Men's Cross Country 2020-21 Recaps

Cross Country NJCAA 2020 National Championship hosted by Iowa Central Community College

November 14, 2020 @ 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Men's team finishes 19th nationally

The Jayhawk Cross-Country team wrapped up the 2020 season at the NJCAA D2 National Championship in Fort Dodge, IA.

The Men's team improved two places from their ranking to finish 19th. Leading the way for the Jayhawks was Zach Ostoin (Reeths-Puffer HS), who finished in 79th with a time of 29:06. Also scoring for the men was Adam Wolffis (Montague HS), Parker Reynolds (North Muskegon HS), Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa HS), and Zach Pray (Fruitport HS).

"We feel really fortunate that we were able to complete a season safely in 2020", said Head Coach Mike Smith. "Because of the circumstances, both teams grew very close." Coach Smith continued, "I would like to extend a special thank you to Assistant Coach Katie Alfredson for taking such a positive leadership role and being a mentor to the athletes."

Cross Country MCCAA Championship & NJCAA Region XII hosted by Lansing Community College

October 31, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The Muskegon Community College Cross Country teams competed in the NJCAA Region XII Meet at Grand Woods Park in Lansing, MI.

The Men's Jayhawk team finished 6th in the D2 race, which was a big improvement on their 10th place ranking. Leading the way was sophomore Zach Ostoin (Reeths-Puffer HS) with a 29:24 good for 20th place. Close behind was freshman Adam Wolffis (Montague HS) in 22nd place in 29:43. Rounding out the scoring for the men's team was freshman Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa HS) in 30th, sophomore Parker Reynolds (North Muskegon HS) in 36th and freshman Zach Pray (Fruitport HS) in 48th.

The next race for the Jayhawks will be at the NJCAA D2 Nationals in Fort Dodge, IA on November 14. The men will attempt to break into the top 25 national rankings.

Cross Country-Jayhawk Invitational

October 17, 2020 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

A total of 24 teams, along with many unattached runners, competed in the Jayhawk Invitational on Saturday at University Park Golf Course. Calvin College won both team titles.

The Men's team finished in 9th place, but most of the Jayhawks had their best times of the season and best total team time of the season. Leading the way was Zach Ostoin (Reeths-Puffer HS in 28:46) followed closely by Adam Wolffis (Montague HS in 28:47). Fishing the

scoring for the men were Parker Reynolds (North Muskegon HS in 30:48), Zach Pray (Fruitport HS in 34:33), and Cody Terpstra (Mona Shores HS in34:47).

The Jayhawks will compete again on Saturday, 10/31 in the NJCAA Region XII meet at Grand Woods Park in Lansing, MI.

Cross Country at Firebird Invitational hosted by Kirtland Community College October 2, 2020 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Muskegon Community College Cross Country teams raced their third meet of the 2020 season at Kirkland Community College on the hilly Hanson Hills ski resort. The men's team finished 7th. The men's team finished only 2 points from 6th place in the 13-team race. All six men ran their fastest 8k of the season on the challenging course.

Leading the way with a 21st place at 29:21 was Zach Ostoin (Reeths-Puffer HS), followed closely by Adam Wolffis (Montague HS) with a 33rd place at 30:02. Next scoring for the Jayhawks was Parker Reynolds (North Muskegon HS) in 30:19 (35th) followed by Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa HS) in 30:51 (38th). Rounding out the scoring was Cody Terpstra (Mona Shores HS) in 56th and Zach Pray (Fruitport HS) in 58th.

The next competition for the Jayhawks will be Saturday, 10/17 when they host the Jayhawk Invitational at University Park Golf Course.

Cross Country at Jackson College Jets Classic

September 26, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Jayhawk Cross Country Teams traveled to Jackson College for their second meet of the season. The men raced to a 9th place finish.

Leading the men's team with his first race of the year was sophomore Zach Ostoin (Reeths-Puffer HS) followed closely by sophomore Parker Reynolds (North Muskegon HS). Having a strong second collegiate race and running third for the Jayhawks was freshman Adam Wolffis (Montague HS) and rounding out the scoring for the men were freshman Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa HS) and freshman Zach Pray (Fruitport HS).

The Jayhawks will take a color tour trip up to Grayling on Friday, 10/2 to race at the Kirkland Firebird Invitational.

Cross Country at Skippers Invitational hosted by St. Clair County Community College

September 4, 2020 @ 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Men finish 8th to open the season.

The Jayhawk cross country team traveled to Marysville for its first competition of the 2020 season. Nine full teams and a few more partial teams participated on the windy course along the St. Clair River.

The men's team got their first taste of an 8k race. It will take an adjustment period to get used to the additional distance from a 5k, but once they settled into their pace they raced well. Leading the way was Adam Wolffis (Fr/Montague HS) 31:32.6 followed closely by Parker Reynolds (So/North Muskegon HS 31:45.9. Rounding out the 8th place team finish was Jerry Mejia (Fr/West Ottawa HS) 32:57.4, Zach Pray (Fr/Fruitport HS) 34:54.2, and Cody Terpstra (Fr/Mona Shores HS) 35:11.6. "I'm confident their next couple races will be strong as they are quick learners," said Coach Mike Smith after the race.

The Jayhawks return to competition on Saturday, 9/26 at the Jackson College Jets Classic.