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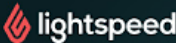
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The rain did not slow 4 time 2A Girls champion Yorkville. They are on pace for a 5th straight title after easily won the Girls Championship at the Wheaton Academy Sectional. Yorkville Boys team will also be in defense of a state championship. Their pack dictated the Boys race as they ran only a 13 second split to win.

Grayslake Central and Mahomet-Seymour geared up for the 2A Boys state meet with wins in their sectionals. Dunlap looks to be the top squad to challenge Yorkville after their win at the Normal University Sectional.

Here is a look at each of the 5 2A sectionals that took place in Illinois.

Wheaton Academy Sectional

Yorkville will be going for their fifth straight 2A championship next Saturday as they dominated the Girls sectional race at a wet Kress Creek Farms course. The Lady Foxes put 6 runners in the first 8 while sweeping the first four places and scoring only 17 points. Alexis Grandys ran with teammate Nicole Greyer for most of the race with Grandys crossing the line first in 18:00. Yorkville's Maddie Dearborn (3rd) and Alyssa Edwards (4th) followed. They only had a 43 second split on their top 5.

Montini Catholic was a distant 80 points behind as they finished second with 97 points/ The Lady Broncos placed 3 runners in the top 12 led by the 6th place finish by Gianna Salzbrunn. Lemont and Rosary were separated by 5 points as they finished 3rd and 4th overall. Lemont (105 points) relied on a pack with 3 runners from 10th to 15th. Bridget Kunkel led that pack finishing 10th. Rosary made up for last year's disappointing finish when they failed to make it out of the regional meet. They scored 110 points behind the 5th place finish by Madison Ronzone. Marist, in their first year of 2A, placed 5th with 135 points. Maryclare Leonard (9th) and Jill Borza (14th) led their team.

Even though Hinsdale South took three of the first seven spots in the Boys race, it was Yorkville's pack that was the difference. The Foxes ran only a 13 second split on their top 5 to score 43 points and win the sectional team championship. 4 runners were in the top 10 led by the finishes of Trevor Wills (5th) and Cody Hornyak (6th). Hinsdale South finished second (78 points behind the individual win by Charlie Nodus. The senior ran 15:17 to win the race by only 2 seconds ahead of Lindblom Academy's Walmer Saavedra. The Hornets also had Roman Drabchuk (3rd) and Brett Haffner (7th) in the top 10.





Wheaton Academy will make another trip to Peoria after scoring 99 points to finish third led by top ten finishes by Jacob Robleski (4th) and Jonah Jones (8th). Lindblom Academy qualified for the state meet for the first time in the school's history placing 4th (117 points) behind Saavedra's finish. Glenbard South was the final Boys team in as they finished fifth (157 points).

Woodstock North Sectional

Grayslake Central established themselves as one of the 2A Boys teams to beat next weekend. The Rams won the team sectional championship with 53 points led by the individual win by Jack Aho. The junior ran 15:30 on the hills of Emrickson Park to finish ahead of Vernon Hills' Shane Williamson and Woodstock's Luke Beattie by 3 seconds. The Rams placed 5 runners in the first 18 with a 57 second 5 man split. Matt Aho (7th) also finished in the top 10 for Grayslake Central.

Belvidere North will make their first trip to Peoria as a team in 3 years as they finished 2nd with 123 points. Eryk Yunk finished 4th overall to lead his team followed by Eli Walker's 12th place finish. Kaneland has come on strong at the end of the season and it showed with their third place finish. The Knights scored 138 points behind by Matthew Richtman's 6th place finish.

Rockford Christian found out that they were moved from 1A to 2A before the start of the season. Their perseverance paid off as they scored 154 points along with Crystal Lake Central finishing fourth and fifth. The Royal Lions relied on a 54 second split led by the 15th place finish by Nick Monkemeyer. Central returns to state led by Weston Sterchi's 9th place finish. This sectional was one of the toughest in 2A with 10 schools ranked and only 5 advancing. Vernon Hills was sixth overall and missed qualifying.

It was Vernon Hills' 3-6 finish by Vivian Overbeck and Lauren Katz that was the difference in the Cougars winning the team championship with 79 points. Overbeck ran 17:50 to finish 3rd overall as Boylan's Delaney Appino won the individual title (17:41) by 5 seconds ahead of Jenna Lutzow (Belvidere North HS). Lutzow's finish led the Blue Thunder to a second place finish only 6 points behind Vernon Hills with 85 points. Crystal Lake Central was close in third with 116 points. Janine Orvis finished 7th to lead the Tigers.

Grayslake Central was the fourth team to qualify as they scored 170 points. The Rams ran a 70 second split on their top 5 led by the 20th place finish of Megan Girmscheid, Kaneland was a surprise after finishing 5th the week before at their own regional. The Knights were the final team to advance in this sectional scoring 189 points. Kaneland was led by Noelle Espino's 11th and Briana Bower's 16th place finishes. Ranked Lakes Community failed to qualify out of this tough sectional as they were 10 points behind Kaneland with 199 points. They did advance an individual qualifier as Kortney Schardt finished 5th.

Normal University Sectional

It did not matter to Peoria Notre Dame's Maryjeanne Gilbert if the sky was falling. She was just going to go out and win. She showed she is ready to defend her 2A individual championship running 16:52 in extremely wet and windy conditions. She was 79 seconds ahead of her closest competition Dunlap's Franny Verville. Gilbert's performance helped her team qualify for next week's state meet. The Irish scored 81 points to finish second behind another stellar performance by Dunlap. The Eagles showed that they could have the talent to maybe get close to Yorkville and most certainly be in the trophy discussion. The Dunlap top 7, comprised of all freshmen and sophomores, scored 45 points which included 3 runners in the top 10. Behind Verville finished Abby Johnson (4th) and Ayah Aldadah (8th). Dunlap's split on their top 5 in this race was 45 seconds.

Washington continued their steady pack running to place 3rd with 99 points. The Panthers ran a 50 second split on their top 5 led by the 12-13 finish of Cassidy Dexheimer and Josephine Hermann. Morton continues to improve running another great state series race. They finished 4th (156 points) behind the 10th place finish by freshman Meagan Moreno. Lauren Whitehouse finished 3rd overall to lead Mahomet-Seymour to a fifth and final qualifying state berth with 174 points.

Jack Franklin (Normal University HS) won the Boys Sectional Individual championship defeating Mahomet Seymour's Alex Keeble for the second week in a row. Franklin's time of 15:13 was eleven seconds ahead of Keeble. Jake Gillum (Metamora HS) was another two seconds behind in third. Top ranked Mahomet-Seymour put their top 3 in the first 9 to win the team championship with 65 points. The Bulldogs held out #2 runner Andrew Wallmer in this race. Keeble got support behind him with Gabe Pommier's 7th place finish and Brian Butcher finishing 9th. Their split on their top 4 was only 38 seconds.

Normal University used Franklin's win and the sixth place finish of Zach Wolford to finish 2nd with 108 points. Peoria Notre Dame also qualified their Boys team as the Irish scored 128 points in third. Victor Fortin (8th) and Patrick Bruch (11th) were their top 2 finishers. Metamora finished 4th only 4 points behind Notre Dame. Danville was the final team qualifier as they scored 185 points with a 44 second split on 5 led by Carl Way's 23rd place finish. Lincoln-Way West finished sixth missing qualifying as a

team by 9 points. Evan Mitchell did qualify for state as an individual as he finished 4th.

Decatur MacArthur Sectional

The rain had left as the 2A teams took to Hickory Point Golf Course. The damaged was done as two 1A sectional races were run before that. Rochester freshman Katherine Petty dueled Springfield's Aly Goff to the end with Petty crossing the line for the win in 17:31. Goff finished 2 seconds behind in second. Her teammate Natalie Motor was another 26 seconds behind in third.

In the third meeting in the last three weekends, it was Chatham-Glenwood that prevailed ahead of higher ranked Rochester but it was a close one. Glenwood got top ten finishes by freshmen Savannah Duncan (4th) and Katie Curry (6th) to win the team sectional title 60-66 ahead of their Central State Eight conference rival. The Titans also were helped by a 35 second top 5 split. Rochester's 2-5 pack broke up a little bit in this meet as they had a gap of 69 seconds on their 4 runners behind Petty.

Springfield ran their best race of the year so far and finished third with 134 points. The Senators were also helped by Sophia Gullo's 12th place finish. Highland also will make the trip to Peoria. The Bulldogs finished 4th using only a 12 second split from #1 runner Katelyn Marti and #4 runner Breann Wernie. Decatur St. Teresa made their transition to 2A a successful one as they nabbed the final qualifying spot ten behind Highland with 153 points. Lauren Evelt led her team with a 13th place finish.

The Boys individual race was just as close as the Girls. Ben Flowers (Jerseyville HS) used a final kick to win the Boys individual race (14:59) by one second ahead of Springfield's Heath Warren. Landon Skelly (Chatham-Glenwood HS) finished third eight seconds back.

Springfield put two other runners in the top ten to help them win the sectional team championship with 79 points. Logan Besalke (8th) and Jackson Esela (9th) came in within 2 seconds of each other. Chatham-Glenwood finished second (94 points) behind Skelly and Chris Durr who finished 12th. Charleston will return to Peoria as they finished 3rd. Their 129 point total was led by top ten finishes by Colton Bell (4th) and Joe McKirahan (10th). Carbondale was almost 70 points behind. The Terriers did qualify for state finishing 4th (196 points) led by the 15th place finish by Micah Cherry. Mattoon was the final team in from this sectional as they scored 206 points to finish fifth overall. Jerseyville finished sixth missing qualifying by nine points.

Chicago University Sectional

Fenwick used a 3-4-5 finish by Jack Darrow, Emmett McEnery, and Alex Marks to easily win the Boys Sectional Championship with 46 points. Deerfield received an 8th place finish by Matthew Gold to score 82 points to place 2nd. Elmwood Park qualified for state finishing third. The Tigers had a 20 second split on their top 4 led by the 10th place finish by Dante Bruno.

Only 4 points separated 4th place to 6th place. Mather edged Saint Viator for the fourth spot 142-143. Fenton missed qualifying for state by 3 points but did qualify three individuals to next weekend's meet. The individual race was also close as only a second separated the first 3 places. Fenton's Jose Vasquez-Perez won the individual title (15:35) as Jacob Meyer (Chicago University) and Jack Darrow (Fenwick HS, Oak Park) crossed the line with the same time (15:36) finishing 2nd and 3rd.

Chicago Payton had 4 runners in the first 11 in the Girls race. It was enough to hold off Chicago Latin 67-78 to win the Girls team championship. Molly Croteau led the way finishing third. Latin School was led by individual race winner Laura Katunas. The sophomore ran 18:40 to in by 9 seconds ahead of Deerfield's Kelley Osborn. Chicago University finished 3rd with 94 points. Deerfield and Mather finished 4th and 5th. Both scored 121 points. Saint Viator missed qualifying by six points.

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