

Deerfield's Season Ends With 9th Place Finish at Hoffman Estates Sectional

RESULTS

Team Results

Pl	School	Points
1	Hersey	88
2	Lake Zurich	120
3	McHenry	153
4	Glenbrook South	166
5	Barrington	178
6	Warren	192
7	Palatine	213
8	Mundelein	224
9	Deerfield	235
10	Libertyville	258
11	Lake Forest	260
12	Rolling Meadows	265
13	Stevenson	266
14	Prospect	282
15	Cary-Grove	379
16	Jacobs	423
17	Fremd	424
18	Glenbrook North	439

Top 5 Teams Advance

Individual Results

3 Miles

Pl	Name	Time
27	Ben Kraemer (Sr)	16:16
33	Josh Puyear (Jr)	16:24
55	Ryan Bernstein (So)	16:43
66	Cole Bernstein (So)	16:46
76	Ben Zamler (Jr)	16:59
94	Lucas Moskovitz (So)	17:16
102	Eric Lakemaker (So)	17:26



The DFDC travelled to Busse Woods to compete in the IHSA 3A Sectional hosted by Hoffman Estates. The course was very sloppy because of heavy precipitation during the week. Half of the course was so muddy it was like running in pudding. But running in adverse conditions is just part of cross country.

18 teams qualified from their respective Regionals, so the competition was fierce. All teams were fighting for five state-qualifying spots. Based on Deerfield's second-place Regional finish, it seemed possible that they could grab one of those spots. Deerfield was seeking it's first State Championship birth in Class 3A since 1982.

When the gun went off, senior **Ben Kraemer** bolted into the top 30. Perhaps saving the best race of his career for last, Kraemer held on the whole time and finished in 27th place. Behind Kraemer, the rest of the team did not find a great starting position and had to move up. Junior **Josh Puyear** moved up nicely into 33rd place. But the rest of the group never found the position they had hoped for. Sophomore **Ryan Bernstein** had a good race finishing as Deerfield's #3 runner for the first time in his career for 55th place. Sophomore **Cole Bernstein** finished in 66th, and junior **Ben Zamler** finished in 76th to round out the scoring for the Warriors. Sophomores **Lucas Moskovitz** and **Eric Lakemaker** were the team's sixth and seventh finishers in 94th and 102nd respectively.



Deerfield finished in 9th place as a team. While not the result they were hoping for, this is the team's best finish at a 3A Sectional in their last seven 3A seasons dating back to 2008. Considering the fact that Deerfield floats between 3A and 2A, they hung with the 3A giants pretty well.

Looking to the future, there is a lot of promise in this team. Their top nine runners this season consisted of five sophomores and three juniors, with only one senior. And a few other top runners who had injury issues this season will return next year too. It's always difficult to lose seniors, but this senior class made a huge mark on the program. Under their leadership, Deerfield won it's first conference title in over a decade and reached new heights in the IHSA State Series. Their legacies will live on as their younger teammates carry it forward.