



## **SPX TRACK ATHLETES CLAIM NINE EVENT MEDALS AT JOHN COOPER DRAGON INVITATIONAL**

### **D'Eramo Breaks TAPPS 6A State Record in 1600 Meter Run to Lead Panthers**

THE WOODLANDS – Just two weeks after breaking the TAPPS 6A state record in the boys 3200 meter run with a personal best 9:35.84 performance at the season opening St. Thomas Eagle Relays, St. Pius X senior distance runner Joey D'Eramo continued his blistering early season pace at the John Cooper Dragon Invitational on Friday, February 29 by breaking the TAPPS state record in the 1600 meter run.

D'Eramo turned in a personal best 4:25.8 mile time to win the 1600 meter competition, breaking the former 6A state record mark of 4:28.1 established by Brownsville St. Joseph's Louie Tijerina at the 2007 state championships in Waco. In addition to winning the mile, D'Eramo also took gold in the 3200 meter run with a track time of 9:42.3, and turned in his third medal performance of the meet as a late entrant in the 800 meter run, finishing third in 2:05.9.

Sophomore Mark Venric added a gold to the Panther's medal count by finishing first in the boys long jump with a 20-09.75 effort, and added a silver medal in the triple jump with a 39-06.50 performance.

In girls competition, senior Jordan Barnett claimed a silver medal in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.7, and added a bronze medal performance in the 100 meter hurdles finishing in 17.8.

Elsewhere, Trey Nelson and Landon Johnson each earned bronze medals to bring the St. Pius medal count to nine. Nelson finished third in the boys 100 meter dash with a time of 11.3, and Johnson matched by claiming the third spot in the boys 200 meter dash in 23.7.

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## ***Panther Foot Notes:***

### **Medal Performances**

- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 1600m Run – (4:25.8) – Gold Medal
- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 3200m Run – (9:42.3) – Gold Medal
- Mark Venric – Boys Long Jump – (20-09.75) – Gold Medal
- Mark Venric – Boys Triple Jump – (39-06.50) – Silver Medal
- Jordan Barnett – Girls 300m Hurdles – (50.7) – Silver Medal
- Jordan Barnett – Girls 100m Hurdles – (17.8) – Bronze Medal
- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 800m Run – (2:05.9) – Bronze Medal
- Landon Johnson – Boys 200m Dash – (23.7) – Bronze Medal
- Trey Nelson – Boys 100m Dash – (11.3) – Bronze Medal

### **Personal Best Meet Record Performances**

#### **Boys**

- Joey D'Eramo – Boys 1600 Meter Run – (4:25.8) \* STATE RECORD
- Jake D'Eramo – Boys 3200 Meter Run – (11:05)
- Ray Garcia – Boys 800 Meter Run – (2:13)
- Steven Ruiz – Boys 100 Meter Dash – (12.44)
- Will Louselot – Boys 400 Meter Dash – (56.8)

#### **Girls**

- Johnita Goodman – Girls 200 Meter Dash – (27.78)
- Girls 4x100 Relay Team – Johnita Goodman, Vicki Markantonis, Emily Robinson, Lauren Auzenne (52.97)
- Girls 4x400 Relay Team – Jordan Barnett, Emily Robinson, Erika Valladares, Leigha Alexander (4:30.8)

### **Other Notable Performances**

- Johnita Goodman – Girls 200 Meter Dash – 4<sup>th</sup> Place (27.78)

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

Joey D'Eramo – 4 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze = Total Medals 6

Jordan Barnett – 3 silver, 1 bronze = Total Medals 4

Mark Venric – 2 gold, 1 silver = Total Medals 3

Landon Johnson – 1 gold, 1 bronze = Total Medals 2

Trey Nelson – 1 gold, 1 bronze = Total Medals 2

Kolby Griffin – 1 silver, 1 bronze = Total Medals 2

Alex Williams – 1 bronze = Total Medals 1

Regina Bracken – 1 bronze = Total Medals 1

Girls 4x200M Relay – 1 gold = Total Medals 1

Boys 4x100M Relay – 1 gold = Total Medals 1

Boys 4x200M Relay – 1 silver = Totals Medals 1

Boys 4x400M Relay – 1 bronze = Total Medals 1

### **Team Points Earned – Meet**

- Boys Varsity Team – 95.5 = (5<sup>th</sup> Place/17 Teams)
- Girls Varsity Team – 50 = (11<sup>th</sup> Place/20 Teams)
- Total Combined Points – 145.5