

## 2010 ALL-BIG BEND CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

### Boys Team

**Coach of the Year:** Perry Shaw, Lincoln  
**Runner of the Year:** Riley Doherty, senior, Leon

Patrick Swain, senior, Maclay  
John Hazelton, junior, Leon  
Taylor Buzzard, junior, Chiles  
Jacob Slupecki, junior, Lincoln  
Dieumy Duclous, senior, Godby  
Sam Sutton, senior, Chiles  
Ben McMahon, junior, Leon

### Second Team

Will Henderson, Leon  
Brian Bowden, Leon  
Will Stanford, Leon  
Austin Stevens, Maclay  
Travis Covert, Maclay  
Trevor Touchton, Lincoln  
Trey Edwards, Florida High

### Girls Team

**Coach of the Year:** Scott Gowan, Chiles  
**Runner of the Year:** Lily Williams, Chiles

Carly Thomas, junior, Chiles  
Stephanie Kurgatt, sophomore, Maclay  
Kristin Sweeney, sophomore, Maclay  
Jodie McGuff, senior, Chiles  
Kelly Bahn, senior, Chiles  
Brooke Eubanks, senior, Leon  
Stephanie Reynolds, senior, Chiles

### Second Team

Sara Lane, Chiles  
Jessica Gillard, Chiles  
Sarah Sorenson, Aucilla Christian  
Autumn Wable, Leon  
Ashton McMurray, Chiles  
Taylor Copeland, Aucilla Christian  
Ursula McPherson-Vitkus, Leon  
Mart Wiedeman, Wakulla

## Honorable Mentions

### Boys

**Lincoln**  
Alex Close  
Brennan Borgstad  
Justin Rosenthal  
**Leon**  
Zach Buchholz  
Chase Kurlander  
**Maclay**  
Jacob Coates  
Dennis Keane  
Alex Artecota  
Matthew Antworth  
**Chiles**  
Will Spiers  
Joey Vannoy  
Trevor Knauf  
Crawford Conrad  
Sean Turner

### Girls

**Florida High**  
Sydney Earp  
Amanda Toothman  
Allison Murray  
**Aucilla Christian**  
Megan Giddens  
Elizabeth Riley  
**Wakulla**  
Alina McCullers  
Cora Atkinson  
**Maclay**  
Elizabeth Santoro  
**Chiles**  
Rosa Perez

# Doherty, Williams take ABB honors

By Will Brown  
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Lily Williams has won so many races and championships throughout her individual cross country career, but if others are not there to celebrate with her, they do not mean as much.

The junior may be the 2010 All-Big Bend girls Runner of the Year in cross country, but she always harkens back to the state championship her team won in Dade City in November.

Make no mistake, Williams is honored to be recognized as the best runner in the area, she just relishes the collective work the Timberwolves have put into being great on the way to three-straight state championships.

"Just the team victory, even if you do well as an individual, if your team is not happy, then that's no fun. It was fun to be with my teammates and enjoy how hard we worked," Williams said.

After a slight dip during her sophomore year — which is relative considering she individually finished second at the 2009 Class 3A state meet — Williams said she did not have high expectations for 2010.

Yet, she was still the first person in the area to finish in under 18 minutes at the Pre-State Invitational in October and ran a 17:58 at the state championships a month later to once again finish second in Class 3A.



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**The All-Big Bend Girls' Cross Country team. Front (from left to right):** Stephanie Reynolds, Jodie McGuff, Kelley Bahn and Lily Williams (Chiles); **back:** Carly Thomas (Chiles), Brooke Eubanks (Leon), Stephanie Kurgatt (Maclay) and Kristin Sweeney (Maclay).



**The All-Big Bend Boys' Cross Country team. Front (from left to right):** Patrick Swain (Maclay), Sam Sutton (Chiles), Jacob Slupecki (Lincoln) and Dieumy Duclous (Godby); **back:** Taylor Buzzard (Chiles), and John Hazelton, Ben McMahon and Riley Doherty (Leon).

The 17:44 Williams ran at Pre-State was just a second off her personal best — giving her confidence that she can set a new personal record her senior season.

"I didn't know what I was going to be able to do this year. Breaking

18 (minutes) was a goal, but I wasn't sure. I did it my freshman year, but I didn't do it last year. Being able to do it this year was really exciting. Once I did it, I worked harder, because I knew I had the potential to be better."

Leon's Riley Doherty

always had that mentality that he could improve and become a better runner. Throughout his career, the senior had a knack for running his best at the biggest meets or when coaches Andrew Willis and Don Stanford needed it.

"It's unbelievable," Doherty said of being the 2010 Runner of the Year. "I never thought I would get something this prestigious. To be classified with other top runners in this area and to be named the top runner is really nice."

The Leon senior is the boys Runner of the Year in cross country after a second straight top-five finish at the Class 3A state meet, finishing fourth in 2010. He not only ran the fastest time in the Big Bend this season, at 15:36, but he beat some stiff competition — including everyone on the 2010 first team — at least once.

"It's a friendly rivalry, all of us. When you get on the course, it's pretty much every man for himself. It's really cool to have been able to run against all of these guys in a race. To beat them is saying another thing. They are all really good and have a lot of potential. ... The juniors and sophomores — it just gets faster and faster every year."

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