

Milton Cross Country SWEEPS Coach Wood Invitational Races

The Milton Cross Country teams travelled to Gainesville College in Oakwood, GA to compete in the 9th Annual Nike/Coach Wood Invitational and won all 4 races the teams competed in.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Eagles faced their strongest contingent of teams of the season with three #1 ranked schools (Darlington-A, Allatoona-AAA and Lakeside-Dekalb-AAAA) and won convincingly by 60 pts. Milton scored 69 pts to easily dispatch Fulton County rival John's Creek (129) who also upset the #1 AAAA team in Lakeside-Dekalb (141) and Darlington Academy (146).

The Lady Eagles continue to be led by junior Annie Kelly. Her 3rd-place effort and up front running led her to her second-fastest performance of the season (19:34). Milton scorers all finished in the top-25 with their next 3 scorers in the top-15! Juniors all, Maddie Butzer followed in 12th (20:40) along with Blair Gelb in 14th (20:45) and Olivia Koerner in 15th (20:50). Rounding out the junior scorers was Jacqueline Mahoney in 25th (21:24).

Varsity Boys

In their strongest showing of the season since they opened up at Berry 6 weeks ago, the Eagles dominated the 27-team field by setting a low-team score for the meet (46 pts) to easily take the victory. Finishing second and 96 pts behind were the Fulton County champions Riverwood Raiders (140 pts) who had bested Milton just 2 weeks ago. 3rd was Allatoona (159 pts) followed by Parkview (162 pts).

To get the team their 2nd meet victory of the season, junior Nate Riech again led the way and captured the race win (16:36) over 247 runners including reigning Fulton County champion Kane Davis of Centennial (2nd-16:40). The Eagles put all 5 of their scorers in the top-15 to set the low-score meet record (old record 48 pts-2010-Lakeside Dekalb).

After Riech, senior Kegan Baird continued his fine season of racing with his 7th place finish (17:02) followed by senior Anthony Machan (11th-17:24) and junior Alex Marshall (12th-17:24) and junior Justin Thornsberry (15th-17:31).

JV Girls

The Lady Eagles continue to be undefeated this season with another dominating win over 12 schools by posting 29 pts easily outdistancing county-rival John's Creek (69 pts) and North Cobb (83 pts). About 1/3rd the way through the race Milton was in a tough battle with the Gladiators of John Creek but with the big moves made by freshman Hallie Howell

(3rd-22:46) and Michelle Pick (4th-22:48) in the middle and end of the race the Lady Eagles were able to secure the win. Scorers also included Addie Luxton in 5th, senior co-captain's Heather Harman and CJ Worden in 8th & 9th place respectively.

JV Boys

Like their counter-parts, the last race of the day brought the undefeated Milton Eagles another meet win. With 8 of their 10 runners in the top-20 and thus scoring only 23 points, Milton captured their 4th race title of the meet and completed the sweep of the scoring races. Lakeside-Dekalb (75 pts) and North Cobb (93 pts) followed. Sophomore Brendan Kemple took control of the race with about ½ mile to go and went on to capture the win (18:27). Milton then put their scoring runners in 4 of the next 7 spots with junior Jammer Howell (2nd-18:36), junior Austin Isaac (5th-18:50), senior Ronnie Whited (7th-19-flat) and junior Bobby Ashcom (8th-19:04).