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The Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School Boys' and Girls' cross country teams enjoyed their most successful season since their inception fourteen years ago. As the largest athletic team in Coventry at 55 members, both the boys' and girls' finished their conference meet schedule undefeated with 7 wins and 0 losses. In addition to being NEMSAC (Northeast Middle School Athletic Conference) champions, the boys' and girls' teams proved themselves to be amongst the top middle school teams in the entire state. In the state championships, held at Wickham Park on Saturday, November 1st, the boys' team placed 19th overall, and the girls' team placed 14th overall out of 83 schools competing.

Individually, throughout the season and at the championships, Coventry runners excelled, posting amazing times and working collectively to place high in races. On the boys' side, CNHMS was led by Co-Captains Garrett Rooke and Chris Grupe followed by Hunter Byram, Luke Thresher, Pat Brandon Novak as the top runners CNHMS was led by Co-Captains Ellie Jean, Heather Strauss, Jackie as the top girl runners throughout the

Of particular note, the most Rooke. An 8th grader and three-year summer in preparation for the season. immensely. He not only won 6 of the impressive performance was saved runners from across the state in the 1st.



Joslin, Alex Norstrom, Ben Norstrom, and throughout the season. On the girls' side, Alyssa Keeney and Carli Shroyer, followed German, Emma Gould, and Carys Hunter season.

outstanding boys' runner was Garrett member of the team, Garrett ran all His hard work and dedication paid off 8 meets he participated in, but his most till last as he finished third out of 335 2.3 mile championship run on November

Amongst the girls, 6th grader Ellie Jean was equally impressive. Ellie won 7 of the 8 meets she participated in as well as two invitationals for a total of 9 season. A natural runner, Ellie, placed championship run. It is also important than most of her opponents which this young lady.



The home course for the school team during this past season the boys and against towns such as Lebanon, course is always praised by other its aesthetic beauty.

is Camp Creaser in Coventry. Three times girls ran a 1.9 mile loop within the park Bolton, Tolland, and Mansfield. Our home teams for its challenge and rigor as well as

There are many people besides the First and foremost, we would like to Department who provided EMT support on site for all runners. Mr. Ray Eldridge, Eric Ulm, and Peter Krawetzky were all present and provided the care that some runners needed. A special thanks goes out to all parents who helped out at our home meets including Mr. Dube, Mr. and Mrs. Grupe, Mr. Smart, and Mr. Grace. In addition, the team would like to extend appreciation and thanks to the Coventry Park and Recreation Department, headed by Wendy Rubin, and Chuck Conklin from Public Works for their cooperation and support in use of the facilities.

coaches that help in running a home meet. thank the North Coventry Volunteer Fire