

## The End Of Mean Moose Softball Approaches



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### Vs. Montrose, 9/4

Head coach Domico Lomeli along with assistant coaches Madison Dailey and Tony Kechter head into the middle of the season with a 3-3- 1 record. Ranked seventh in the 3A Tri Peaks, the Mean Moose girls get back into action competing in a non-league double header with Montrose. Unfortunately, Montrose knocked off the Moose in both games. Game one with a final score of 11-8 and game two with a final score of 20-5.

### @ Durango, 9/7

Ranked third in the 5A/4A Southwestern region, the Durango Demons hosted Alamosa in another non-league double header. The Mean Moose were tested by the Demons. Alamosa surprised Durango, giving the Demons a competition in the first game of the double header. After a hard fought competition, Durango ended up coming out on top in both games. Game one with a score of 10-7, and game two with a score of 18-8.

The Demons, as of now, sit at an overall record of thirteen wins and seven losses with a win percentage of 0.67 in the 5A/4A Southwestern region.

These four losses only make the Moose better. Playing higher ranked teams in higher divisions will only improve the team's ability. Alamosa is competing against teams at higher levels.

This is one of the most beneficial factors every athletic organization can take advantage of. Competing against teams in higher divisions will only improve the ability of the underdog. The Mean Moose girls do take advantage of this so that in the future the girls will not disappoint.

### Vs. Gunnison, 9/14

The girls got back on track hosting the Gunnison Cowboys in a non-league competition. Alamosa bounced back from their previous losses against Montrose and Durango and defeated the Cowboys with a score of 13-8.

The Mean Moose started off strong putting up five runs in the first inning and continued to put more on the board throughout the game. The Cowboys only managed to put up 8 runs all game making it a W for the Mean Moose girls.

This put Gunnison at a six win and six loss record and Alamosa at four wins and seven losses. With this win, the girls plan to start a win streak.

### Vs. Cortez, 9/17

Alamosa hosted another non league double header against the Cortez Panthers on September seventeenth. In the first game, the girls did not disappoint. Both teams showed their true talent.

The first game of the double header went into extra innings with a final score of 23-15, Cortez came out on top winning the first game. The Panthers kept that intensity and unfortunately took out the Mean Moose girls again. This moved Cortez to a 10-3 record. With this loss the Moose moved to a 4-9 record.

### Vs. Lamar, 9/18

The girls get into league play starting off with the Lamar Savages. Alamosa hosted the Savages in a league game on Saturday, September eighteenth. Lamar put up a high scoring game giving the Moose a competition.

The final score of this game was 16-3, moving the Savages to a 11-4 record. This moved the Moose to a 4-10 record. Alamosa traveled to La Junta three days later and faced the Tigers in another league game and it will be a tough one.

### @ La Junta, 9/21

The La Junta Tigers, ranked first in the 3A Tri Peaks

region, hosted the Mean Moose girls, ranked fifth in the 3A Tri Peaks, in a league bout on a Tuesday afternoon. Both teams came to play however the Tigers were on their A game giving the Moose a competition.

Unfortunately for the Moose, the girls only managed to put up one run all game while La Junta managed to put up a high number of sixteen runs up on the board making the final score of the game 16-1.

This moved La Junta to a 13-3 record while Alamosa moved to a four win and eleven loss record on the season. Alamosa then traveled to Colorado Springs to compete in another league bout against James Irwin.

### @ James Irwin, 9/25

The girls traveled to Colorado Springs to face James Irwin in a league game. The Mean Moose girls shut out James Irwin here at home on September second with a score of 10-0. Although the Moose beat James Irwin before, the Jaguars came prepared this time and got their revenge on the Moose.

Both teams kept it at a score of 4-4 until the fifth inning. The Jaguars had an exciting fifth inning putting up ten runs on the board and eventually putting up six more in the

sixth. At the end of the game the Moose put up a total of sixteen runs while the Jaguars put up a total of 20 making the final score 20-16.

### Vs Rocky Ford, 9/28

After the loss against James Irwin, the Moose hosted a league game against the Rocky Ford Meloneers on a Tuesday. The Meloneers came out strong to start off the game overwhelming the Moose.

Rocky Ford began to put up runs on the board in the first inning making it a tough game for the Moose. Unfortunately the Meloneers came out on top of the Moose making it a score of 11-1.

These losses do not sum up the season for the girls yet. The Mean Moose plan to improve for a chance to make it to regionals and possibly playoffs with only a couple of games left.

With three league games left, Alamosa will give it their all for a chance to compete in regionals and hopefully make it to the playoffs. The girls plan to prove themselves to give this softball program a bright future.

Coaches Lomeli and Kechter set high standards for the Moose. The next few games will set the tone for the Moose.

## Chalking it Up



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The fall season has begun and with that brings all of the sports. One sport that many people seem to forget about is gymnastics.

Joining the Alamosa gymnastics varsity team this year is Jenelle Hernandez, Emily Gonzales, Haylie Martin, Holly McDaniel, Mandy Murr, Hagan Reed, Mia Montoya, Ilexya Meis, Ryan Romero, and Emilee Cook. The lady moose hope to bring home a state championship this year.

Alamosa opened up the season on September 11 at Pueblo Central High School and then had a home meet on September 16 vs Canon City. They then had four more meets in the following weeks against Pueblo Central and Canyon City.

The Lady Moose look forward to their coming meets and hope to climb up in the rankings.

Alamosa is also very excited for their regional and state meets. They hope to bring a title back to Alamosa High School.

Coach Kim Meis says that this year's team is one of

the strongest teams that they have ever fielded, being ranked 11th going into regionals.

"Our girls have worked so hard this year...", says coach Meis "This year our girls have worked so hard that they have started performing a much more difficult skill set that most other girls can't do, especially on the floor exercise and the vault."

Most of the Alamosa gymnasts are all around gymnasts, meaning that they compete on all four apparatus, the balance beam, uneven bars, floor exercise, and the vault.

The Alamosa coaches are also anticipating that they can qualify as a team for the state meet which is on November fifth.

"We are very excited for the state meet...", said coach Meis. "We think that we are going to do very well and we hope to qualify as a team and bring back a title for Alamosa High School."

The lady Moose also only have one senior on the team this year, Mia Montoya, and because of this, and all of the success the team is having and will have this year, Alamosa Gymnastics hopes to be a team to beat in the coming years.

## Zoomin' Through 'Zona



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After a great start to the Cross Country season, the Mean Moose continue to train hard, looking forward to the upcoming meets. They will take an exciting trip to Arizona and attempt to hold their own against some of the fastest schools in Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Texas, and Nevada.

### @Queen Creek, Az 9/24

The Moose leave school early on Wednesday to begin a long travel day. An exciting opportunity to travel for kids from small town Alamosa. Riding a bus to the Colorado Springs Airport where the team clears security to aboard the plane from Springs to Phoenix.

Once the team arrives in Arizona they stay in an Airbnb with a pool for therapy mostly. Even though the trip was enjoyable the team was able to buckle down and compete on Friday. The girls ran a 9:30 night race amping up their lively spirits to run in the dark they performed exceptionally well.

Nearly everyone got an new personal record. Sarah

DeLaCerde was 28th place with a pr of 18:15. Madaline Castillo was 45th place with a pr of 18:38. Lia Castillo was 61st with a pr of 19:07. Elizabeth McQuitty was 67th with a pr of 19:19.

Autumn rounded out the scoring team in 94th place with a pr of 19:46. All the girls were under 20 minutes for the 5k race which allowed them to get seventh place in the team standings. These new times will put them ranked first in the State for class 3A.

The Boys went off at 9:50 pm racing in darkness as well. The athletes were told by coaches that they were going to be overlooked by the other schools and to show how good the athletes of Alamosa are. The boys and girls succeeded and turned many heads of coaches and spectators.

The boys also had major pr's from everyone. Isaac Higareda was 66th with a time of 16:11. In 103rd place Jayr Almieda ran a 16:33. In 130th Izaiah Casanova running 16:49. Santiago Trujillo came in 142nd with a time of 16:58 and Mario Villalba ran a 16:59. The team placed 16th out of 27 schools.

With the boys all running under 17 minutes they take the first place rankings in 3A State.

The race day was ended with a celebration at Sonic where the athletes had Sonic Blasts close to midnight. The team will have memories of this trip for a long time. The next race for Varsity was the League Meet where Alamosa is heavily favored to dominate.

### @Alamosa 10/2

Starting off the meet the girls were still a little tired trying to recover from the draining exciting trip to Arizona. They ran together and the top five girls helped each other get through the race. M. Castillo, DeLaCerde, L. Castillo, E. McQuitty and A. McQuitty perfect scored the meet and crossed the line together with ease.

The boys get to the line ready to race. They start off in a tight pack of boys. At the second mile the boys have claimed the first four spots. They also however had some boys tired from the Arizona trip so they won the meet with a score of 21. Still impressively winning the meet was Higareda then Trujillo, Casanova, Villalba and finally T. Cody rounded out the boys score.