

The Brazos Cougars cross country team competed in the 2021 UIL Region III Cross Country Meet on Monday in Huntsville at Kate Barr Ross Park. The varsity girls team finished eighth out of 24 teams with 231 points. The varsity boys team placed 17th out of 23 teams with 439 points. Esmeralda Garcia qualified for the state cross country meet by finishing in the top ten individually in the 3A girls race and earned All-Region honors for the second time in her career.

In the 3A girls 2 mile race, Esmeralda Garcia finished second to earn a silver medal, Rubi Garcia was 46th, Denise Hauer 58th, Makinzy Kneip 74th, Lily Bertrand 87th and Gracie Arteaga 134th. There were 171 runners in the race.

In the 3A boys 5000 meter race, Rees Snedaker finished 60th, Brayden Hanzelka placed 85th, Bryan Pedroza was 88th, Wesley Holub 132nd, Anthony Gonzales 141st, Joshua Martinez 144th and Payton Nanez 167th. There were 176 runners in the boys race.

Esmeralda's 2nd place finish was the best individual regional meet finish for Brazos since 2007 when Haleigh Pustka won the Region IV individual championship. This is the 20th time in the last 23 years that a Brazos cross country runner or team has qualified for the state cross country meet. Esmeralda will run in the UIL Class 3A State Championship girls race at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

<u>3A Girls</u> (2 miles)	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Esmeralda Garcia	12:24	2
Rubi Garcia	13:49	46
Denise Hauer	14:04	58
Makinzy Kneip	14:27	74
Lily Bertrand	14:47	87
Gracie Arteaga	16:02	134

3A Girls Team Scores

1.	Lorena	52
2.	McGregor	118
3.	East Bernard	121
4.	Rogers	149
5.	Franklin	188
6.	Winnie East Chambers	194
7.	Eustace	226
8.	Wallis Brazos	231
9.	Fairfield	240
10.	West	303
11.	Pollock Central	310
12.	Lexington	326
13.	Caldwell	369
14.	Boling	421
15.	Nacogdoches Central Heights	444
16.	Malakoff	450
17.	New Caney Infinity EC	469
18.	Teague	470
19.	Woodville	494
20.	Blooming Grove	527
21.	New Waverly	531
22.	Anahuac	536
23.	Onalaska	572
24.	Huntington	671

<u>3A Boys</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
(5000 meters)		
Rees Snedaker	19:04	60
Brayden Hanzelka	19:57	85
Bryan Pedroza	20:00	88
Wesley Holub	21:04	132
Anthony Gonzales	21:28	141
Joshua Martinez	21:35	144
Payton Nanez	23:19	167

Team Scores

1.	Eustace	44
2.	McGregor	95
3.	Boling	147
4.	Cameron Yoe	150
5.	Rockdale	163
6.	East Bernard	183
7.	Pollock Central	188
8.	Rogers	211
9.	Riesel	212
10.	Scurry-Rosser	335
11.	Diboll	349
12.	West	365
13.	Groesbeck	393
14.	New Waverly	410
15.	Corrigan-Camden	419
16.	Palestine Westwood	436
17.	Wallis Brazos	439
18.	Anahuac	458
19.	Malakoff	478
20.	Winnie East Chambers	489
21.	Warren	494
22.	Franklin	515
23.	Trinity	576