

# **DETROIT COUNTRY DAY OUT RAN DIVINE CHILD'S TO WIN THE SOTER-CRANE INVITE**

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**80 Degrees**

A pre-regional showdown between Detroit Country Day and Dearborn Divine Child at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soter-Crane Invitational on Belle Isle, went to Detroit Country Day. Country Day won the event by scoring 39 points, defeating Divine Child who score 50 points. It was a great race between two outstanding cross country programs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, who is also in the same regional, placed third with 79 points. Macomb L'Anse Creuse took fourth with 112 pts. and Oak Park finished fifth with 123 pts.



**Colin Murray winning the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soter-Crane Invitational in record time of 16:05.43**

It was a beautiful day for the competition. Great weather, nice breeze and wonderful sights off the Canadian side of the Detroit River. Divine Child's, Colin Murray ran the entire race by himself. He finished with the meet and course records of 16:05.43. The former course and meet record was held by Anthony Hancock of Divine Child with a 16:12.9 in 2019. Murray's mile time was 5:11.06

and he came by the two-mile at 10:27.16. His last 1.1 mile was a fine 5 minutes and 38 seconds.

Following Murray, the next sixth finishers were: Country Day sophomore, Omar Elbashir (2<sup>nd</sup> place) – 16:55.78; Notre Dame Prep senior, Isaak Brook (3<sup>rd</sup> place) – 16:59.47; Country Day senior, Jacob Hopkins (4<sup>th</sup> Place) – 17:22.47; Detroit Martin L. King sophomore, Wallace Ross (5<sup>th</sup> Place) – 17:40.08; Divine Child senior, Nicholas Nakic (6<sup>th</sup> Place) – 17:43.58; and Country Day senior, Alex Kitsopanidis (7<sup>th</sup> Place) – 17:54.86.

Nakic of Divine Child had a great race as he stayed with the top group of runners for nearly 2.5 miles. His first mile was 5:21.16 and he hit mile two at 11:09.20. Rounding out Divine Child's top varsity runners were: Tamer Zahr (Sr), 14<sup>th</sup> place – 18:38.65; Joseph Arriola (So), 16<sup>th</sup> place – 18:45.22; Landen Bermudez (Fr), 17<sup>th</sup> – 18:47.90; Maximiliano Juarez (Sr), 18<sup>th</sup> place – 19:14.25; and Brendan Miller was unable to finish the race due to illness.

In the Junior Varsity race, Divine out dual Detroit Country Day to win with 32 points to Country Day's 39 pts. Placing third was Macomb L'Anse Creuse North with 79 pts., followed by Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 4<sup>th</sup> – 91 pts. and Detroit Cesar Chavez, 5<sup>th</sup> – 134 pts.

Leading the way were Joseph Arnold and Jacob Borowicz who took first and second, respectively. Arnold won with a 19:29.51 while Borowicz finished with a 19:31.05. Rounding out the top seven for Divine Child were: Connor Chittaro (So), 4<sup>th</sup> – 21:19.97; Zachary Barszczowski (Fr), 13<sup>th</sup> – 21:42.19; Samuel Corak (Jr), 17<sup>th</sup> – 21:45.26; Nicholas Sargent (So), 25<sup>th</sup> – 23:09.12; and Conor VanBuhler (Jr), 28<sup>th</sup> – 23:27.02. It must be known that Arnold, Borowicz, Corak and Barszczowski went the wrong way, along with several other competitors which caused them to run an estimate of 30 to 40 seconds longer.

Divine Child will be idle for the next 10 days. The next two races on DC boys schedule are on Saturday, September 28th, at the **Otsego Bulldog Invitational** at Otsego High School Cross Country Course in Otsego, MI at 10:00 AM. They will then attend the **Wayne County Championship**, on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at Willow Metropark in New Boston, MI at 10:00 AM.