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While Detweiller Park (pictured) will be empty this weekend, there should be some great meets across the state.

Here is your roadmap of some of those meets this week along with notes for some of those races.

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St. Joseph-Ogden Spartan Classic

Boys Ranked Teams – 1A: #2 Monticello, #5 Urbana University, #6 El Paso Gridley, #22 Deer Creek-Mackinaw, #23 Paxton-Buckley-Loda.

Boys Entered Teams – Arthur-Lovington, Carlinville, Cowden-Herrick, Decatur St. Teresa, St. Anthony, Neoga, St. Joseph-Ogden, Toledo Cumberland, Tolono Unity, Tremont, Tuscola

Girls Ranked Teams – 1A: #1 Tolono Unity, #4 St. Joseph-Ogden, #8 Monticello, #12 El Paso-Gridley, #14 Urbana University, #24 Shelbyville;

Girls Teams Entered – Carlinville, Cowden-Herrick, St. Teresa, Tri-Valley, St. Anthony, Neoga, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Toledo Cumberland, Tremont, Tuscola.

Notes – Outside of the Palatine Invitational, this is one of the biggest meets of the weekend. Top ranked Tolono Unity will be challenged by host St. Joseph-Ogden on the streets of St. Joseph in the Girls race. The Girls Individual race is wide open with Unity's **Caroline Bachert** the runner to watch. Monticello will be challenged by Urbana University and El-Paso Gridley in the Boys race. Monticello's two to five pack improved last week in Peoria. They could be the difference in the team race. **Garrett Dixon** of Monticello ran 14:59 last week at Detweiller and should be the favorite in the individual race. This is a loaded field with Arthur-Lovington's **Layton Hall**, Unity's **Cameron Woodard**, and Tremont's **Leland Sumer** some of the runners to watch in the front.

Naperville Girls Invitational @ Naperville North HS

Girls Ranked Teams – 3A: #1 Naperville North, #3 Downers Grove South, #16 Benet Academy, #25 Naperville Central; **Girls Teams Entered** – Mother McAuley, Lincoln-Way Central, Sandburg, Oswego East, Wheaton North.

Notes – It is hard to say what we will see in this meet. Naperville North Coach Dan Iverson hinted that he may not run some of his top runners in this meet. That was two weeks ago. That thought may have changed heading into Friday's meet. We should see Downers South's full line-up in this race. Benet Academy is coming off a win at Kaneland and will challenge DGS' pack. If Naperville North holds out some of their runners, then Downers Grove South's **Brenna Cohoon** could be the runner to watch.

Springfield Invitational @ Lincoln Park, Springfield

Boys Ranked Teams – 2A: #1 Chatham-Glenwood, #7 Springfield, #8 Danville, #16 Mascoutah; 1A: #11 Pleasant Plains; **Boys Teams Entered** – Granite City, Belleville East, Champaign Centennial, Highland, Jacksonville, Marion, Mt Vernon, Rochester, Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield Southeast, Taylorville, Illini Central, Williamsville, Liberty, Litchfield, Springfield Lutheran.

Girls Ranked Teams – 2A: #10 Chatham-Glenwood; 1A: #6 Pleasant Plains, #11 Williamsville; **Girls Teams Entered** – Belleville East, Granite City, Champaign Centennial, Danville, Highland, Jacksonville, Mt. Vernon, Rochester, Springfield, Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin, Springfield Southeast, Taylorville, Liberty, Litchfield, Springfield Lutheran.

Notes – 2A Top ranked Chatham-Glenwood should be the team favorite in the Boys race. Watch for **Cooper Peterson** to be closer to **Drey** and **Dathan Maton** towards the front. Danville showed improvement last week at Decatur MacArthur and will look to challenge Springfield for the second spot. **Andrew O'Keefe** of Granite City ran strong two weeks ago and should be the favorite in his race. **Michael Moreman** of Danville, **John Bruce** of Marion, and **Casmir Cozzi** of Mascoutah should challenge the Glenwood trio in the front of the pack.

Chatham-Glenwood could make it a sweep for their school in this meet as they should be the clear favorite in the Girls race with Pleasant Plains, Williamsville, and Highland the next in line.

Bartlett Invitational @ Sunrise Park

Boys Ranked Teams – 3A: #2 St. Charles East, #18 Batavia, #24 DeKalb; **Boys Entered Teams** – Jacobs, Aurora East, Bartlett, Glenbard North, Conant, Lincoln-Way Central, Fremd, Plainfield East, Schaumburg, South Elgin, Wheaton Academy.

Girls Ranked Teams – 3A #6 Batavia; 2A #5 Crystal Lake South, #17 Wheaton Academy; **Girls Teams Entered** – Jacobs, Aurora East, Bartlett, DeKalb, Elgin, Conant, Glenbard East, Plainfield East, Schaumburg, South Elgin, St. Charles North

Notes – St. Charles East will not be running their varsity team in the Boys race. Batavia will be challenged by DeKalb, Jacobs, and Lincoln-Way Central for the Boys team title. Lincoln-Way Central's **Jared Kries** will be the runner to watch up front. Just like St. Charles East in the Boys race, will we see Batavia at full strength in this meet? It would be great to see **Katherine Olsen** of DeKalb to challenge **Katrina Schlenker** in the front. Crystal Lake South has moved up to fifth in 2A and could be the team to challenge Batavia for the Girls title.

East Peoria Invitational

Boys Ranked Teams – 2A: #2 Bloomington, #6 Mahomet-Seymour, #12 Washington; 1A: #12 Eureka; **Boys Teams Entered** – Normal Community, Normal West, Normal University, Pekin, Canton, Dunlap, East Peoria, Galesburg, Morton, Peoria Richwoods, Streator, Urbana. St. Thomas-More, Pontiac.

Girls Ranked Teams – 2A #4 Mahomet-Seymour, #7 Normal University, #12 Washington, #18 Morton; 1A: #2 Eureka, #22 St. Thomas More; **Girls Teams Entered** – Normal Community, Normal West, Pekin, Bloomington, Canton, East Peoria, Galesburg, Peoria Richwoods, Streator, Urbana, Pontiac

Notes – Bloomington will be the favorite in the Boys team race. It will be the individual race that will be fun to watch. Mahomet-Seymour's **Mathias Powell**, **Nick Doud** of Bloomington, and **Charlie Wetzel** of Normal West all are top flight runners that could come away with the win.

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Rock River Run @ Woodlawn Park, Sterling

Boys Ranked Teams – 2A: #3 Kaneland, #4 Dixon, #13 Sycamore, #19 Belvidere North; 1A: #14 Rock Falls; **Boys Teams Entered** – Geneva, Hampshire, Rockton Hononegah, Yorkville, Belvidere, Hinsdale South, Freeport, Geneseo, LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Rochelle, Sterling

Girls Ranked Teams – 3A: #2 Yorkville, #20 Rockton Hononegah; 2A: #1 Belvidere North, #8 Rosary, #11 Dixon, #15 Geneseo, #16 Kaneland; 1A: #5 Rock Falls; **Girls Teams Entered** – Geneva, Hampshire, Belvidere, Freeport, LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Rochelle, Sterling, Sycamore

Notes – This race should be a good tune-up for Yorkville for next week's Roy Griak Meet as they should be the favorite in this race ahead of 2A top ranked Belvidere North and Hononegah along with 1A Rock Falls. If Yorkville has all their runners in this race, the individual race should be great with Yorkville's **Emily Eberhart**, **Helena Kleronomos**, and **Kailey Fox**, Rosary's **Lilianna Surtz**, Belvidere North's **Madison Diercks** and **Gianna Sagona**, Kaneland's **Rachel Richtman**, and **Taylor Frommer** of Hononegah leading the front pack in this loaded race.

Kaneland and Dixon face off for the third week in a row in the Boys team race. **Dawson Smith** of Rock Falls, **Collin Grady** of Dixon, and **Daniel Occhipinti** of Kaneland will be runners to watch in the front.

Other Meets to Watch

Macnider Invitational @ Harper College

Boys Ranked Teams – 3A: #15 Minooka, #23 Waubonsie Valley; **Boys Teams Entered** – Aurora West, Buffalo Grove, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Joliet West, Machesney Park Harlem, Glenbrook North, Oswego, Plainfield Central, Lake Park, Glenbard South

Girls Ranked Teams – 3A #9 Minooka, #15 St. Charles East; **Girls Teams Entered** – Waubonsie Valley, Aurora West, Elk Grove, Highland Park, Hoffman Estates, Huntley, Joliet West, Machesney Park Harlem, Glenbrook North, Plainfield Central, Lake Park, Niles North, Niles West, Hinsdale South

Grant JT Taylor Invitational

Boys Ranked Teams – 2A: #10 Woodstock, #11 Lakes Community, #14 Lake Forest; **Boys Teams Entered** – Grant, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton, Crystal Lake South, Grayslake North, Marengo, Carmel Catholic, Richmond-Burton, Woodstock North, Marian Central Catholic, Johnsburg

Girls Ranked Teams – 2A: #3 Lakes Community, #24 Woodstock; **Girls Entered Teams** – Grant, Round Lake, Waukegan, Zion-Benton, Grayslake North, Carmel Catholic, Richmond-Burton, Marian Central Catholic, Woodstock North, Johnsburg

Whitney Young Fleet Feet Invitational @ Washington Park, Chicago

Boys Ranked Teams – 3A: #19 Whitney Young; 2A: #9 Rockford Christian; 1A: #16 Chicago University; **Boys Teams Entered** – Lincoln Park, Payton Prep, Rockford East, ITW Speer, Kenwood, Lake View, Latin School, Mather, Bulls College Prep, Noble/Muchin, St. Patrick, Solorio Academy, The Noble Academy

Girls Ranked Teams – 2A: #6 Latin School; Girls Teams Entered – Lincoln Park, Payton Prep, Whitney Young, Rockford East, ITW Speer, Kenwood, Lake View, Mather, The Noble Academy, Bulls School, Noble/Muchin, Solorio Academy, Chicago University

Herscher Invitational

Boys Ranked Teams – 1A: #1 Clifton Central, #10 Herscher, #13 Seneca; **Boys Teams Entered** – Rantoul, Prairie Central, Kankakee McNamara, Peotone

Girls Ranked Teams – 1A: #3 Herscher, #17 Kankakee McNamara, #23 Herscher; **Girls Teams Entered** – Rantoul, Clifton Central, Prairie Central, Seneca.

Freeburg Invitational

Boys Ranked Teams – 2A: #17 Tory Triad; 1A: #8 Freeburg; **Boys Teams Entered** – Breese Mater Dei, Columbia, Salem, Chester, Hamilton County, Okawville, Trenton-Wesclin, Gibault Catholic, Breese Central

Girls Ranked Teams – 1A: #16 Freeburg, #20 Althoff Catholic; **Girls Teams Entered** – Breese Mater Dei, Columbia, Salem, Troy Triad, Breese Central, Chester, Hamilton County, Okawville.

Winnebago Invitational @ Fuller Forest Preserve

Boys Ranked Teams – 1A #19 Winnebago; **Boys Teams Entered** – Rockford Auburn, Rockford Jefferson, Rockford Boylan, Genoa-Kingston, Harvard, Oregon

Girls Ranked Teams – 1A: #7 Winnebago; **Girls Teams Entered** – Rockford Auburn, Rockford Jefferson, Rockford Boylan, Genoa-Kingston, Harvard, Oregon.

HCA Fall Classic

Boys Entered Teams – West Chicago, Antioch, IMSA, Harvest Christian Academy, Elmwood Park, Montini Catholic, Riverside-Brookfield, St. Francis, Aurora Central Catholic, IC Catholic Prep, Timothy Christian, Westmont.

Girls Ranked Teams – 1A: #9 IC Catholic Prep, #13 Rockford Christian, #18 Harvest Christian Academy, #19 Aurora Central Catholic; **Girls Teams Entered** – St. Ignatius Prep, Plainfield South, West Chicago, Antioch, IMSA, Nazareth Academy, Montini Catholic, Riverside-Brookfield, St. Francis, Willows Academy, Timothy Christian, Westmont.

Guerin Invitational @ Schiller Woods

Boys Ranked Teams – 1A: #21 Northridge Prep

Tinley Park Invitational

Boys Entered Teams – Eisenhower, Bolingbrook, Reavis, Brother Rice, Marist, Lincoln-Way East, Homewood-Flossmoor, Joliet Central, TF South, Lincoln-Way West, Oak Lawn, HL Richards, Shepard, Stagg, Andrew, TF North, Evergreen Park, Lemont, Bremen, Providence Catholic, Oak Forest, Joliet Catholic

Girls Ranked Teams – 2A: #22 Lemont; Girls Teams Entered – Eisenhower, Bolingbrook, Reavis, Marist, Lincoln-Way East, Homewood-Flossmoor, Joliet Central, TF South, Lincoln-Way West, Oak Lawn, HL Richards, Shepard, Stagg, Andrew, TF North, Evergreen Park, Bremen, Providence, Oak Forest, Joliet Catholic

Out of State

Centerville Invitational (OH)

Illinois Teams – Girls – 3A: #5 Wheaton-Warrenville South

Notes – Wheaton-Warrenville South travels east to Ohio to face Centerville who finished fourth in last year's Nike Cross Midwest Regional. Centerville will be on their home course and should be at full strength for the first time this season. South looks to bounce back with a strong pack race after finishing two points behind Glenbard West last week at Peoria. **Faith Duncan** of Lebanon OH is the leading returning runner from last year's race as she finished third. South's **Samantha Poglitsch**, who ran 16:53 for 3-miles at Detweiller, could come away with the individual title.

Culver Academies Invitational (IN)

Illinois Teams – Boys - 3A: #3 Lyons Township, #5 Neuqua Valley

Notes – Neuqua Valley and Lyons Township finished 1-2 in last year's championship race and should again challenge for the team title. Both teams have good packs and are evenly matched. The two teams could be within 15 points of each other in this meet.

Midwest Invitational (WI)