



OLS Track Takes the Triple Crown with a Big Win at Holy Trinity

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For several years the coaching staff had said that if the track team could reach forty members from the 3rd to 8th grades – up from the usual twenty-five to twenty-eight – OLS could beat the big teams of Good Shepherd in Irvington, Saint Thomas of Bloomfield and Saint John the Apostle of Clark. The opportunity came this year and the team won all our major meets, Union Catholic, OLS and now Holy Trinity. OLS track had not won this Triple Crown since 2004!

As usual, Sorrows opened with very impressive 1600 meters races. Maudie Grace Lomuscio placed 2nd in the 3rd grade race, setting a new class record in the process. Fionn Tynan and Aidan Benjamin followed with a one-two placing in the Boys' 3rd grade race. Emma Torres went undefeated in the event as she put away the 5th grade girls. Jared Edwards also was undefeated as he breezed to the 6th grade boys win. In the 8th grades, Hana Yamaoka was a surprise entry and a surprise winner while Nick Torres won a close boys' race over an undefeated cross country champion.

Kyle Dixon opened the 100 meter scoring with a win at the Boys 3rd grade level. Declan Tynan sneaked in for 4th place in the 5th grade race! Jordan Ince and Teresa Pollard placed 2nd and 3rd for the 8th grade girls and Dukens Dossous placed 3rd for the boys.

The onslaught continued with Joseph Schmidt's win in the Boys 3rd grade 800. Joe is a 2nd grader! Isabel Sabnekar placed 3rd in the girls' 3rd grade race. Alyma Karbownik edged Emma Torres by 3/10 of a second in the 5th grade girls' event as they went one-two. Jared Edwards won again in the 6th grade race. Then Ajamo Carraby-Jones and Nick Torres took on a tough field of 8th grade boys, finishing 2nd and 3rd. Ajamo's time broke the school record set by James Kelly in 2006!

Kyle Dixon won again in the Boys 3rd grade 400. This was the first time he had run this distance and Fionn Tynan also placed 4th. Max Ince placed 4th among the 5th grade boys, Nicholas Scantlebury, 2nd for the 6th

grade and Ajamo Carraby-Jones, 2nd for the 8th grade boys. Olivia Ince was a surprising 3rd in the 7th grade girls' race. Then Charlotte Marian took the 8th grade girls race.

In the 200 Meters, Christina Paul placed 3rd in the 2nd grade girls' race while Alyma Karbownik added another gold in the 5th grade race to her 800 meter gold medal. Amelia Benjamin picked up 6th. Nicholas Scantlebury placed 3rd in the 6th grade race before Sheu Maphosa won the 7th grade boys' race. In the 8th grade races, Jordan Ince scored again with a 3rd place among the girls and Dukens Dossous was 2nd for the boys.

The field events are a source of pride for OLS and Lori Kola and Isabel Sabnekar opened in 3rd and 4th in the girls 3rd grade TurboJav. Ochanya Ofikwu won the 4th grade in a new girls' class record. Enayi Ofikwu, Amelia Benjamin and Emma Torres were 2nd, 3rd and 5th at the 5th grade level. Charlotte Marian's 2nd in the girls' 8th grade event finished the girls' scoring. Parker Hamilton's 4th opened the scoring for OLS' boys at the 4th grade level. Max Ince and Declan Tynan were 4th and 6th for the 5th grade competition. Taona Maphosa placed 2nd among the 6th graders and Sheu Maphosa took 2nd among the 7th graders. Jeremiah Lunis closed the scoring in this event with a 3rd place in the 8th grade competition.

In the Shot, Lori Kola grabbed 2nd for the 3rd grade girls before Ochanya Ofikwu wiped out the 4th grade girls' field. Enayi Ofikwu eked out a win at the 5th grade level and Amelia Benjamin was 4th. Teresa

Pollard, an 8th grader, placed 2nd in her division. The boys had some highlights, too, as Parker Hamilton won the 4th grade event by more than 8'. Aryan Sabnekar was 5th among 5th graders, Taona Maphosa was 3rd among the 6th graders, Sheu Maphosa, 3rd among 7th graders and Dukens Dossous, 2nd among the 8th graders.

The Long Jump was a surprise as Kyle Dixon placed 3rd for the 3rd grade Boys in his first attempt at this event while Adam Ofikwu scored 5th. Alyma Karbownik continued her season-long success with a 2nd place for the 5th grade girls. Two 6th graders Jared Edwards and Harold Fullilove placed 3rd and 4th in the boys' event. Olivia Ince's 5th in the 7th grade event did not prepare us for the shock of Charlotte Marian, Hana Yamaoka and Jordan Ince placing 1st, 2nd and 5th for 8th grade girls.

The little guys competed in the Softball Throw and Caylee Brice, Bella Borde and Mary Kola were first on deck and responded with 3rd, 4th and 5th for the 2nd grade and under girls' event. Christopher Schmidt won the boys' event.

The relays closed the meet. The Holy Trinity meet is unique in that it features 6 five person relay teams. In the Glynn Relay for 3rd and 4th graders OLS fielded a young girls' team of 1st through 4th graders with Maudie Grace Lomuscio, Isabel Sabnekar, Zenya Stewart-Mitchell, Zayda Gordon and Bella Borde for a 5th place finish. The boys' team of Parker Hamilton, Aidan Benjamin, Kyle Dixon, Joseph Schmidt and Fionn Tynan was up next and finished a solid 2nd.

For the 5th and 6th grade Fitzpatrick relay, the OLS girls' team of Emma Torres, Caroline Schmidt, Alyma Karbownik, Stephanie James and Amelia Benjamin placed fourth while the boy's team of Jared Edwards, David Purnomo, Sergio Marian, Nicholas Scantlebury and Max Ince finished in second.

In the final two races of the day, the McCabe Relays for 7th and 8th graders, the OLS teams placed a close second with a boys' team of Ajamo Carraby-Jones, Akhir Crenshaw, Dukens Dossous, Nick Torres and Sheu Maphosa and a girls' team of Charlotte Marian, Jordan Ince, Nyla Edwards, Olivia Ince and Teresa Pollard.