



The Bulldog Bark

The Voice of Alhambra Cross Country

Saturday, February 13, 2021



And We're Off!

DVAL # 1 @ Ygnacio Valley

It was quite the spectacle, finally having our first competition of the long-delayed and oft-interrupted season. Coach Angela broke out the new uniforms, the athletes had the team sweatshirts AND the team jackets, our team area was the cat's meow, and we even had Team Dad extraordinaire Mr. Searls manning the bullhorn commentary.

Coach Brewer provided the course marking materials, and helped festoon the course loop with stakes and colorful flag ropes. We even had individualized name tags and electronic timing at the finish.

The segregated race structure was interesting, as each team ran together, but 30 minutes apart from the other teams. The competition was the clock, as each team's times on the 2.0 mile and 3.0 mile courses were recorded and displayed on a combined team results sheet.

But how did the Bulldogs do?

Good question. All of the teams involved have had herky-jerky start . . . a quick notice that we were good to go, team families with plans already in place, a four day holiday weekend on the calendar, and a shrunken roster already due to malaise, extended disruptions, and a myriad of other excuses. This all added up to no single team being at anywhere near any semblance of full strength.

Nonetheless, we were able to put athletes on the line, and they ran as best they could in their first race in almost a year. Yes, the performances were uneven, there was a lot of rust showing, and we didn't have a full roster make it to the races.

And the results:

Here are the merged results, after each school ran individually.

| Gr 2 mile Male | School | time |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|
| 12 Oliver King | YV | 12:44 |
| ? Julien Lutz | YV | 12:46 |
| 11 Victor Zaragoza Pardo | YV | 13:29 |
| 12 Ernesto Perez Gutierrez | CON | 13:45 |
| ? Oswaldo Gomez | CON | 14:05 |
| 12 Erick Rosas Gonzalez | YV | 14:09 |
| 12 Ryan Willisie | CON | 14:50 |
| 12 Zachary Smith | MD | ? |
| 11 Savion Martin | MD | ? |

| Gr 2 mile Female | School | time |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| 12 Erika Martinez | CON | 14:27 |
| 9 Noura Sobhy | ALH | 16:11 |
| 10 Haylie Jacobs | CON | 17:48 |
| 11 Mia Padrique | ALH | 19:23 |
| Jennifer Castro-Alfaro | MD | ? |

| Gr 3 mile Male | School | time |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 12 Benjamin Smyers | ALH | 16:41 |
| 12 Logan Jacobs | CON | 17:16 |
| 11 Nolin Searls | ALH | 17:18 |
| 12 Aidan Donovan | YV | 17:56 |
| 12 Brandon Simpson | CON | 18:40 |
| 10 Zachary Dahl | CON | 18:48 |
| 9 Cameron Crow | CON | 18:50 |
| 11 Vince Montegrando | ALH | 19:05 |
| 10 Zachary Willisie | CON | 21:02 |
| 10 Evan Lewis | CON | 21:03 |
| 11 Sam Rogers | ALH | 21:47 |
| 11 Ethan Arnold-Muth | ALH | 23:25 |

| Gr 3 mile Female | School | time |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 12 Quinn Whiteley | YV | 20:03 |
| 10 Alana Sevier | CON | 21:02 |
| 12 Araceli Castro | YV | 21:30 |
| 12 Piper Kunesh | YV | 22:07 |
| 11 Sirena Saldivar | YV | 22:09 |
| 9 Renae Searls | ALH | 22:51 |
| 10 Alexia Hisquierdo | ALH | 23:27 |
| 12 Alexa Rios-Adame | YV | 23:34 |



Noura takes off in her "no-doubt-about-it" debut in an Alhambra uniform.



Alhambra displays some serious seriousness watching the early races.

Looking Ahead:

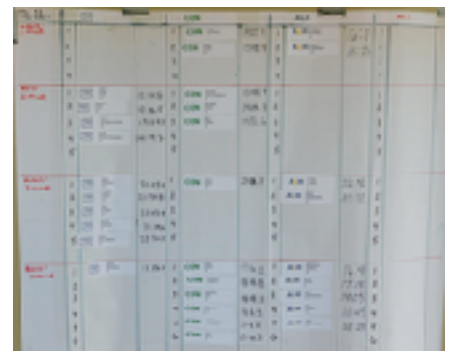
- Monday -- 10:00 a.m. holiday workout
- Tuesday -- 1600 repeats
- Wednesday -- Mt. Wanda/Dutra
- Thursday -- Nancy Boyd & beyond
- Friday -- @ Hidden Valley
- Sat -- OYO 45-60 minutee
- Sun -- OYO 60-75 minutes

Next Meet:

Saturday 3/27 @ Concord High



Ben enroute to the fastest time of the day, convincingly..



All the results, on one scoreboard. Yes, we are the small school division.