



PANTHER CROSS COUNTRY TEAM COMPETES IN 'FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS' INVITATIONAL IN THE WOODLANDS

D'Eramo Claims Top Finishers Award In Elite Boys Varsity Run

THE WOODLANDS, Texas – The St. Pius X boys and girls cross country teams got together for their first combined meet of the 2007 season at the highly competitive Friday Night Lights invitational held at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands on August 31.

Panther runners divided into three groups to participate in the evenings staged events, including the Boys Varsity 'A' Race, the Girls JV Race and the Boys JV Race. It was a meet full of well recognized high school running programs featuring Katy Cinco Ranch, Kingwood, Cedar Park, Klein Oak, Strake Jesuit, Magnolia, Friendswood, Clear Lake, Lamar, Cy Woods, Morton Ranch, Kempner, Klein Collins, St. Pius X and event host The Woodlands high school.

In the featured and final race of the evening, Joey D'Eramo turned in a three-mile time of 15:18.11 to claim another 'top finishers' spot in the varsity boys elite race. The St. Pius senior finished 14th from a field of 114 runners to place in the Top 20 in the evenings premier event, and has now won or earned a top finishers spot in 17 of 20 cross country runs dating back to his sophomore season.

"Joey is very consistent," said Panther coach Erin Van Wassenhove. "He is extremely competitive and looks forward to running against the best runners from week-to-week."

In a mud trenched field that required hay to be spread between races, St. Pius' other runners worked to establish individual season marks to measure themselves against as the season progresses.

"Let Us Prey"

Individual Performances from the Varsity Boys ‘A’ Race:

1) Joey D’Eramo (15:18.11), 2) Josh Vasquez (17:49.85), 3) Jake D’Eramo (17:53.25),
4) Joseph Ochoa (18:00.24), 5) Raymond Garcia (18:39.87), 6) Rob DiValerio (20:04.30)

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2007 ‘Friday Night Lights’ Invitational Meet Photo



Neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet or mud could stop the Panther runners from participating in the annual Friday Night Lights invitational in The Woodlands.

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St. Pius X Background

The Dominican Sisters of Houston founded St. Pius X High School in 1956 to serve the educational and spiritual needs of the young men and women of Houston. Its mission compels the School to provide an affordable quality Catholic education distinguished by a commitment to the individual, to spiritual and moral development, to a love of learning, and to the cultivation of leadership.

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