



D'ERAMO BUILDS UPON CONSECUTIVE 'TOP FINISHERS' STREAK AS COUNT REACHES TEN AT TEXAS A&M INVITATIONAL

Panther Cross Country Runners Register Team High 12 Personal Best Meet Performances

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Senior cross country runner Joey D'Eramo ran well enough to claim another top finishers spot, and 12 other Panther runners turned in personal best meet performance times, to give St. Pius X its most impressive team result of the season at the Texas A&M Invitational on Saturday, September 22.

Competing against many of the top-ranked UIL public and SPC and TAPPS private high school runners from throughout the state in the showcased seeded boys 5-kilometer run, D'Eramo turned in a course time of 16:10.30 to place 12th from a field of 138 elite class runners. The top 20 placement extended the reigning 2006 TAPPS 6A state champion's current 'top finishers' streak to 10 consecutive meets, a run that includes winning or claiming a top finishers spot in 20-out-of-23 cross country competitions dating back to his sophomore season.

"Confidence and consistency are the end result of hard work and dedication," said Panther cross country coach Erin Van Wassenhove. "In addition to those traits, Joey (D'Eramo) is fearless when running against the best public school runners. He actually thrives on the challenge week-after-week."

Elsewhere, in other Aggieland race day competitions, senior Josh Vasquez (19:13) and sophomore Jake D'Eramo (19:18) recorded personal best 5k meet times to pace the non-seeded varsity boys team. Junior Christine Muller (15:20), freshmen Amanda Heins (15:46), freshmen Sarah Jardine (16:51) and junior Johnita Goodman (17:25) followed suit with personal best

meet performances in the varsity girls 2-mile competition. In the junior varsity girls 2-mile run senior Katie Carlile (19:12), sophomore Rebecca Hoffman (20:44) and freshmen Alyssa Rivas (22:43) added personal best meet times for St. Pius. Rounding out the list of Panthers registering personal best meet performances at the A&M invitational were freshmen Austin Kowalski (13:57), sophomore Dirk Villman (14:53) and freshmen Julian Sia (15:31) in the junior varsity boys 2-mile run.

“Having 12 runners record personal best meet performance times at such a big competition is very impressive,” pointed out Van Wassenhove. “This type of positive result is testimony to all the hard work the runners have been putting in this fall.”

“Let Us Prey”

Individual Performances from the Seeded Varsity Boys 5K Run

1) Joey D’Eramo (16:10.30)

Individual Performances from the Varsity Boys 5K Run

1) Josh Vasquez (19:13), 2) Jake D’Eramo (19:18), 3) Raymond Garcia (19:50), 4) Joseph Ochoa (20:02), 5) Rob DiValerio (20:59), 6) David Vallejo (22:13)

Individual Performances from the Varsity Girls 2-Mile Run

1) Linsey Wojtasczyk (15:16), 2) Christine Muller (15:20), 3) Amanda Heins (15:46), 4) Alana Jones (15:57), 5) Sarah Jardine (16:51), 6) Victoria Markanton (17:02), 7) Erika Valladares (17:06), 8) Johnita Goodman (17:25), 9) Kaley Carroll (17:26), 10) Tiffany Bender (17:36), 11) Alice Whitten (18:12), 12) Sarah Baker (20:11), 13) Nina Broumand (20:12), 14) Crystal Galacia (21:37)

Individual Performances from the Junior Varsity Girls 2-Mile Run

1) Katie Carlile (19:12), 2) Stacia Dancsak (20:08), 3) Rebecca Hoffman (20:44), 4) Alyssa Rivas (22:43), 5) Saffron Hill (26:22)

Individual Performances from the Junior Varsity Boys 2-Mile Run

1) Austin Kowalski (13:57), 2) David Goldknopf (14:41), 3) Dirk Villman (14:53), 4) Julian Sia (15:31)

Personal Best CC Meet Times Established:

- Josh Vasquez (19:13), 5k (3.1-mile)
- Jake D'Eramo (19:18), 5k (3.1-mile)
- Christine Muller (15:20), 2-mile
- Amanda Heins (15:46), 2-mile
- Sarah Jardine (16:51), 2-mile
- Johnita Goodman (17:25), 2-mile
- Katie Carlile (19:12), 2-mile
- Rebecca Hoffman (20:44), 2-mile
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