



Gallup High had a pretty good week in sports, dominating Bernalillo in football and winning both ends of the cross country meet in Tohatchi. Soccer was a win/lose proposition though as the boys took on district foe Belen while the girls had the easier route over a much smaller school, Navajo Prep.

Boys' Soccer

Belen shut out the Bengal boys' last Saturday by a score of 7-0. The slightly larger school just played harder and smarter than Gallup on the pitch, but it is early in the season.

Cross Country

Senior Jessica Ramirez came out strong in the first meet of the year on the Tohatchi course tagged as Hamburger Hill. Ramirez finished first in 21:13 and her teammates placed in five spots of the first nine runners, with all seven in the top 14. Celine Nez (4th in 25:13), Bailey Tom (7th in 25:23), Hunter Livingston (8th in 25:24), Katelyn Thompson (9th in 25:34.01), Jordan Begay (11th in 25:41), and Cearra Williams (14th in 26:53) left no doubt in opponents' minds that the Bengal Ladies will be in the running at state.

The boys' team was not quite as strong but put all six runners in the top 13. Shawn McCraith led the pack with a 6th place finish in 19:38, while Brandon James (9th in 20:20), Dustin Long (10th in 20:26), Rylie Begay (11th in 20:47), Illiyah Lester (12th in 20:52) and Wacey Begay (13th in

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20:53) rounded out the team finishes.

Football

The first two names in Gallup football this season are Zakarri Fields and Johnny Blueeyes, though fans will see other players stepping up as the season continues. Fields scored twice in the shutout win, 33-0, over Bernalillo, including a punt return and a 3-yard reception. And Blueeyes was the field general under center that directed the Bengal offense so well.

Gallup fans are optimistic that this rousing start will fire up the team as the season unfolds.

Girls' Soccer

The girls had a great day in Farmington and shut out Navajo Prep 9-0 in a game that was no contest from the start. Box scores were not available by press time.

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