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Above Photo: Mother McAuley's Ashley Bryja won her second individual race of the year in the Joe Federic Invitational hosted by Benet Academy Saturday at Lisle's Community Park (Rob Harvey Photo).

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This weekend is not as busy as what we will see this coming weekend with conference meets taking center stage along with the 1A Patriot Invitational at Detweiller Park. Some teams used the Saturday as a day to rest and gear up for the final charge ahead. Some schools were in meets tuning up for the final four weeks.

DyeStat Illinois was at the **Naperville Twilight Meet** last Wednesday and then at the **West Aurora Stampede**. If you click on the meet name, you can look back at the recap or videos that are on the meet page.

Here is a look at some of the meets that took place this past weekend. We would have put a recap of the Toledo Cumberland Invitational. We can't because we never received the results. Sorry.

Illinois Meet Results

Portage (MI) Invitational

3A #2 Lyons Township tuned up for the high powered WSC-Silver Championships this Saturday on their home course by turning in another dominant performance in winning the Boys team title in this Michigan meet. The Lions scored only 67 points to win the D1 championship placing five runners in the first twenty-three. **Cole Johnson** (Rockford MI) ran 15:12 for 5 kilometers to win the individual race just three seconds ahead of Lyons' **Vince Zona** and **Danny Kilrea**. **Alex Pall** (18th), **Dan Palmer** (21st), and **Graham Kutchek** (23rd) were the other scorers for Lyons. Their split on five was 61 seconds. Their #3 to #5 pack continues to remain strong as they were only separated by nine seconds.

Wheeling Invitational @ Heritage Park

3A #4 Lake Zurich had little trouble in winning the Boys Varsity Race Saturday morning placing four runners in the first seven. The Bears scored 43 points for the win ahead of Highland Park (82 points), 3A #20 Fremd (101 points), and Libertyville (119 points). **Matt Pereira** and **Brian Griffith** came across the line in 15:09 with Pereira getting credit for the win. **Kyle Griffith** was nine seconds back in third (15:18). **Patrick Burns** (7th) and **Eric Metzger** (30th) were the other scorers for Lake Zurich. Their split on their top four was only 32 seconds. Their split on five was 83 seconds.

Barrington tuned up for next Saturday's Mid Suburban League Championships by winning the team championship behind the individual win by **Jocelyn Long**. Barrington placed five runners in the first fourteen to win the team championship with only 43 points. They were followed by Libertyville (87 points), Evanston Township (94 points), and 2A #8 Lakes (123 points). Long's win was impressive as she ran 17:29 for the win 28 seconds ahead of Libertyville's **Melissa Manetsch**. Part of Barrington's success was the addition of freshmen **Alyssa Norris** and **Isabella Fier** into their varsity lineup. Norris was the team's second runner as she finished seventh. **Eve Hoeltgen** (9th), **Shelby Petersen** (12th), and Fier (14th) came in across the line behind Long and Norris. The split on their pack from Norris to Fier was 37 seconds.

Sterling Invitational @ Hoover Park

Delaney Appino (Boylan Catholic HS, Rockford) showed she is ready for next week's challenge at the NIC-10 Conference Meet with Belvidere North's **Jenna Lutzow** with a comfortable win in this meet. She ran a season's best of 17:19 to win the race by 22 seconds ahead of Schaumburg's **Madison Marasco** (17:41). Appino's teammate **Grace McLaughlin** placed third (17:56). 3A #23 Oswego, led by top ten finishes by **Isabelle Christiansen** (4th) and **Grace Pagone** (8th), took home the team championship with 89 points. They finished ahead of Schaumburg (104 points) and Iowa schools Pleasant Valley (106 points) and Bettendorf (162 points).

Pleasant Valley (IA) won the Boys team championship with 61 points placing their top five runners in the top twenty. Oswego scored 85 points to finish second ahead of DeKalb (136 points), 2A #8 Sterling (138 points), 2A #6 Sycamore (142 points), and Hoffman Estates (143 points). It was an exciting finish in the Boys Individual race as only two seconds separated the first three runners. Pleasant Valley's **Nicholas Yanek** took home the top honors (15:11.4) one second ahead of **Jacob Gebhardt** (Sterling HS) and another second ahead of **Tanner Chada** (Hinckley-Big Rock HS).

Metamora Invitational @ Black Partridge Park

The Boys Varsity race was supposed to be a showdown between the top two 2A teams in the state Mahomet-Seymour and Normal University. That never materialized as U-High held out their top two runners **Jack Franklin** and **Jared Schuckman**. Don't worry. The two teams will face off for against each other for the next four weeks beginning with the Corn Belt Conference Meet this Thursday. **Jake Gillum** (Metamora HS) won the individual title on his home course crossing the line in 14:40.8 just nipping Mahomet-Seymour's **Andrew Walmer** by seven tenths of a second (14:41.5). It was all Mahomet-Seymour after Gillum as the Bulldogs took the next six places scoring only 20 points to win the team championship. Normal University finished second (92 points) followed by 2A #10 Metamora (113 points) and 2A #16 Springfield (151 (points). Mahomet's split on their top five was only 14 seconds.

2A #2 Dunlap was in charge in the Girls Team race placing five runners in the first fifteen to win the team title with only 28 points. **Abby Johnson** and **Franny Verville** finished 1-2 to lead the Eagles. Johnson's winning time of 17:20 was just a second ahead of teammate Verville and another three seconds ahead of third place **Danya Lloyd** (Palatine HS). The 3A #12 Lady Pirates, behind Lloyd's finish, scored 62 points to finish second ahead of 2A #5 Metamora (130 points) and 2A #7 Mahomet-Seymour (140 points). Dunlap's split on their top five was 49 seconds.

Liberty Invitational

It was the front running of 1A #5 Liberty against the pack of 1A #4 Williamsville in the Girls Varsity race. In this meet, it was Liberty but just barely. The Eagles won the team title (36 points) just five ahead of Williamsville (41 points). Liberty's **Katelyn Robbins** ran 18:46 to win the individual title 28 seconds ahead of second place **Kirsten Huffman** (Jacksonville Routt HS). It was close as Liberty placed five runners in the first fourteen (1-4-7-10-14) just ahead of Williamsville who placed five in the first eighteen (3-5-6-9-18).

Illini West made a statement on why they should be in the 1A top 25 rankings with a strong performance in the Boys Varsity race. Their top five only had a 29 second split on their top five to score 50 points for the team win ahead of Riverton (71 points), Williamsville (117 points), and 1A #23 Liberty (118 points). **Eli Ten Eyck** (Pittsfield HS) ran 16:03 for the individual win 25 seconds ahead of **Shane Yamco** (Riverton HS).

Prairie Central Invitational

Eureka had a great day at this meet sweeping both the Boys and Girls team titles. It was close in the Girls race as the top four teams were within nine points of each other. 1A #6 Eureka scored 65 points to win led by the third place finish by **Emma Argo**. 1A #13 Shelbyville (68 points), Urbana University (71 points) and Herscher (74 points) were close behind. U-High's **Annemarie Michael** was the individual winner (17:59) eleven seconds ahead of teammate **Arielle Summitt**.

1A #10 Shelbyville placed three runners in the first five but it was 1A #12 Eureka's pack that prevailed. The Hornets placed five runners in the first twenty-two to score 64 points to win the Boys team title led by the sixth place finish by **Kyle Johnson**. Shelbyville finished second (80 points) just five points ahead of third place Urbana University. **Tyler Pasley** (Shelbyville HS) ran 15:33 for the individual win fourteen seconds ahead of **Trey Houmes** (Hoopeston Area).