

## MCHS Ladies Cross Country is Runner-Up in State Meet

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The Macon County Ladies Cross Country Team competed in the State Cross Country Meet held Saturday November 3rd at Percy Warner Park in Nashville. The team finished as State A-AA Runner Up.

Many had high hopes for the squad this year. Last year this squad finished in 3rd place at the state meet, which was the best place by a Macon boys or girls squad. MCHS won the Region 5 A-AA meet on October 27th at the same course they would compete for the state title.

When time came for the girls to run, over 180 runners toed the line in 85 degree heat, a real hot race for this time of year. Twenty-three teams from the eight regions in Tennessee entered seven runners. Of the seven runners squads score the top five finishers based on the place they finish the race. Runners who are competing on an individual basis do not factor in the team competition. Teams want as few points as possible.

MCHS Coach Glen Gattis was hopeful. "We were hoping that our girls could possibly run just a little bit faster than they did at Region last week. In really hot conditions, for the most part that is what they did. They ran some really good times."

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MCHS finished as the State Runner-up in A-AA. The Top ten team scores were: CAK 96, MCHS 100, Obion Co 124, Stone Memorial 156, Trinity Christian 156, Central Magnet 187, Signal Mountain 195, Notre Dame 201, Greeneville 209, and USJ 281. Macon was the only A-AA team to place more than one runner in the top 15.

Individual times for MCHS were: Katie Swindle 20:56 (7th), Katie Hix 21:03 (8th), Jasmine Chaparro 21:31 (13th), Logan Hernandez 22:56 (28th), Maddy Miller 25:08 (90th), Jessica Seehafer 26:18 (120), and Alysia Givins 26:50 (130).

“I am extremely proud of our girls. We will miss Senior Katie Hix but have everybody else coming back. I hope these girls can see just what running those tough races in early August can do for you,” commented Coach Gattis.

Congratulations to the MCHS Girls Cross Country State A-AA Runner-Up team.