

The Meet of Champions is held at Sandra Day O'Connor High School and provides a venue for Arizona's best to compete and decide once and for all who the best runners in head to head competition are. With weather in full cooperation this was not a day to go for place; the important thing for **Brian** today was time.

The gun fired and the Mustang was out like Big Brown going down town. Inside the first 100m **Brian** grabbed the lead and kept the pace honest. By 150m into the race Shrader strung out the field and clocked the first 200m in 30 seconds. At 300m the rest of the field had decided to form a chase pack instead of individual pursuits to the leader. **Brian** kept the assault at 62 for the first 400m. The lead continued to grow. The Mustang posted a 2:05 - his fastest ½ split in the event to date. The chase pack decided not to close the gap in hopes that **Brian** would come back but it was Ron Smith (our favorite announcer) who announced a revelation that the Mustang Camp had already known, "I don't think **Brian** is coming back."

Brian went uncontested from line to line. He ran alone and posted a New Personal Record of 4:15.8. He missed the state sophomore record by a mere 1.69 seconds. The time is also the fastest 1600m run by an Arizona High School Athlete this season.

*Next is *The Great Southwest Invitational* hosted in Albuquerque, NM where he hopes to make another assault on the 800m.

Alexandra Myers (5:23.47) and **Becca Gazar** (12:01.17) competed in the 1600m and the 3200m respectively. **Miss Myers** used the pack early to her advantage. **Alexandra** used the 3rd lap to gain position on the pack however an aggressive move made just at 400m to go exacted a tax with 178 meters to go. Still, the Mustang held for her 3rd fastest mile of the season and only 3 seconds from her personal record.

Becca also ran her 3rd fastest time in the season but in the 2 mile. She trailed early keeping true to her pace. She used the momentum of a passing runner to catapult her into the chase pack. Once **Becca** got sight of them she used a sling shot move to press around the pack. Though a brilliant move it came a bit too early. She hung on as best she could the rest of the way home and finished in 12:01.17.