



Life As Runners Know It

Go Figure

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1st
in Districts

4th
in the city

7th
in the state

39
runners

Waking up at the crack of dawn, groggily rolling out of bed. Heading downstairs, grabbing your bag and going to the high school. Sounds almost like a typical school day, but it is really not.

Bright and early in the a.m., it is actually a Saturday for boy's cross country runners. As the racers meet outside our high school for the team bus, they psych themselves up for a grueling 3.1 mile race.

Through unbearable heats, blistering cold winds, rain with muddy courses, killer hills and opposing runners that are not afraid to trip, push, or elbow you in order to win, the guy's cross country team raced to victory.

Starting off strong at Fairfield, legendary for its hills, the team dominated the field, placing four runners in the top ten, first in 23 teams. Continuing this winning streak all the way to Districts, they gained their fourth, and most prestigious 1st place trophy.

"This was the first cross country district title that the high school has won since 1981 and the lowest district score ever," said **Coach Jim Smanik**.

Jules Rosen, 12, led the way with a 3rd place finish, **Alphonse Harris, 10**, (9th, 16:34) and **Yavuz Inanli, 11**, (11th, 16:36) followed closely behind. **Taylor Williams, 10**, set a career best for the fifth time in the season, taking 16th place in a time of 16:41. Not to be overshadowed was an excellent performance by **Brian Weber, 11**, (20th, 16:53). **Ben Sage, 12**, ran an outstanding race, finishing 35th in a time of 17:20. **Jack Przywara, 10**, rounded out the top 7, finishing in 19:30 despite severe back pain.

The team then raced in the Regional meet at Troy, with strong predictions of qualifying for the state meet. Arriving in Troy with grim determination, dreams did not come together. The team placed 5th, just one place away from qualifying.

Rosen was the sole runner to make it to State, and on that rainy, nasty day, he became 27th in the state, with a time of 16:28.

Without a doubt, for guy's cross country, their highly appropriate mantra is "Run with intelligence, run with confidence, run with heart."



Ready, set, GO! The season began with a bang at Fairfield, notorious for its enormous hills. Raced at the hottest time in the summer, the boys finished with 1st place. **Brian Weber, 11**, **Jules Rosen, 12**, **Alphonse Harris, 10**, **Ben Sage, 12**, **Yavuz Inanli, 11**, **Ben Hue, 12**, and **Jack Przywara, 10**, smiled as they started off with a trophy for the shelf.



Going, going, GONE! Where did they go? The guys raced hard and fast at districts, and left the other teams in the dust. Gaining a prestigious first place, they headed to regionals, where they ran a heart-breaking 5th, stopping just short in their race of fury to state.

Boys Cross Country

Fairfield	1st	out of	23 teams
Lakota	4th	out of	19 teams
Princeton	1st	out of	13 teams
Milford	3rd	out of	22 teams
Harrison	1st	out of	20 teams
Kings	8th	out of	11 teams
St. Xavier	4th	out of	22 teams
Eaton	4th	out of	12 teams
GMC	2nd	out of	10 teams
Districts	1st	out of	15 teams
Regionals	5th	out of	16 teams
State**	27th	out of	152 runners

**Jules Rosen

Vital Statistics

Most Improved	Taylor Williams
Team Leaders	Jules Rosen, Ben Sage, Kyle Fitch, Adam Trick
MVP	Jules Rosen
Most Spirited	Ben Nava