



ST. PIUS X TRACK TEAM GETS OFF TO FAST START AT 2008 ST. THOMAS EAGLE RELAYS

D'Eramo Waste No Time Breaking TAPPS 6A State Record in Boys 3200 Meter Run

HOUSTON – Three members of the St. Pius X track team delivered impressive medal performances at the season opening St. Thomas Eagle Relays on February 15-16, as experience and youth combined for a successful 2008 debut by the Panther team.

In his first 3200 meter track competition since winning the TAPPS 6A state title last May in Waco, senior Joey D'Eramo wasted little time setting a new personal best meet mark of 9:35.84 in the grueling two-mile event, breaking the former TAPPS state record of 9:36.73 set by Fort Worth Nolan's Andrew Montes in 2005. The senior's new record time was 13 seconds faster than his 2007 state title mark, and provided for a 37-second win and the Panther's first gold medal of the season.

In girls competition, senior Jordan Barnett turned in a time of 52.03 seconds in the 300 meter hurdles to earn a silver medal with her second place finish for the Lady Panthers. Freshman Alex Williams medaled in her first meet for St. Pius, placing third and earning a bronze medal in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.64. Freshman Alexander Leigha placed fourth in the girls 800 meter run with a track time of 2:37.24.

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Panther Foot Notes:

Personal Record Meet Performances

- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 3200m Run – (9:35.84)

Other Notable Performances and Scoring

- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 3200 Meter Run – 1st Place (9:35.84) = 10 points
- Jordan Barnett – Girls 300 Meter Hurdles – 2nd Place (52.03) = 8 points
- Jordan Barnett, Amanda Heins, Emily Robinson, Alexander Leigha -- Girls 4x400 Meter Relay -- 5th Place (4:40.20) = 8 points
- Erika Valladares, Johnita Goodman, Saffron Hill, Vicki Markantonis – Girls 4x100 Meter Relay - 6th Place (55.82) = 6 points
- Alex Williams – Girls 100 Meter Hurdles – 3rd Place (18.64) = 6 points
- Steven Gergen, Rob DiValerio, Josh Vasquez, Joey D'Eramo – Boys 4x400 Meter Relay – 6th Place (3:49.50) = 6 points
- Leigha Alexander – Girls 800 Meter Run – 4th Place (2:37.24) = 5 points
- Mark Venric – Boys 400 Meter Dash – 5th Place (54.00) = 4 points
- Leigha Alexander – Girls 400 Meter Dash – 6th Place (1:07.54) = 3 points
- Mark Venric -- Boys Long Jump -- 6th Place (20-01.00) = 3 point
- Kaley Carroll – Girls 300 Meter Hurdles – 7th Place (1:01.31) = 2 points
- Regina Bracken – Girls 400 Meter Dash – 7th Place (1:08.22) = 2 points
- Johnita Goodman – Girls 200 Meter Dash – 8th Place (28.50) = 1 point

Team Points Earned – Meet

- Boys Varsity Team – 23
- Girls Varsity Team – 45
- Total Combined Points - 68

2008 Season – Varsity Track and Field Team – Individual Medal Count

Boys:

Joey D'Eramo – 1 gold = Total Medals 1

Girls:

Jordan Barnett – 1 silver = Total Medals 1

Alex Williams – 1 bronze = Total Medals 1