

# Cross country starts season

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“There’s still a lot of room for improvement, but I’m very excited about where we are right now,” Cross Country coach Stephen Pater said.

The Cross Country team started off the season Aug. 30 with the George County Trail Run. This meet consisted of around 24 different schools. Sophomore Kevin Cooley finished this race with the season’s best time: 18:57.65.

In addition, Pater explained that despite this year being Cooley’s first, he is doing very well.

Also, Cooley won the Biloxi Indians Cross Country Invitational Boys Race.

“I was surprised,” Cooley said. “I didn’t know I was going to win.”

Cooley explained that he believes the Cross Country team does well because their course contains hills opposed to other schools.

Sophomore Lexi Green has high hopes for the team as well.

“As a team, I see all of us going to state and getting our best,” Green said. “As for me, I’m going to try and get another school record.”

At the Trail Run, Green placed tenth in the Girls 5000 Meter Girls Run. At the Biloxi Invitational, she placed fourteenth although crunching her time by two minutes.

Green explained that because the first meet was a Mud Run, some of the players did not get as great of times as they wanted.

Cooley and Green said that Cross Country has also helped them in the

other sports they play by helping them get their mile times down.

Pater explained that right now, he is just trying to help the team get their times down.

“I’ve always told our runners I don’t care how you run in August and September, what matters is October and November,” Pater said.

At the Ocean Springs Invitational held on Sept. 29, Cooley placed ninth overall in the boys 5000 meter run with a time of 17:42.59.

Green ended the girls 5000 meter run in 21st place with a time of 22:39.82.

Pater is very proud of how good his students are running this season.

The results from the Pascagoula-Gautier Invitational were not available at press time.



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‘Ready, set, go’ - Sophomore Kevin Cooley sprints eagerly to pass the participants of the George County Trail Run. Around 24 different schools participated in this run.

## Sports Briefs

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### Basketball

The girls’ varsity basketball team’s first game will be on Nov. 6. The team has one returning starter from last season. Coach Bradley and his players have been training for the upcoming season.

The boys’ varsity basketball team’s first game will also be on Nov. 6 against Pearl River Central. Coach Renfro and his players are hoping for a great season.

### Soccer

The girls’ varsity first games will be on Nov. 1 at Gulfport High School. The girls have eight returning starters from last season. The team has a total of 21 players. Last season, the girls made it to the first round of playoffs and hope to return this year.

In addition, the boys’ team will also have their first game on Nov. 1. The team has six returning starters and a total of 21 players.

# College football teams prepare for playoffs

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The teams who will lead the college football future are being put into place after week 5 of college football.

This past weekend set high standards for the SEC and Big Ten football teams. Games were intense, and most were very close in score. Labeled as the biggest game of the year, Ohio State beat Penn State in a close fourth quarter game 27-26, in Beaver Stadium. The highly ranked Clemson barely scraped by unranked but very talented undefeated Syracuse team 27-23. As expected, the Alabama Crimson Tide dominated Louisiana Lafayette 56-14.

In a media-hyped game on the return of Dan Mullen to Starkville, he was able to defeat his old Mississippi State Bulldogs with his new Florida Gators with a score of 16-3.

With the help of the SEC Player of the Week, Joe Burrow, the LSU Tigers roared over the Ole Miss Rebels with a score of 45-16. As if the Tennessee Volunteers could not get a break, they again lost to Geor-

gia 38-12. Finally, a very hyped-up Kentucky Wildcat team remains undefeated after their win against South Carolina, 24-10.

the top 25 than usual.

Labeled as the game of the week, LSU will have to go into “The Swamp,” hoping to continue their

The Auburn Tigers will face off against a very determined Mississippi State team, who is looking to turn their season around, and the Arkansas Razorbacks are hoping for an upset against the dominating Alabama team. Updated Results were not available at press time.



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### Rankings

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Ohio State seemed to finally find their way into the top three, and the undefeated Kentucky Wildcats along with the one loss Florida Gators have found their teams higher in

undefeated season with a victory over Florida.

Texas A&M will be looking for vengeance this weekend to also sabotage Kentucky’s season.