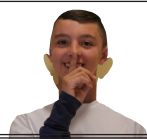


## Moose Kick Their Way Through The Season



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The Alamosa soccer team continues their season with a 4-6 record.

### VS. Pagosa Spring 9/6

In the first half the Moose came out strong and scored a goal thanks to Junior Nephi Rodriguez. In the Second half neither team scored. The Moose held on for a win 1-0.

### @ Pagosa Springs 9/13

A few days later the Moose traveled to Pagosa to play again. In the first half the Moose came out hot and scored two goals, the Pirates also scored in the first half. In the second half the Moose scored but so did the Pirates. The Moose came out with there second straight win with a final score of 3-2.

### @ Pueblo County 9/17

The Moose traveled up the I-25 Corridor. In the First half the Moose did not score, while the Hornets did. In the Second half the Moose remained scoreless and the Hornets scored another goal. The final score was 2-0 with a Moose loss.

### @Montezuma Cortez 9/20

In the First half the Moose came out on fire and scored four goals. The Panthers scored one goal. In the second half the Moose scored two goals and

the Panthers scored one. In this game. The final score was 6-2, the game ended in a Moose win.

### @ Bayfield 9/21

This game is the fourth straight away game for the Moose. In the first half the Moose scored two goals and the Wolverines did not. In the second half the Moose scored two goals, while the Wolverines did not. Aidan McComas scored three goals and Adrain Raya scored one goal. This makes the final score 4-0.

### VS. Crested Butte 9/27

In the first half the Titans scored one goals and the Moose did not and in the Second half the Titans scored another goal and the Moose also scored a goal. This game ends in a loss for the Moose with a final score of 2-1.

### @ Ridgeway 10/3

The Moose traveled to Ridgeway and in the first half the Demons came out and scored two goals and the Moose did not score. In the second half the Demons came out on fire and scored another goal. The Moose came out flat and did not put any points on the board. The Moose lost with a final score of 4-0. The Moose's record drops to 4-9.

The Mean Moose are undefeated in the Inner Mountain League play. Defeating Pagosa Springs twice, Montezuma-Cortez and Bayfield.

## XC Is Getting Ready For State



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State Cross Country is coming up soon. This means that the Moose teams are working hard so that they can be in the best shape that they can possibly be.

The boys are ranked 14th hoping to have a good race at state and reaching the top of the leader board. The girls are ranked 8th place in the state. Both teams have great potential.

The Mean Moose teams have four more meets to reach their peak and do excellent at state Cross Country. The last meet in Salida was a success.

### @Salida 9/28

The boys mean moose team had a great run in Salida, as it was a tempo run.

Which means they run at the same speed the whole time. Getting them used to running long distance. So the times were not as good as they usually are.

The boys got fourth as a team and girls got tenth, but still really good for a tempo run.

On the boys side Josh Medina placed 7th, Josh Lopez placed 8th, Gradie Gardener placed 30th, and Cole Schweizer placed 32.

Schweizer decided to have a little fun mid race and cast a fly fishing line in the river attempting to catch a big fish.

For the girls Emily Lavier placed 59th, Alliyah Molina placed 60th, Abby Wubben placed 67th, then Annahi Molina placed 75th.

With only Four more races left the boys and girls for the Moose are getting ready to succeed at state.

The teams around the state are pushing hard to beat the Mean Moose teams.

The Moose are going to have a good last couple of races. Their last race was in Doherty.

### @Doherty 10/4

The boys and girl Moose teams had a excellent race. The boys placed fourth.

For the boys Lopez placed 5th, and Medina placed 6th, Isaac Higaredo placed 23rd, finally Trujillo placed 28th. Those are some good places for the boys.

On the girls side of the deal, Lilly Lavier placed 1st, Emily Lavier placed 4th, Alliyah Molina placed 11th, and Wubben placed 16th. For this race our ladies were all at the top of the leader board.

As a great four years of running for the Mean Moose Lilly Lavier has signed to go to Oklahoma State University, a D1 college. This year she has placed first at every Cross Country race that she has raced in. With Regionals coming up on the 17th the teams are train-

ing every day after school so that hopefully they both Boys and Girl teams can go to state.

Regionals is a very important race for the moose teams. The reason they are so important is because only top 15 runners in the region make it to state, or if you do good as a team the top four teams in the region go to state also.

As you can see October 17th is a very important date. The Boys and girls have been going good up to now both teams have a great chance of making it to state.

If the Moose teams make it to state as a team then they have a chance of winning state as a team. If they don't all go they wont have a chance at winning state.

The seniors on the boys team are Josh Lopez, Cole Schweizer. The girls have Lilly Lavier, and Alliyah Molina.

These seniors have all been in the program all four years and they have grinded the last four years for the success they have had.

If the whole team does not make it to state then they won't have a chance of winning state as a team. They would just go to state individually.

Good luck Moose! The seniors are all looking forward to run their last two High School Cross Country races.

## Sandlin Soars: Guts and Glory in Moose Country



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Barreling down U.S. Highway 160 in his 4-Runner, wondering what he is headed towards. Where many people couldn't find on a map, was a struggling football team...One that would become his.

Where pride is abundant, and a source of pride is found in a successful football team. It is much more than typical Friday Night Lights, Drew Sandlin now has a standard to uphold.

In Alamosa, Colorado, it may seem like just another pit stop as you venture West. However, to the residents, it is so much more...This is Moose Country.

With the Mean Moose Football Organization boasting a 4-2, Drew Sandlin is a local hero. A figure that is appreciated and respected by the community. Someone idolized by kids, a symbolic figure throughout the town.

These simple facts however, are barely scratching the surface to who Sandlin is, leaving many in Alamosa wonder-

ing, who is Drew Sandlin, who the communities' newfound local hero?

The path begins way back in August of 1991 when a baby Drew Sandlin was born to Justin and Kirsten Sandlin.

Growing up on Tenby Way in Highlands Ranch, CO, Sandlin grew up with not only a love, but a thirst for football.

Influenced by his father, he gained his work ethic, which turns on with the Friday Night Lights.

Beginning an ambitious football career in the fourth grade, he wore his precious #7 throughout high school and #17 in college at Fort Lewis and CSU Fort Collins with pride.

Adrenaline driving him on every play, driving him all the way to a three year starting spot at quarterback for Rock Canyon High School.

Leading him to two all-state honorable mentions, two first team all-league selections, as well as an all-league second team honor.

Upon college graduation, Sandlin still craved for the effects that football brought. This boosted his return to his former

high school to coach his old team.

Then his opportunity arose...A head coach opening available at Alamosa High School. The traditions and success in the past at Alamosa High School was the driving force for him wanting to coach in Alamosa.

After clinching the job, it was time to get to work. Summer mornings at 5:45 A.M., the weight room at AHS was unusually full yet early quiet. Tired players wrenched themselves out of bed each morning. No amount of desire to sleep could hold back the promise of a successful season.

For Sandlin, he has always feared the idea of failing and letting down those around him. To prevent from failing on the field, Sandlin conditions his team at least twice in a single practice. He says that his practices are, "very hard and difficult."

Sandlin views himself as relaxed and easy going, as well as fair to his players. However, his players also know that he has very high expectations for them and their season.

Based off an interview conducted by *The Alamosan* Sandlin can be viewed as a confident character, yet he also knows his limits and when it is appropriate to be humble.

After five games, the team has went through many ups and downs, that have built the team up, broken them down, all just to build them back up.

Sandlin is a confident leader that has developed a team that can adapt quickly and work together efficiently.

Overall, since Sandlin's introduction as Alamosa High School's head football coach, he has made great bounds towards creating a powerhouse football program, that many people both in Colorado and outside will look up to.

While the team has hit bumps in the road, like every program with potential of success does. The team has grown to become the perfect image of what he wants his team to be, as they climb the ladder of success.



FAMILY BONDS—Senior Captain Brendon Madril (5) puts his arm around Sandlin to discuss upcoming plays, as well as the plan of attack for the remainder of the game.