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California State Meet
Woodward Park, Fresno
Saturday, November 27, 2021

Renae Romps to Medal Position And School Record !

Division IV Girls

5K

(207 finishers)

1. Sophie Nordenholtz (Albany) 16:46

8. Renae Searls 18:19

(new school record; old record 18:30 Allie Timbrell 2014)

1 mile	2 miles	5K (1.1 mile)
5:31	12:15 (6:44)	18:19 (6:05)

Renae was stationed in the starting box closest to the fencing, so had to really stride out to avoid being crushed into the back. This put her into the top few immediately into the start of the race, and she held on for the rest of the event.

Surrounded by familiar opponents (Sophia from Albany, Olivia from Acalanes, Kate from Miramonte) Renae was able to maintain her spot throughout the competition. As Sophia and Olivia held up



NCS glory in going 1-2 at the State Meet, the DAL was not shabby at all by nailing down 2nd, 8th, and 13th for individual spots.

Renae is aggressive at the mile mark.

Renae raced near the front through the mile mark, and at that point the lead group had already separated from the pack. After that it was a matter of racing smart and hard. Holding on to a top-10 mark, Renae was able to not only navigate the difficult middle mile of this course, but still had a strong finish surge to match the other top runners and their own competitive intensities.

The 8th place was a very strong finish with a State Meet medal. It was also a

school record. And it cemented Renae, even as a sophomore, as one of the best runners in Alhambra High history.



Renae finishes strong at the State meet.

The race comparisons:

Renae would have been :

D-I in the top 5 of every team in the race

D-II the top 4 of every team in the race

D-III in the top 2 of every team in the race

D-IV in the top 3 of every team in the race

D-V the # 2 runner in the entire race

All this goes to show that Renae would have been a top runner in every single top team in the state of California in the championship races. Every Single Team. Hard to argue with the facts. Good going, and a great finish for the Bulldogs for the 2021 season.

And since college coaches can't contact high school runners until after their junior season, I can only imagine all those schools' coaches licking their chops about trying to get Renae into their programs a year from now.

But Wait ! There's More ! Renae Makes 1st Team All-NXN California Regional

Nike National NXN
California Regional
Woodward Park, Fresno
Saturday 12/4/2024

Girls' Championship Race. 5K

(55 finishers)

1. Lauren Soobrian 17:40

6. Reane Searls 18:14 PR :05

(New school record: old record 18:19 Renae Searls 2021)

With perhaps more to prove this season, Renae entered herself in the NCS California Regional and did very well on her 3rd attempt on the Woodward Park course this year. In a race that showcased many of the top runners from across all divisions of California, she was able to not only duplicate a top finish but also PR from the previous week.

1 mile	2 miles	5K (1.1 mile)
5:32	12:30	18:14



Renae with the lead group right through the first mile

In what appeared to be a repeat of last week's race, Renae went with the leaders through the mile. Today she hung tough with the top two girls until they put a move on her at the 1 1/2 mile mark. Renae held her pace and her ground through the 2nd half of the race, and had to outsprint a girl to the finish to grab her 6th place. The PR was an added bonus to her top-10 spot.

And in a bit of Searls family history, in 1987 Renae's mom on this course in the same post-season race (it was called Kinney then) finished 9th in 18:17. Renae, 35 years later, grabbed the family bragging rights.



Another race, another school record.