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Mountain bike: Lake Travis bikers holding on to lead midway through season

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Senior Tor Lundstrom (second from left) begins his long, 24-mile ride for varsity boys at a recent race at Reville Peak Ranch on March 23, 2014. *Austin American-Statesman*

Some of the fastest kids on mountain bikes in the state of Texas live right in Lakeway.

Midway through the spring race season, Lake Travis High School mountain bikers are holding on to their team lead.

With three races behind them and two on the docket, riders and coaches hope to add another year to their list of state championships.

Forty-one girls and 111 boys, a total of 152 riders from nearly every major city in Texas, showed up for the Reveille Peak Ranch race March 23.

The race course included single track, technical climbing and a section of jeep road. Seven Lake Travis riders rode to a top five finish. Senior Tor Lundstrom pedaled for over two hours and 24 miles to finish fifth in the boys Varsity class.

Katelyn Pervis scored a second place spot for varsity girls and Danielle Cogburn placed fourth for junior varsity girls.

Strategic planning to place riders in the most appropriate division for their skill included moving up freshman Bradyn Lange to the junior varsity after the first race in February.

He continues to build competitive steam and dominated his class, riding three laps for a total of 18 miles and earning a first place spot on the podium. A fight to the finish, only two seconds separated Lange's win from a strong Bowie High School rider. Wes Fig also put in a notable junior varsity ride, finishing third.

Out of 32 freshman riders, Garret Jeter rode second, and continues to be the premier freshman points earner, retaining his leader's jersey. Only 21 seconds separated first through fourth place in Jeter's class, with freshman Christopher Boerkei taking fifth.

Riders travel east of Austin in two weeks to ride at Warda, and finish the season in May with the championship race in Waco.