

# CROSS COUNTRY

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP

### By The Numbers

[ David Wolfe- Senior ]

### Top Three Times of the Season:

17:06.3 Benton

South Tama 17:24.9

17:29.7 State XC



### 'Wolf Pack' leads team to state meet

Story by Jorie Randall

The boys' cross country team was successful with their second-apart pack of runners. A group of guys were very clever with their pack running, which is when the runners stay right in front or right behind their teammates with the goal of everyone finishing together to get the team more points. The seniors that were included in this pack were Jackson Meeker, David Wolfe, and Oliver Crocker. The three seniors stuck together in meets finishing only seconds away from one another.

The boys' team placed third at the 3A District Cross Country meet in Manchester with the top boys' times being Meeker

(9th place: 17:32), Wolfe (11th place: 17:33), Crocker (13th place: 17:34), which qualified the boys to compete as a team at state. They had very similar times in almost every cross country meet and pushed each other past their limits. Even at the Prairie meet, when it was a staggeringly hot temperature to run in, causing more than 18 people to pass out or become hospitalized, they were still in it together and wanted to win.

No doubt, all the boys on the team contributed to getting to state as a team but thanks to the group of senior guys, the chances were more likely.

Aubrey Frey qualified for state as an individual with an eighth place finish and time of 20:20. At state, the boys finished 11th overall and Aubrey Frey finished 30th.

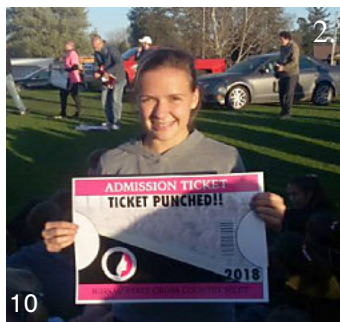


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1. The boys' varsity team holds up the flag after qualifying for state. Photo by Matt Theede. 2. Junior Aubrey Frey smiles for a photo with her state qualifier ticket poster. Photo by Matt Theede. 3. Members of the girls' cross country team hug before a meet to show their love. Photo by Emily Wery.



4. Three seniors, Jackson Meeker, David Wolfe, and Oliver Crocker, run close together. 5. At the Mount Vernon meet senior Clara Conroy, junior Kailey Shannon, and senior Rachel Lochner start the race strong. Photo by JoAnn Gage.





**Competing:** Junior Aubrey Frey keeps up with her competition in the district meet. Photo by Erin Fencl.



**Above:** Members of the girls' cross country team put their hands in for a breakdown, wishing each other luck before a meet. Photo by Emily Wery. **Below:** Junior Caroline See finishes strong down a hill at the district meet. Photo by Erin Fencl.



**CROSS COUNTRY.** *Front Row:* Connor Myers, Oliver Crocker, Preston Johnson, Jeremy Ferguson, Ingrid Gasvand, Abigail Patten, Becky Edwards, Alanah Malone, Quinnie Rodman, Alina Merlak, Mia Knapp, Maddi Hotz, Rachel Lochner, Emily Wery, Emma Walsh, Jake Stanerson, Caden Eskelsen, David Wolfe, Jackson Meeker. *Row 2:* Kailey Shannon, Emma Bock, Renae Hasselbusch, Ella Wischmeyer, Aubrey Frey, Hadley Anderson, Shannon Beck, Paige Beck, Karly Connolly, Addison Santee, Lauren Kephart, Lizzy Niehaus, Jayden Meeker, Kaiden Shannon, Ashton Hunt, Adam Vig, Henry Streuber, Sage Boettcher, Andrew Schwab, Juan Mendoza. *Row 3:* Coach Sue Deibner, Ari Moore, Caroline See, Grace Morningstar, Alice Conroy, Noah Erickson, Kode Banwart, Ty Fall, Riley Dolan, Keegan Jarchow, Seth Moore, Connor Klinkhammer, Kaleb Brand, Jack Ossenkop, Josh Haugse, Jaruthat Dervo, Mat Trachta, Jackson Brus, Cole Townsend, Bryce Clausen, Erin Fencl, Madi Speed, Sydney Ulch, Coach Kory Swart. *Back Row:* Coach Mark Dutro, Ben Johnson, Evan Robinson, Matthew Tijerina, Ericson Morris, Lincoln Holub, Rayna Manternach, Lily Booth, Sabrina Cooklin, Quinlan Denes, Kambree Hultquist, Macy Eskelsen, Jacob Russell, Alex Fencl, Carter Hall, Mark Liberko, Aden Grudzinski.

### Season's Scores

Meet	Boys	Girls
Mount Vernon	5th	3rd
Prairie	3rd	4th
Regina	6th	5th
Benton	3rd	5th
Solon	5th	7th
Central DeWitt	3rd	4th
South Tama	3rd	5th
West Deleware	3rd	5th
<b>State</b>	11th	NA