

Torrey'Ana Smith, 12



Jamald Johnson, 9



Razan Mahmoud & Rochelle Rios



Mitchell Ballis, 12



Tomiya Williams, 10

just a moment

"This year I'm running the mile and 2 mile. Lake Travis was my favorite meet and so far everything is going smooth."
-Cameron Ellner, 11



"Track is basically just running around in big circles. And I'm good at running in circles."
-Ragan Henry, 11



"Being injured and seeing the other guys running really pushes me to get better while I'm out."
-Alex Bourland, 11



"I like breaking my own personal records. I like beating my highest goal because it makes me a stronger athlete."
-Sean Brady, 11



"Track meets are fun but the practices aren't, but the meets make it worth it. It's fun to go to meets with the guys and compete against other schools."
-Morgan Vest, 12



"I really like my team because we always push and encourage each other at practice and meets."
-Jordan Schwantner, 10



"Track is fun because I get to run and be with friends at the same time."
-Emily Forster, 9



RELAY RUN

As the final leg, senior Chris Krueger sprints to the finish line at the Round Rock track meet. Krueger, who also ran the 200 meter dash, was part of the 400 meter relay team. "It was a pretty rough meet for the boys," Krueger said. "With a lot of boys injured our team felt all over the place for this meet."

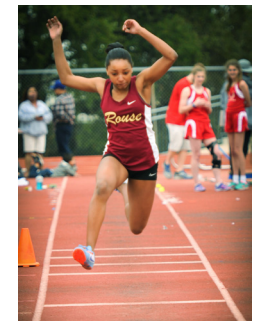


IN THE ZONE

Junior Adam May throws the discus at the Leander meet. May, who also competed in the shot put, has been in track since seventh grade. "I like that I can throw an object over 100 feet," May said. "Back when I was younger my [grandfather] was an Olympic discus thrower. He passed when I was 13 so I did it in remembrance of him." *photo by Gabriella Spurgeon*

LEAP OF FAITH

Lifting up, freshman Aliya Beechum competes in the triple jump at the Westlake Invitational. The nearby February meet was Beechum's first one in high school. "I think I did good for my first meet," Beechum said. "Every time we go to another bigger track meet us freshmen learn a little more and get air," Beechum said. *photo by Jarrah Boreman*



FINAL LAP

On the inner lane, senior Madie Boreman leads the pack during the 1600 meter run at the Westlake Invitational. Boreman won the race in 5:18.12 with her teammates taking the other two top spots. "It was very exciting to finish the meet and have two of my teammates come in second and third place," Boreman said. "At the end of the day we all did amazing." *photo by Jarrah Boreman*



SANDY FINISH

Keeping his balance, freshman Cliff McCoy competes in the long jump at the Dripping Springs meet. McCoy, who also competed in the 100, 200 and 4x100, finished fourth in the long jump for junior varsity. "I jumped in long jump and did really great," McCoy said. "I like going to track meets because it's fun to run with my teammates." *photo by Gabriella Spurgeon*



Kylie Carpenter, 11



Chase Isham, 11



Nico Escobar, 12



Justin Payne, 12



FINISHING IN FIRST

At the finish line, freshman Nate Hatter reacts to winning the junior varsity 800 meter run at the Round Rock meet. Hatter moved from third to first during the final lap to win the race with a time of 2:05:99. "It was an awesome start for my high school track season," Hatter said. "I was blessed to run and earn first place."

photo by Gabriella Spurgeon

GETTING A LEG UP

Carrying the baton, junior Lila Lilljedahl runs her leg of the 400 meter relay at The Woodlands. The relay took second at the Houston meet. "It was really awesome to be a part of [the Distant Medley Relay]," Lilljedahl said. "Each of us ran so well and I'm so glad we were able to get a new school record."

photo by Jarrah Boreman



RUNNING THROUGH THE SIX

Track and field athletes share their favorite moments and meets from the season

WESTLAKE MEET

"The meet was intense, there was a lot of great runners there, but everyone did amazing."

-Zoe Vanover, 10

DRIPPING SPRINGS

"It was probably the best I've ever jumped. I jumped for the JV team, but out jumped some of the varsity boys."

-Gabriel Bustamante, 11

THE WOODLANDS

"It was challenging because I was nervous to compete against fast runners, but I felt like I did my personal best at that meet."

-Cassie Parsley, 10

"At the Woodlands meet we made it to [the Distance Medley Relay] it was exciting to run such a big event with my teammates and share the excitement." -Abby Lentz, 11

ROUND ROCK

"I did great in the Round Rock meet because I got up from seventh place to third place in the 4x1."

-Taye Biel, 10

"I really enjoyed the 4x100 relay because it takes a lot of cooperation between me and my teammates."

-RJ McCoy, 11

LEANDER

"I did my best at the Leander meet because I jumped six feet. I've never felt more confident."

-Ross Edwards, 12

"It was a really good time with my friends and getting to know the people. But my favorite part is competing."

-Trey Terrell, 11