

LaRue cross country embraces youth after standout 2025

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Marcus Abel's first year as coach of the LaRue County cross-country teams went better than he might have ever imagined in 2025.

The Lady Hawks easily won the Region 2 Class 2A meet and went on to finish third at the state meet in Lexington.

Abel has some key runners back this year but admits it will be a challenge to replicate last year's success. Gone is Isabella Day, the anchor of the team from the past several years, and foreign exchange students Yui Tanahashi and Josslyn Nirenberg, whose family received a military transfer.

Even with a young roster, LaRue County could surprise some people as the season moves on.

Twins Abby and Emma Creason might just be eighth-graders, but they will match up with just about anyone they face. They finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the region meet last year. Abby Creason, who was also a formidable distance runner in track, was The News-Enterprise Newcomer of the Year in both sports.

"They look to make huge jumps this season now knowing what to expect after one season," Abel said. "These two being only in 8th grade are looking to run a low 19 minutes for 5K if not under that 19-minute mark. They both are so competitive and just want it more than other people do."

Kaylee Warren is back for her junior year and will be counted on to make a major contribution. She finished 10th in the region race last year.

Abel will also be depending on some young runners to help the boys' team. The pressure is on juniors Tyson Dennis and Matthew Benjamin to carry much of the load.

"While bringing some experience, these two kids work so hard every day to teach the team under them while also getting ready to show major improvements on the year," Abel said.



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Eighth-grader Abby Creason of LaRue County will be one of the top runners in Region 2 Class 2 A cross country this year.



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Junior Tyson Dennis (1096) will be one of the top returners for LaRue County cross country in 2026.

LaRue County has one of the biggest rosters the program has seen in several years, though much of the team is young.

"Both boys and girls' teams have over 13 kids on

each team," Abel said. "Out of both teams, we only have four upper classmen."

Abel will look to build on a fantastic first year and once again make LaRue County a competitive group in 2026.

snap," Powers said. "It's something we worked on all week, and I don't think it's luck. I think it's preparation and skill, and they did a good job executing our punt block that we schemed that week to perfection."

After a failed two-point conversion attempt, a series of penalties on the ensuing drive handed Taylor County good field position, culminating in a 3-yard touchdown run to put the Cardinals back in front 21-13 midway through the third.

Meade County continued to push in the fourth quarter, taking advantage of a lost fumble by Taylor County deep in their own territory. Jolly pushed across the goal line for his second 2-yard touchdown keep of the night with 8:15 remaining, but lost his helmet on the play. Forced to sit out the crucial

two-point conversion, the Wave's pass fell incomplete, leaving them trailing 21-19.

Following a sack by Meade County's Colton Montgomery that forced a Taylor County punt, the Green Wave orchestrated a late drive down to the 8-yard line before setting up Staples for the game-winning kick.

"We've got to quit having foolish penalties," Powers said regarding the costly penalties that allowed Taylor County a chance to stay in the game. "When you get tired, we have to be able to lock in and focus and continue to push through. ... Now we have to be able to respond to having an emotional high and some success."

Meade County moves to 1-2 on the season and will prepare for a rivalry game next Friday at Elizabethtown.

half. Colorado transfer DJ McKinney then intercepted Colton Joseph's pass and ran untouched for a 55-yard touchdown to make it 27-10.

Gavin Lahm's second field goal of the night cut Notre Dame's lead to 27-13 near the end of the third, but Williams capped the Irish's next drive with a 5-yard touchdown run and James completed the scoring in the closing minutes.

"We prepared for a battle," Carr said. "We got a battle in the first half. We were really excited, I think, coming out of the second half because Free talks about there's nothing great that comes from something that's easy. We knew it was going to be a struggle. It's what we wanted, and (we) ended up finishing really strong."

THE TAKEAWAY

Wisconsin: After adding 34 transfers, Wisconsin certainly looks better than it has the last couple of years. But the Badgers needed to play mistake-free football to have

a shot at pulling the upset, and they instead had two turnovers that led to Notre Dame touchdowns.

Notre Dame: The Irish's defense could face some early adversity. The Irish lost preseason Associated Press All-America second-team safety Brauntae Johnson and defensive lineman Jason Onye to injuries during the game. Freeman had no update on either player after the game. Preseason AP All-America second-team linebacker Kyngstonn Viliamu-Asa didn't play as he continues to recover from a knee injury that ended his 2025 season early.

One positive development for Notre Dame came from Purdue transfer Spencer Porath, who made field goals of 52 and 26 yards in his Irish debut. Last season, Notre Dame didn't make a field goal after Oct. 11.

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