

## Bulldog XC Team Begins Season

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The Golden Plains Cross Country team ran in their first meet at Goodland on September 3rd. The runners chalked up their first times of the season on a tough, hilly course. The Bulldog runners for the girls were sophomore Jazline Manriquez and Freshmen Ava Brantley and Emma Weiner. “Our meet at Goodland was a great first experience and I am really looking forward to the rest of the season!” said Jazline Manriquez.

The afternoon started out with a Jr. High one mile race which was followed by the high school girls’ 5K race, with JV and Varsity combined. After that, the boys JV had their race, and to finish up the meet, the Varsity boys ran.

Jazline Manriquez won the JV race with a time of 24:22.66. Ava Brantley also did well in the JV race as she finished in 6th place with a time of 29:11.61. Emma Weiner ran a 20:25.89 which put her in 3rd place in the Varsity race. “The whole team placed very well for our first meet!” commented Ava Brantley.

Boys team members were Alex Gonzalez and Ethan Weiner. Gonzalez was not able to compete at Goodland, as he is recuperating from an injury he sustained last year. The Bulldogs ran well for their first races of the season with Ethan Weiner running a 20:35.80, which was good for 18th place against tough competition.

The next action of the season will take place on September 10th at the Country Club Golf Course in Quinter.