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Bulldog Cross Country makes a run at returning to state

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The saying, "A journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step," is appropriate for both of Bandera's varsity Cross-Country teams as they qualified for the Region IV Meet in Corpus Christi on Nov. 10, at the District 28-4A meet held in Bandera City Park last week.

A thousand miles is a lot less than both squads have racked up this season and the results speak for themselves with the girls taking team gold and the boys winning silver.

"We are excited! It's awesome when you have a program that sets the bar high enough that they are trying to podium again at the state level.

Coach (Brooke) Ashcraft's girls program is phenomenal and Coach Sam Farrell is doing a great job coming in and setting a new standard for the boys program," Bandera ISD Athletic Director Joel Fontenot-Amedee said.

## **District 28-4A Meet Girls Varsity 3200m**

The Lady Bulldog varsity took team gold with 26 points, easily outdistancing second place Wimberley and third place, Fredericksburg. Lady Bulldog runners, led by the foursome of Hannah Edwards, Morgan Cole, Raelynn Buttler and Makayla Gonzales, took four of the first five

places and all seven Bandera competitors finished in the top 14. Fredericksburg freshman Taylor Grona won the race to keep Bandera from a podium sweep.

The Lady Bulldogs, composed of three juniors, a sophomore and three freshmen, were the only team to have all seven runners finish under the 13 minute mark for the two-mile event.

Team results: 1, Bandera, 26, 2, Wimberley, 66, 3, Fredericksburg, 74, 4, Boerne, 83, 5, Comal Davenport, 113

Bandera results: 2, H. Edwards, 12:18.134, 3, M. Cole, 12:23.058, 4, R. Butler, 12:23.372, 5, M. Gonzales, 12:28.083, 12, Gracie Bankston, 12:54.661, 13, Trinity Butler, 12:58.843, 14, Danielle Gonzales, 12:59.218

### **Varsity Boys 5K**

The boys varsity championship boiled down to a two way battle between Bandera and Fredericksburg, alternating for the first six places, but the Bulldogs got edged out to finish second. The Bulldogs have shown lots of improvement under new coach, Sam Farrell, and they advance to the regional meet for the first time since the 2018 season.

Logan Dybowski continued as the lead dog for Bandera, finishing in second place with teammates, Braden Cox and Ethan Brown, close behind in fourth and sixth place.

Josh Short and Jacob Haas also scored points with their 13th and 14th place finishes.

Mariano Casas finished 18th and Sam Nimmrichter was 24th.

Fredericksburg's Andrew Kendrick won the event in a blazing 15:49.490.

Team results: 1, Fredericksburg, 29, 2, Bandera, 39, 3, Boerne, 66, 4, Comal Canyon Lake, 115, 5, Wimberley, 135, 6, Comal Davenport, 162  
Bandera results: 2, L. Dybowski, 17:08.433, 4, B. Cox, 17:39.175, 6, E. Brown, 17:51.173, 13, J. Short, 18:26.878, 14, J. Haas, 18:34.253, 18, M. Casas, 18:45.762, 24, S. Nimmrichter, 19:08.352

### **JV Girls 3200m**

Lady Bulldogs, Kaitlyn Doebbler, Mallorie Powell and Sophie Hartman, swept the first three places and Bandera had all five of their points scorers in the top 11 to take team gold over Wimberley, Fredericksburg and Boerne in their final meet of the season.

Riley Smith and Carlye Niccum were the teams other points scorers with Callie Tripp and Madison Gillaspie in 14th and 15th respectively to help the team to victory.

Madelyn Garza, Ashley Grodman and Katie Dibrell also ran for Bandera.

Team results: 1, Bandera, 25, 2, Wimberley, 41, 3, Fredericksburg, 66, 4, Boerne, 101

### **JV Boys 5K**

Only three teams competed in the JV boys race with Boerne, Fredericksburg and Bandera finishing in that order.

Bandera's Hudson Jackson was the Bulldogs best finisher in fifth, with Mack Robinson and Sage Westi finishing in seventh and tenth.

Reese Mazurek and Cody Jureczki also scored team points with Jesus Rodriguez, Donovan Brown, Kyle Moore and Josh Nimmrichter also competing for Bandera

Team results: 1, Boerne, 25, 2, Fredericksburg, 46, Bandera, 52