



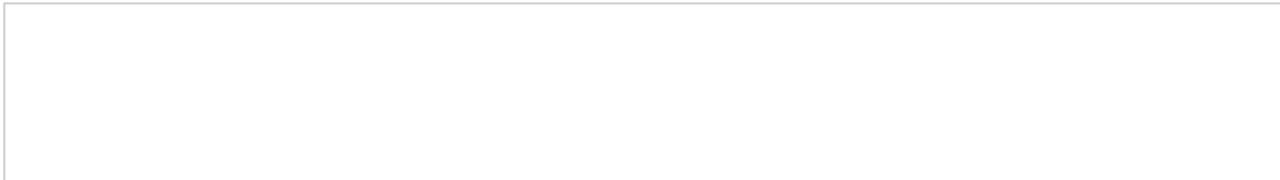
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Most attention this weekend was on Peoria and the over 180 team First to the Finish Invitational. There were other meets that took place throughout the state as well as the Forest Park XC Festival in Saint Louis,

ACT testing also took place nationally. There were some runners that were missing from meets due to the testing.

You can find the recap of the First of the Finish Invitational in our news section. Here are recaps of some of the meets that took place this past weekend.

Harvey Braus Invitational @ Lake Park East Campus

3A #1 Glenbard West was in control in the Girls Varsity race placing six runners in the top fifteen for an easy win. The Hilltoppers scored 37 points to win by 67 points ahead of 3A #13 Maine South (104 points). 3A #20 York (109 points), St. Charles East (115 points), and 3A #16 Prospect (138 points) rounded out the top five. **Katelynne Hart** and **Lindsey Payne** worked with each other the entire race passing St. Charles North's **Audrey Ernst** in the final mile. The two came in together with Hart crossing the line first (16:49.8) just two seconds ahead of her teammate Payne (16:51.7). Ernst was next in third ten seconds back (17:01.1). Their five runner split came down from 93 seconds last week to 90 seconds at this meet. Following Hart and Payne were **Katie Hohe** (7th), **Janie Nabholz** (13th), and **Chloe Connolly** (14th).

3A #22 St. Charles East used their strong pack running to five runners in the first twelve runners to win the Boys Varsity title with 36 points. **Jake Beno** led the Saints with a fourth place finish. He was followed by teammates **Cole Adesso** (5th), **Anthony Zilla** (9th), **JB Sandlund** (11th), and **Rohan Patel** (12th). The overall split for East's five runners was only 31 seconds. The individual win by **Jeremy Adams** led Jones College Prep to a second place finish with 95 points. Adams was the only runner under 15 minutes as he ran 14:58.1 for the win. Wheeling's **Matt Hoffman** was sixteen seconds back in second (15:14). Lake Park finished third (121 points) followed by Plainfield East (126 points), and Machesney Park Harlem (140 points).

Wauconda Invitational @ Lakewood Forest Preserve

The open races were washed out Saturday morning at Lakewood Forest Preserve due to unsafe conditions due to the rain that had hit the area. The Varsity races were lucky to get off before that. 3A #5 Geneva put three runners in the first five to storm away with the Girls Varsity team title with 36 points. **Sophia McDonnell** (3rd), **Emma Erhardt** (4th), and **Andrine Larsen** (5th) finished within two seconds of each other to lead the Vikings. Their split on their top five was only 56 seconds. 3A #17 Stevenson, led by the individual win by **Isabel Sparreo**, scored 77 points to

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Jack Becker (Crystal Lake South HS) won his second race in consecutive weeks as he ran 15:29 to win the Boys Varsity race. Four other runners finished within ten seconds of Becker. Cary Grove's **Alex Ratkovich** was four seconds back in second followed by Crystal Lake Central's **Weston Sterchi** (15:37), and Geneva's **Tyler Dau & Josh Rodgers** (15:39). 3A #12 Wheaton-Warrenville South had only a ten second split on their top four. The Tigers rolled to the team title with only 77 points. 3A #24 Mundelein scored 117 points to finish second ahead of Cary-Grove (153 points), 3A #17 Geneva, and Wheaton North (182 points).

Halberg Invitational @ Lincoln Park, Springfield

2A #1 Mahomet-Seymour dominated this meet putting their top seven in the first nine to easily win this meet with only 23 points ahead of 2A #4 Chatham-Glenwood (67 points). **Andrew Walmer** led the way for the Bulldogs winning the individual race (15:38) by ten seconds ahead of Chatham-Glenwood's **Chris Durr**. It was Mahomet-Seymour's pack behind Walmer that was impressive. Their #2 through #7 runners were within one second of each other. Their overall split on five was only twenty-one seconds.

The Girls team from Mahomet-Seymour made it a sweep at this meet. The 2A #19 Lady Bulldogs placed three runners in the first ten to win the team title 40 -77 ahead of Urbana. 2A #10 Chatham-Glenwood scored 85 points to finish third. Urbana freshman **Chian Scott** was the individual race winner (19:13) eight seconds ahead of Mahomet-Seymour's **Brisa McGrath** and **Megan Churn**.

Joliet Central Invitational @ Channahon Community Park

3A #8 Neuqua Valley edged Oswego 53 – 58 for the Girls Varsity team title despite the fact that top five **Caitlin Horn** and **Keara Ginell** were not in their lineup. **Brynne Winiarski** and **Sofi Medina** led Neuqua Valley with a 7-8 finish. Jenna Diers (Lincoln-Way West HS, New Lenox) won the individual race by one second (18:46) ahead of Oswego's Grace Pagone (18:47). Pagone's teammate Isabelle Christiansen finished eight seconds back in third.

Bennett Peterson won the individual race to lead 3A #25 Oswego to the Boys Varsity team title 37-47 over Plainfield South. Peterson ran 15:59 for the win sixteen seconds ahead of Lincoln-Way West's **Ryan Taylor**.

Paxton-Buckley-Loda Invitational

Faith Houston finished second leading four runners in the top five to give 1A #1 St. Joseph-Ogden the Girls team win with 27 points. **Keely Smith** followed Houston in third (20:11) followed by **Hanna Atwood** (20:16) and **Cassidy Bagby** (20:22). 1A #2 Tolono Unity finished second (57 points) led by the sixth place finish by **Audrey Hancock** (20:26) and tenth place finish by **Jordan Harmon** (20:47). **Faith Provost** (Bishop McNamara HS, Kankakee) ran 19:33 to capture the individual win eight second ahead of Houston.

The 2-3 finish by **Justin Phillips** and **Wyatt Wolfersberger** led 1A #5 to the Boys team win with

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LaSalle-Peru placed five runners in the first fifteen to win the Boys team championship with 40 points. Deer Creek-Mackinaw was next with 58 points followed by 1A #18 Aledo Mercer County scoring 71 points. **Zach Chapman** (Morris HS) ran 16:23 to win the individual race nine seconds ahead of **Ryan Mijanowski** (LaSalle-Peru HS) and **Gary Cates** (Deer Creek-Mackinaw HS).

Morris used the formula of a good pack placing five runners in the first ten to win the Girls race with only 35 points. LaSalle-Peru and Amboy both scored 82 points with LaSalle-Peru getting second because of the sixth runner tie-breaker. **Kayla Schiera** (Sandwich HS) was convincing in her individual win running 18:47. **Rachel Hickey** (LaSalle-Peru HS) ran 19:17 to finish second.

Shelbyville Trail Invitational

Anna Sophia Keller was not in attendance in this meet taking part in the ACT testing. Still 1A #16 Effingham St. Anthony came away with the Girls team win placing their scoring five in the first fifteen led by the third place finish by **Sarah Carr**. St. Anthony scored 35 points ahead of 1A #21 Shelbyville who scored 49 points. Shelbyville was without their top runner **Lauren Bowers** who was ill and did not run. **Claudia Magnussen** led from start to finish to win the individual race by 88 seconds running 18:12. Shelbyville freshman **Ailey Mitchell** finished second.

Tyler Pasley led from start to finish and teammate **Ryan Skowronski** was second to lead Shelbyville having three runners in the first four. That could not stop 1A #24 Marshall's 61 second split on their top five led by the eighth place finish by **Brandon Lampe**. It was enough to give Marshall the Boys team win with 60 points. Tuscola scored 70 points to finish second. Shelbyville finished third (82 points) but was without one of their top five runners **Josh Bernson** who was taking the ACT test.

Forest Park XC Festival @ Saint Louis Missouri

Illinois teams crossed the Mississippi River to Saint Louis' Forest Park Cross Country Festival in which over 4800 runners competed. 3A #11 O'Fallon finished eleventh in the Green Division race. All seven runners for the Panthers in the varsity race were underclassmen led by the 37th place finish by **Kyle Dismukes**. Their split on five in the race was 66 seconds. If you put in **Zion Ward** who finished fifteenth in the Junior Varsity race, their split would be only 52 seconds. 1A #3 Freeburg was also in the Green division placing fifteenth. **Charlie Parrish** ran a great race to lead his team with a 14th place finish. 2A #18 Marion won the Gold division team championship with 190 points. Zach Young ran 17:44 to finish second while teammate freshman John Bruce was eleven seconds back in fourth to lead Marion.

3A #21 O'Fallon, led by the 19th place finish by **Brooke Witzel**, scored 240 points to finish seventh in the Green Division race. A thirty second split between #2 runner **Sophie Wichlac** and #5 runner **Kaileigh Perrier** helped the Lady Panthers with that finish. 1A #8 Freeburg finished 23rd in the same division led by the 53rd place finish by **Breanna Chandler**.

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