

2011 MHSAA STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Choctaw Trails, Clinton, MS

Over 1765 athletes representing in excess of 126 schools were registered for this State Meet. This was thus the largest meet ever. In 3A Girls competition 92 runners participated and 13 schools had scoring teams of five or more runners. O.L.A. finished 8th.

The competition was the best we have ever faced. The winning team, St. Patrick, had an individual average of 16:20.2 for its top five runners, which was second best among all the schools competing in categories 1A through 6A. Only 6A Tupelo had a better average. The five scoring runners for St. Patrick finished 3, 6,7,8, and 9. The number two team, St. Andrew's, had an excellent team with two runners finishing in 15:28.6 and 15:47.8. The number three team, Pass High, had the individual winner, Regen McGhee, who finished in the superior time of 15:18.7. It was quite a meet!

Individual results for the Crescents were:

17 th	Anna Taconi	17:09.4
29 th	Abby Koons	18:25.9 *
53 rd	Savannah Matthews	20:26.2
62 nd	Deanna Garrard	21:10.5 *
66 th	Sarah Anne Schloemer	22:08.0 *
69 th	Brooke Crowder	22:34.7
76 th	Kristen Morel	23:55.1 *

* first state meet

Alternate team member Madison Schloemer ran the course separately in between races in the time of 24:41. Madison has really improved this year.

The weather was very nice and running conditions were very good. Our team members ran hard and performed well. Several parents were on hand. We all had a good time. This has been a somewhat difficult year for our cross-country program as we experienced a smaller turnout than usual and a number of very talented runners chose not to participate. We are especially thankful to the junior class for its excellent participation. Without our juniors we would not have been able to field a team. Newcomer Abby Koons, a 7th grader and a talented runner, gave us a much needed boost. Senior Kristen Morel running in only her second race, filled out our state team. Our state team manager was 10th grader Jamie Read.

Thanks for what still was a great year, ladies! Next year we expect to have better participation from our student body and we will make another run for it.

Coach Hull