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Ben Bayless

Indian Hill High School



Indian Hill senior Ben Bayless has been one of Cincinnati's top runners for the past four years.

In track, Ben has won numerous CHL championship titles and has set many school records. This season, Ben helped the Braves win a second straight CHL team title. He was once again CHL champ in the 1600 and 3200 runs, both in school record times, and was also a member of the CHL winning 4x800 relay team. Ben then went on to win the 1600, 3200 and the 4x800 relay events at the Div. II district championships, and the 3200 run at the regional championships.

Ben has earned numerous track honors including being named all-Ohio in outdoor competition and twice in indoor track competition. Twice he was named 1st team all-city by the Enquirer. He also has been named Academic All-Ohio numerous times.

In cross country this past season, Ben won the CHL, district and regional championships, finishing sixth at the state meet. He also holds the school record in cross country (15:32 in 2018), and is a two-time CHL and district champion in that sport. His numerous honors include being named CHL, Cincinnati Div. II, regional and district Cross Country Runner of the Year. He was a finalist for Cincinnati.com Sports Awards Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Ben also played soccer his freshman year for the Braves. A great student and a four-time academic all-Ohio honoree, Ben will continue his running collegiately at the University of Dayton. His favorite athlete is Galen Rupp, favorite entertainer is Weezer, favorite book is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, favorite movie is Can't Buy Me Love and most-like-to-meet is Joe Gatto.



NAME: Ben Bayless
GRADUATING YEAR: 2019
SCHOOL: Indian Hill High School
SPORT: Track-Cross Country
RESIDENCE: Indian Hill
BIRTHDATE: 5/1/2001
PARENTS: Chad & Jennifer
HEIGHT: 5'11"-145 lbs.
INFLUENCE: Aunt Carrie Franco, former track star
FUTURE GOAL: NCAA cross country nationals

"Ben is the most dedicated athlete I have worked with in my 35 years of coaching. His intensity and commitment are inspiring."

- Susan Savage, Track Coach

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