

Palatine Invitational "Meet of Champions"

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - Deer Grove East Forest Preserve

Varsity	Race Results	Junior Varsity	Race Results
	Race Photos (any more to submit?)		Race Photos (any more to submit?)
	Race Video		Race Video

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The trip to Palatine, a meet we've been attending since 2010, marks the competitive midpoint of the season. It gives us the chance to practice an overnight trip in advance of the State meet, while racing against otherwise unfamiliar, top-notch competition that we don't see until regional competition in mid-November. The meet is a good barometer of where we stand and might go for the final half of the season.

In the varsity race, we moved up three places from last year and finished 6th overall, ahead of several powerful Chicagoland programs. Senior captain Charlie Murray led the way, finishing in 20th place overall and becoming our first Palatine varsity medalist since Lucas Rackers and Patrick Hetlage both did so in 2018. Charlie's time of 15:20 is the fifth fastest we've ever run on the Palatine course. After Charlie came Jackson Miller in 31st, one spot out of the medals. Then came Gus Talleur in 33rd and Alex Bendaña in 39th. George Donahue was our final scorer in 57th. Team-wise, our sixth place finish tied for our third best finish, our average time was our third best ever, and our 176 points represent our second lowest point total behind the 172 points that won the meet in 2014.

We knew the JV team would be strong, and they did not disappoint. In a race with nearly 350 runners, we placed all seven finishers in the top 24 and scored 43 points, our second-lowest point total at Palatine. This would be good for second place, behind New Trier's 23 points. Senior Charlie Gray led the team and race as a whole for a lot of it before finishing in 3rd place overall with a PR time of 16:19. Mason Scargall was right behind him for 4th place, and three sophomores were our final three scorers: Hendrix Fyvie (9th), Tristan Kujawa (13th), and Jake Fitzpatrick (14th). Freshmen Joe Talleur and Michael Luna each ran extremely well in an extremely competitive field, each running PRs and securing high finishes.

Varsity Race Stats	Junior Varsity Race Stats
6th of 30 teams 203 runners in the race	2nd of 28 teams 346 runners in the race
Scoring spread: 0:39 (15:20 - 15:59, over 3 miles)	Scoring spread: 0:20 (16:19 - 16:39, over 3 miles)
Average time: 15:41 (16:16 5k equivalent)	Average time: 16:29 (17:06 5k equivalent)

Varsity Medalists	Junior Varsity Medalists
Charlie Murray, 20th <i>First since 2018</i>	Charlie Gray, 3rd Mason Scargall, 4th Hendrix Fyvie, 10th Tristan Kujawa, 13th Jake Fitzpatrick, 14th Joe Talleur, 20th

New Varsity Letter Earners	New Navy Shirt Earners
Anthony Zangara	Michael Luna

Varsity Race PRs	Junior Varsity Race PRs
None	Michael Luna, 0:21 Joe Talleur, 0:13 Charlie Gray, 0:10 (first time under 17:00)

