

State Meet November 3, 2007

Qualifying for State meet had to have been one of the most rewarding feelings in our running career. We as well as others did not have high expectations on making it to state, but when both the boy's and girl's teams qualified it became all we could think about. Before taking off for State meet weekend all of our peers and teachers surprised us with a paraded send off.

Arriving to state meet and seeing the Speedway for the first time was both terrifying and thrilling. The weather was cool as we arrived, but perfect for running. The 6 of us took our places at the starting line which included a nice wide open straight away for the first several hundred yards. With our hearts beating out of our chests we completed our superstitious Steve Pre hand shake, took one last deep breath, and listened to explosion of the start gun. The most memorable part of the race was finishing the last leg on the speedway itself. We remember the change in terrain, the cheers from the crowd, and giving ever last bit of energy we had.

We believe we ended up finishing in 16th place overall with the following standings for our team:

64: Danielle Lanciaux 19:40

99: Katie Brookhouse 20:04

111: Courtney Jones 20:11

127: Laura Anderson 20:24

163: Melissa Morgan 20:49

205: Jordan Curtice 21:39

We both agree that the highlight of the day was watching the boys run and waiting for their final results. We remember waiting by the tent for the boys to finish their cool down. Coach Somers was standing in the middle of the course alone, pacing, jumping up and down, and doing cart wheels. We couldn't tell at the time if these were excited behaviors or if he was letting off some steam. As the boys rounded the corner and made contact with coach it was a matter of seconds before everyone burst into excitement having discovered that they had taken first place! It was truly amazing to have been a part of that moment, and to have been a part of such a close knit strong group of individuals.



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