Alton.

Herrin won the girls invitational with a score of 5,875; followed by Alton (5,778); Collinsville (5,603) and Harrisburg (5,322). Jersey scored a 4,721 for a 10th-place finish.

Cahokia won the boys team competition with a 6,141. Jersey was second (6,107) Collinsville (6,080; Highland (6,007); Civic Memorial (5,895); and Alton (5,782) as top finishers.

Lucas Pejakovich topped Alton’s individual efforts with a sixth-place score of 1,306. Jacob Donahue placed 15th for the Redbirds. Kevin Mangrum was 13th for Jersey and Jeffrey Gump was 18th.

Cahokia Michael McGarry was the boys’ individual champion with 1,378 pins; Freand finished with a 224 average. Jersey’s Trevor Ayres was 28th and Brandon Handler 29th in the tourney.

The top three Civic Memorial bowlers were Jacob Troeckler (17th); Ryan Hayes (19th); and Phillip Ramos (23rd).