

## Air Academy MTB Team Takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Colorado High School MTB League Frisco Bay Invitational.



The AAHS MTB Team traveled to Frisco, CO and started the season with a bang by winning their first Division II regional race! The Sophomore Boys started the action early with 65 riders racing two 6-mile laps. There were two waves, starting 5 minutes apart to decrease the risk of mass crashes. Jacob Weber jumped to the front immediately and never looked back. Not far behind Keenan Swanson and Cooper (Coop) Markely were in hot pursuit. At the same time Jack Falender who started in the second wave was swiftly moving through the field like a man on a mission. Jacob soloed at the front for the rest of the race and was first over the finish line with Keenan and Coop close behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. However, a rider from Rock Canyon HS who started in the second wave had a time 13 seconds faster than Jacob and took first place, relegating Jacob to second. Jack, also starting in the second wave finished in a time that placed him third. Keenan and Coop's final placing was sixth and seventh. Creed Anderson and Logan Lints rounded out the sophomores finishing 31<sup>st</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> respectively.



*Jacob Crosses First!*



*Jack Falendar Completes 1-2 Sweep*



*Keenan & Coop Working Together*



*Creed Anderson Topping the Climb*



*Logan Lints Riding Strong in his First Race*

Next the Varsity Boys and Girls raced three laps on the same course. Unlike the Sophomore Boys, the Varsity Boys race was a tight seven rider battle at the front, with Sophomore Austin Leigh right in the mix. By the third lap the lead riders were down to three culminating in a full-on sprint to the finish line, with Austin taking third. Reed McAfee despite a crash finished 15<sup>th</sup>, and Trevor Kornmesser came in at 18<sup>th</sup> place. Carson Pevoteaux rounded out the team varsity riders finishing 35<sup>th</sup>.





*Austin Leigh coming through Second Lap*



*Reed McAfee Flying through Single Track*



*Trevor Kornmesser Railing the Descent*



*Carson Pevoteaux Blasting the Corner*

The Varsity Girls race was arguably the most exciting of the day. AAHS's lone varsity girl, Junior, Avery Harris, battled in the top five coming around on the first lap. Attacks and counter attacks between the leaders until two riders were able to get away off the front. Avery and Kira Mullins from Columbine High School continued to battle for third place which ended in an all-out sprint with Avery coming from behind and taking third place by .003 seconds!



*The Final Corner Before the Finish*



*.003 Seconds!*



The AAHS JV Boys dominated with all four finishing in the top 30 in a field of 112. Like Jacob in the Sophomore race, Ben (Zim) Reichart sprinted to the lead from the beginning and never looked back. Keegan Hale was right behind with another rider from the Colorado Rocky Mountain School. Zim took the win while Keegan outsprinted the CRMS rider to take second. Lawrence (Eli) Rawe had an excellent race finishing 19<sup>th</sup> as did Braun Deighton who finished in 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Zim Reichart First Place JV Boys*



*Eli Rawe Gettin It Done!*



*Keegan Hale Sprint for Second*



*Braun Deighton Getting Air*

Our lone JV girl, sophomore Kylie Moerk was next on the line. In a stacked field of 24 JV girls, Kylie was in the mix of leaders coming around the first lap. The leaders were reduced to two on the second lap with Kylie finishing second, just seconds behind first and over a minute ahead of third.





*1 Kylie Moerk Digging Deep*

The Freshmen boys were the last race of the day and after a long wait they were more than ready. Ethan Allen led the way with a great race finishing 16<sup>th</sup> place overall and Jackson Lorigan coming in right behind him in 18<sup>th</sup>. Alex Winslow and Jacob Lane, in their first ever race finished in 30<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> winding up an amazing weekend with an amazing team.



*Ethan Allen Fighting for Position*



*Jacob Lane Flying Down the Single Track*



*Jackson Lorigan on his Way to a Great 1st Race*



*Alex Winslow Crosses the Finish*

This race and season is dedicated to Coach Jocelyn Harris who was tragically killed in a bike-car accident at the end of last season. Parents and coaches came together to support the team throughout the race as well as work the most volunteer hours of any team for the league. Our

student/racers t “Dug Deep” and left everything out on the course. It was amazing to witness, an amazing weekend, and Coach Jocelyn would have been very proud.



*Coach Jocelyn Handing out Water Bottles Durango 2021*