

RACING

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Build A Base

After running hundreds of miles together, the cross country team formed a very strong bond. "The cross country team are blood brothers; we share blood, sweat, and tears," said **Jack Hyde (10)**. He continued, "The quote of this season was 'we are blood, we are brothers' for a reason." A bond so strong was created by spending several hours a day during the heat of the season together, working out and pushing each other to be their best. "We pushed each other as far as we could go for the good of the team. Having the same goal [to win

state] and actually having a chance to obtain it this year really helped bond us close," **Ryan Huff (11)** said. "The cross country team has all the components of a successful team, we have fun, but we put in the necessary work to win," **Chris Williams (11)** shared. The team also succeeded because of strong role models. **Mason Mcanally (10)** stated, "I personally looked up to Coach Garrison because he doesn't have to run with us, yet he does." Mcanally closed, "mutual suffering helps a team grow."

Jackson Powell (11)

Q: Who is your biggest competition?

A: "I would say [Alex] Keeble because he is first and I'm second [on the team lineup]. We like to go faster than the other guys, so in a way it made us closer."

Q: What is it like to run varsity?

A: "It's a lot of fun! I don't know what it's like to not run on varsity."

Q: What is the best part of cross country?

A: "The summer miles are a lot of fun and took up a lot of the summer."





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1. **Picking Up The Pace.** **Gabe Pommier (09)** runs with **Andrew Walmer (09)**. Pommier commented, "I Like running because it's an individual sport, and it's based on my personal achievements," like his PR of "15:53" at Sectionals. 2. **Striding Senior.** **James Williams (12)** runs in one of his last races. "James is a good runner because he gives his all, and is fun as a leader yet pushes people to do their very best," shared his brother, **Chris Williams (11)**. 3. **Hydes Runs For Home.** **Jack Hyde (10)** strides past other runners from three other teams in an attempt to lead.



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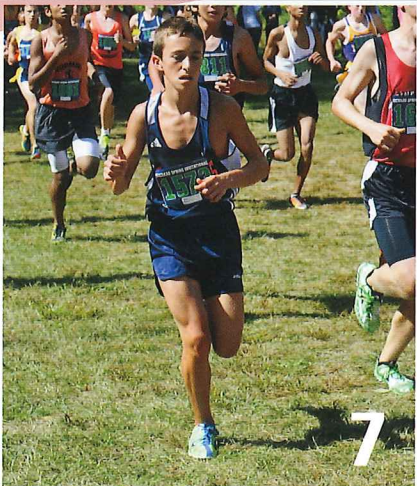


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4. **Hot On The Trail.** **Ben Crow (09)** strides towards the end of the race. "Coming to high school cross country was different than I expected. It is a lot harder, and we ran a couple hundred more miles than I ever did in junior high. In high school, while you have less [sic] meets, you have way more work," Crow stated. 5. **Senior/Sophomore.** **Daniel Middendorf (12), Chris Carlton (12), and Joey Magyar (10)** race side by side as a team. 6. **Go For The Goal.** **William Wolf (11)** takes a long stride around the corner as he works to accomplish his goal for the race: to run faster than 20 minutes in three miles. "To tackle a goal in cross country, I first brainstorm up an attainable goal. I then picture myself accomplishing that goal, and dream about achieving it. I eat, sleep and breathe my goal. I work really hard to achieve it, to hopefully accomplish this goal," Wolf said.



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7. **Starting Strong.** **Brian Butcher (09)** starts the race off at the field in Peoria on September 21 by passing several runners from opposing teams. 11. **Kyle Kills The Race.** **Kyle Appelquist (12)** sprints toward the finish line during his race at the East Peoria Invitational. "This season I obtained my goal of helping the team always achieve its best potential, in cross country and in life in general," Appelquist reflected.



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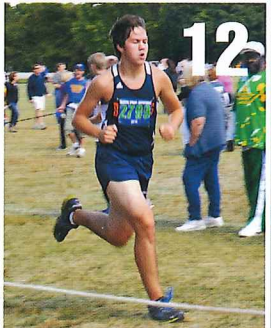


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8. **Keeble Kicks Into Gear.** **Alex Keeble (10)** competes on September 21. "I enjoyed this race because I got to run with the top guys and there was a great atmosphere with all the coaches and the runners there," Keeble shared. 9. **Strong Finish.** **Joey Magyar (10)** joins his teammates as they sprint to the finish line while competing in the meet at Peoria. 10. **Break From the Pack.** **Curt Kupferschmid (12)** moves boldly through the crowd on his way to the finish line on the September 28 at the East Peoria Invitational. 12. **Williams Works Along.** **Christopher Williams (11)** sprints through a race at a competition on the September 21. "Physically in a race I feel either really tired or I get runners high and feel great, depending on the race. Mentally, sometimes I have a lot of motivation and I am excited about it, and sometimes I just want it to just be over. But I push myself to win because why would you be in cross country if you didn't want to push yourself to be the best?" Williams shared.



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Boys' Golf. Row 1 (Left to Right): Evan Scott, Jack Turner, Will McDermith, Adrian Wells, Zach Paragi, Bradley Hamilton, Spencer Selig, Jakob Stroud. **Row 2:** Head Coach George Gwinup, Jacob Floyd, Drew Coyne, Logan Hannon, Cameron Goethe, Alex Marcusiu, Michael Flavin, Mitchell Hockman.



Girls' Golf. Row 1 (Left to Right): Bailee Jobe, Keegan Gagne, Kaylee Kibler, Emily Trolia. **Row 2:** Head Coach Matt Mills, Cydney Mitchaner, Lexus Hornsby, Maddie Birckbichler, Jessi Haines, Sydney Savage. Not Pictured - Maddie Fugate.



JV Soccer. Row 1 (Left to Right): Luke Myers, Dylan Rogers, Jarrett Brunner, Sean Jackson, Ethan Walmer, Joey Johnson, Garrett Kraft, Ben Williams, Nathan Dehaan, Garrett Estes, Jake Bollman, Mason Bushell, Erik Giles. **Row 2:** Head Coach John Moore, Nick Schnepfer, Trenton Wheeler, Evan Lundstrom, Andrew Longfellow, Nick Corbin, Noah Anderson, Austin Hazelwood, Coleman Maves, Coach Andrew Kennedy.



Varsity Soccer. Row 1 (Left to Right): Jack Young, Brooks Davis, Nick Hellmer, Jake Dunlap, AJ Ellis, Andrew Johnson, Max Osman, Drew Stevens, Josh Brooks, Aaron Penick. **Row 2:** Head Coach John Moore, Matthew Prather, Robert Wolf, Nik Cook, Matt Campbell, Clayton Overmyer, Lane Shafer, Cameron Burgess, Ross Mansfield, Dalton Overmyer, Coach Andrew Kennedy.



Boys' Cross Country. Row 1 (Left to Right): Andrew Walmer, Gabe Pommier, Ben Craw. **Row 2:** William Wolf, Alex Keeble, Mason McAnally, Ryan Huff, Collin Hasken, Cody Jesswin, Tristan Ray. **Row 3:** Ethan Russell, James Williams, Joey Magyar, Kenny Pauley, Chris Carlton, Jackson Powell, Dhairav Vakil. **Row 4:** Zack Przytulski, Aaron Tandy, Jack Hyde, Trevor Hanton, Brian Butcher, Niko Householder. **Row 5:** Assistant Coach Todd Lafond, Christopher Williams, Daniel Middendorf, Kyle Appelquist, Jeff Coburn, Nathaniel Cebulski, Jake Keller, Forrest Smoes, Head Coach Neal Garrison.



Girls Cross Country. Row 1 (Left to Right): Mariah McAnally, Jocelyn Thrasher, Olivia Meyer, Devon Kreps, Maddie Buzicky. **Row 2:** Head Coach Bonnie Moxley, Olivia Turner, Abigail Nielson, Lauren Whitehouse, Megan Ferrero, Assistant Coach Melody Nelson. **Row 3:** Assistant Coach Tyler Moxley, Ella Fried, Lauren Holderfield, Blayne Moxley, Isabelle Pommier, Sarah Knight. Not Pictured - Twinkle Mehta.

Football Cheer. Row 1 (Left to Right): Haley Emerick, Morgan Dehaan, Lily Johnson, Cassie Roderick, Nicole McGrath, Courtney Noe, Audrey Lowry, Chandler Denby, Megan Price. **Row 2:** Lexi Hoffman, Jadin Elliot, Emily Baldus, Emily File, Michaiiah Crozier, Krista Harsha, Dana Wonderlin, Alyssa House, Mazie Beavers, Autumn Hodge. **Row 3:** Baillie Bushman, Kelli Collins, Raine Zilewicz, Madison Northrup, Aubree Whited, Madison O'Donnell, Josephine Starwalt, Audrey Roney, Katie Williams, Logan Myers, Sidney Leskis.

