



Alex Justus

Kings High School



One of the Eastern Cincinnati's (ECC) finest track and cross country performers for several years has been Kings High School senior Alex Justus, who won this past season's Ohio state OATCCC Div. I indoor track championship in the 800 run in 1:52.49, the second fastest 800 indoor time in the nation.

Success started early for Alex. When he was a freshman, he was one of the nation's top distance runners for all freshmen nationally. He was ranked as the nation's fastest freshman at 800 meters and Ohio's fastest freshman at 1600 meters.

A New Balance Track All-American, Alex holds numerous records, including the Div. I ECC conference (1:56.28) and district record (1:53.14) in the 800 run, and the ECC record in the 4x800 relay (7:55.77). He has several Kings High School records in the 800 (indoor and outdoor), 4x800 relay (indoor and outdoor) and the 4x1600 outdoor relay. At this season's ECC Track Championships, he won the 400 meter and 800 meter runs with a school record in the 400 meter and an ECC meet record in the 800 meter. He was district champion in the 800 in a district record 1:51.69, and at the regional championships, he won the 800 in 1:54.70. He was Ohio state runner-up in the 800 (1:51.23).

With a junior track campaign wiped out by the pandemic, Alex as a sophomore, was an Ohio state champion on the indoor 4x800 relay team and was ECC champion in the 800 run and outdoor 4x800 relay. He was district champion in the 800 in a district record time of 1:53.14, placing third at the regional competition in the 800 and third at the Ohio state championships in the 4x800 relay. He was named ECC Distance Runner of the Year.

A four-time state qualifier in cross country, this past season, Alex set the school's all-time fastest time in cross country (15:32.5) and was champion and set meet records at the Milford, Seven Hills and Kings Invationals. He finished 6th at district, 10th at the regional meet and 26th at the state championships. He was named first team all-ECC and first team all-city by the Enquirer and was a finalist for the Cincinnati Sports Awards' Cross Country Runner of the Year. He has been first team all-conference in cross country four straight years.

A great student (National Merit Scholarship Finalist) and member of National Honor Society, Alex is involved in community service and will run next year at the University of Kentucky.

His favorite athlete is Nick Chubb, favorite entertainer is John Mulaney, favorite book is It, favorite movie is The Dark Knight and most-like-to-meet is Warren Buffett.



NAME: Alex Justus

GRADUATING YEAR: 2021

SCHOOL: Kings High School

SPORT: Track-Cross Country

ACHIEVEMENT: New Balance All American in 4x800 relay

PARENTS: Rob and Ginger

HEIGHT: 6'2"-160 lbs.

INFLUENCE: Jim Brant

FUTURE GOAL: SEC champion

"Alex has demonstrated the effort, determination, and dedication it takes to be a premier athlete and outstanding student. Alex is a great example for other student-athletes to follow."

- Chris Griffin, Track Coach

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