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## Sectional cross country primer

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University High School's Jack Franklin, shown here winning the Intercity Boys Cross Country Meet in September, will vie for the U High Class 2A Sectional title on Saturday after winning last week's regional.

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**Who advances:** Top five teams, top seven individuals not on those teams and any individual in the top 10 to the Nov. 7 state meet at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

### Class 1A

#### **Elmwood Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Maple Lane Country Club — Girls, 10:30 a.m.; Boys, 11:15 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Tremont, Olympia, El Paso-Gridley, Illini Central, Central Catholic, Deer Creek-Mackinaw.

**Area boys individuals:** Devon Butler, Heyworth.

**Area girls teams:** Eureka, Central Catholic, Heyworth, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Olympia, El Paso-Gridley.

**Area girls individuals:** Katie Springer, Delavan; Reka Jeckel, Delavan.

**FYI:** Based on DyeStat state rankings, the expected boys qualifiers from here are No. 3 Elmwood, No. 8 El Paso-Gridley, No. 9 Eureka; No. 12 Pleasant Plains and No. 16 Mercer County. For the girls, No. 5 Liberty, No. 6 Eureka, No. 7 Porta, No. 9 Springfield Lutheran and No. 18 Knoxville are favored. Top area individuals include El Paso-Gridley's Hunter Cobbley for the boys and Olympia's Shelby Siltman for the girls.

#### **Decatur St. Teresa Sectional**

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**Area boys individuals:** J.T. Harrold, Clinton.

**Area girls teams:** PBL.

**Area girls individuals:** Julia Sterr, Clinton.

**FYI:** Seven of the state's top 10 ranked teams are here including No. 1 Tolono Unity, No. 2 St. Joseph-Ogden, No. 4 Monticello, No. 5 Shelbyville and No. 6 Carlinsville. No. 10 PBL's Nick Porter-led squad is also ranked behind No. 7 Robinson. The girls field boasts nine ranked teams including No. 1 Urbana Uni High.

#### **Lisle Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Lisle Community Park — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Prairie Central, Gardner-Dwight.

**Area boys individuals:** Nate Durham, Pontiac; David Amador, Tri-Point.

**Area girls teams:** Prairie Central.

**Area girls individuals:** Abigail Kerrins, Tri-Point; Alli Hodgson, Pontiac.

**FYI:** DyeStat expects the Prairie Central boys to qualify fourth behind No. 23 McNamara, Niles Northridge Prep and Walther Christian. The Prairie Central girls are picked to advance fifth behind No. 12 Chicago Christian, No. 17 Westmont, Clifton Central and Elmhurst Timothy Christian. Junior Daly Galloway of Gardner-Dwight is heavily favored to defend her title.

#### **Oregon Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Oregon Park West — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

**Area boys team:** Fieldcrest.

**Area girls team:** Fieldcrest.

**FYI:** The No. 25 Fieldcrest boys are coming off a school record second-place finish in the Seneca Regional. Their competition includes six higher-ranked teams led by No. 13 Johnsburg. DyeStat picked the Fieldcrest girls to finish 15th. The best of four ranked girls teams is No. 4 Annawan.

### **Class 2A**

#### **University High Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Normal's Maxwell Park — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Mahomet-Seymour, University High, Normal West, Streator.

**Area boys individuals:** Austin Bicknell, Bloomington; Jack Doud, Bloomington; Will Tiffany, Lincoln.

**Area girls teams:** University High, Mahomet-Seymour, Normal West.

**Area girls individuals:** Tori Morger, Bloomington; Cassidy Blumenshine, Bloomington; Millicent Clay, Bloomington; Morgan Bogdanic, Lincoln; Charlene Mascote, Streator; Rebecca Neaterour, Streator.

**FYI:** The highest-ranked boys squads here are No. 1 Mahomet-Seymour, No. 5 U High, No. 8 Metamora, No. 10 Peoria Notre Dame, No. 14 Rock Island Alleman and No. 17 Danville. The defending champions team-wise and individually are Mahomet-Seymour and its senior star, Alex Keeble, who lost in the regional to U High's Jack Franklin. The girls race features seven ranked teams led by No. 2 Dunlap, No. 9 Washington, No. 11 Peoria Notre Dame, No. 14 Mahomet-Seymour and No. 15 U High. On the qualifying bubble are No. 16 Morton and No. 19 Metamora. Reigning state champion Maryjeanne Gilbert of Notre Dame is the favorite.

### **Class 3A**

#### **Normal Community Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Normal's Maxwell Park — girls, 1 p.m.; boys, 2 p.m.

**Area boys individuals:** Carson McCormick, NCHS; Jacob Myers, NCHS; Dillon Butler, NCHS.

**Area girls team:** Normal Community.

**FYI:** DyeStat picks the NCHS girls to qualify fifth behind No. 3 Minooka, No. 23 New Lenox Lincoln-Way Central, Edwardsville and O'Fallon. For the boys, the only ranked teams here are No. 22 Minooka and No. 23 Frankfort Lincoln-Way North. The best of three Ironmen boys is Carson McCormick, who came within one second of qualifying last year.

— Compiled by Randy Sharer

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