

## BROCAW BLAZERS HISTORY

Coach Ramsey founded the team in October of 1988 as tribute to a family of runners that he coached who were killed in a tragic car accident. Anyone from Kansas, Western Missouri and any adjacent AAU or USATF District, age 6-18, who wants to participate, is encouraged to do so. The team has competed in the CC Coaches National Youth Championships, AAU and USAT&F Jr. Olympics Cross Country meets. The team has grown from 17 runners in 1988 to the point where we have had as many as 186 runners at the National Cross Country Meet on teams in six different divisions. Coach Ramsey coordinates all training, travel, lodging, finances, logistics and activities for the team.

943 top 25 National Cross Country medals with 53 National Champions

177 teams that finished in the top 3 at the National Cross Country Championships

89 National Cross Country Team Champions;

1990 Young Women, 1993 Intermediate Girls, 1993 Young Men, 1995 Youth Boys  
1995 Young Women, 1996 Midget Boys, 1996 Youth Boys, 1996 Intermediate Girls,  
1996 Young Women, 1996 Young Men, 1997 Youth Girls, 1997 Intermediate Girls,  
1997 Intermediate Boys, 1997 Young Women, 1997 Young Men, 1998 Intermediate Girls,  
1998 Intermediate Boys, 1998 Young Women, 1998 Young Men, 1999 Bantam Boys,  
1999 Youth Girls, 1999 Young Women, 1999 Young Men, 2000 Youth Girls,  
2000 Youth Boys, 2000 Intermediate Girls, 2000 Intermediate Boys, 2000 Young Men,  
2001 Youth Boys, 2001 Intermediate Girls, 2001 Intermediate Boys, 2001 Young Men,  
2002 Bantam Boys, 2002 Youth Boys, 2002 Intermediate Girls, 2002 Intermediate Boys,  
2003 Bantam Girls, 2003 Intermediate Boys, 2003 Young Women, 2004 Midget Boys,  
2004 Youth Boys, 2004 Intermediate Girls, 2004 Young Women, 2004 Young Men,  
2005 Bantam Girls, 2005 Midget Boys, 2005 Youth Boys, 2005 Intermediate Girls,  
2005 Intermediate Boys, 2005 Young Women, 2005 Young Men, 2006 Sub-Bantam Girls,  
2006 Bantam Girls, 2006 Bantam Boys, 2006 Sub-Midget Girls, 2006 Sub-Youth Girls,  
2006 Sub-Youth Boys, 2006 Youth Girls, 2006 Youth Boys, 2006 Intermediate Boys,  
2006 Young Women and 2006 Young Men, 2007 Primary Girls, 2007 Primary Boys,  
2007 Bantam Boys, 2007 Midget Girls, 2007 Midget Boys, 2007 Youth Boys,  
2007 Intermediate Girls, 2007 Intermediate Boys, 2007 Young Women, 2007 Young Men,  
2008 Primary Girls, 2008 Bantam Boys, 2008 Youth Girls, 2008 Youth Boys,  
2008 Intermediate Girls, 2008 Intermediate Boys, 2008 Young Women, 2008 Young Men,  
2009 Primary Boys, 2009 Bantam Girls, 2009 Midget Girls, 2009 Midget Boys, 2009 Youth  
Girls,  
2009 Intermediate Girls, 2009 Intermediate Boys, 2009 Young Women & 2009 Young Men

57 teams have also finished as National Cross Country Team Runner-up.

In 2007 we had what has been called the greatest overall team performance ever as ten(10) of the twelve(12) teams in the different age divisions won the national title. Four other teams finished as national runner-up and two other teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also added to our record as the only team in history to have a team (youth boys, intermediate girls and young women) finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the same race. This feat was also accomplished in 1999 and 2008 by our young men, in 2001, 2002, 2005 and 2008 by our intermediate girls and in 2003 and 2008 by our young women. Since 1996, of the 152 races that have been contested, we have had a team in all except the bantam boys in 1996. Of those 151 races, our team has finished as the National Champions 83 times, National Runner-up 46 times, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher 20 times.

### Team and National Records - 10 Races

11 teams finish in the top three at Nationals - 2001

9 teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nationals - 1998, 1999, 2003 and 2005

7 teams finish as National team champions - 2005

5 teams finish as National team champions - 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2004

4 individuals win national titles - 1997

**Team and National Records - 12 Races**

16 teams finish in the top three at Nationals - 2007

14 teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nationals - 2007

10 teams finish as National team champions - 2007

Top 4 finishers in one race - Midget Girls & Young Women 2007

12 individuals win national titles - 2007

**Team and National Records - 16 Races**

16 teams finish in the top three at Nationals - 2006

13 teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nationals - 2006

11 teams finish as National team champions - 2006

Top 5 finishers in one race - Young Women 2006

**Team Goal - To win the bet and shave Coach Ramsey's head!**