

Hornet-Red Devil Invitational – varsity race

Katelynne Hart, freshman

What are your general thoughts on the race?

“The team did awesome. I was so proud of everybody. It was definitely a super exciting meet and really cool to be a part of it.”

You made your varsity and high school debut Tuesday (Aug. 30) against York. Were you more nervous today with this being your first invitational?

“I would say I probably was a little bit more nervous because definitely it was a bigger meet and a lot of people but definitely a good experience. I wasn’t exactly sure but the training that we’ve been doing was awesome. I was hoping to do well. Definitely (our goal was) to just run our race.”

Hopefully you’re happy with your third-place finish?

“I was pretty satisfied. The course was definitely tough for me but I’m proud of myself and really proud of the team, too.”

Do you feel that teammate Lindsey Payne’s first-place finish contributed to your place and time?

“For sure. She’s a great teammate and she pushes me in workouts and everything we do. (The goal was) definitely just to stick with Lindsey and she’s a super smart racer. Just kind of follow the race plan.”

What does this invitational title mean for the team spirits?

“It was definitely a great experience and a really good thing but it just means that we have to keep working hard.”

Are there any lasting impressions you’ll take from this invite?

“I guess just how excited we were to do so well. Also just it was so cool how many girls were participating in the race. It kind of gave me a better idea of what high school cross country really is.”

Was there been any performance as exciting as this when you were running in middle school?

“I ran Foot Locker last year (in Kenosha, Wis., and won Youth Girls by .2 in 10:48.7), but I would say it’s equal. The first year I did it, I think got third (for Youth Girls) and last year I got first. I just did it for fun.”