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Regional cross country primer 10/19/18

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Bloomington High School has climbed to No. 2 in the Class 2A state rankings thanks to Purple Raiders such as, from left, Drew Gibson, Roger Mendiola (651), Evan Turnbull (660), Nick Doud (648), Quinn Olson, Bradyn Olmstead and Zach Reynolds. During the Intercity Meet, they left the starting line with Normal West's Charlie Wetzel (612).

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Regional primer

Class 1A

Farmington Regional

When: Saturday — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 10:45 a.m.

Area teams: Central Catholic, Clinton, Cornerstone Christian, El Paso-Gridley, Eureka, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Heyworth, Olympia, Tremont, Tri-Valley, Ridgeview, Prairie Central.

Next: The top seven teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top eight advance to Oct. 27 Elmwood Sectional.

FYI: The top-ranked boys squads are No. 5 Olympia, No. 8 EPG, No. 13 Eureka, No. 23 Deer Creek-Mackinaw and No. 24 Tremont. The top girls teams include No. 2 Eureka, No. 9 Olympia, No. 11 EPG and No. 22 Central Catholic. The Eureka girls are led by reigning state champion Emma Argo. For the boys, Tremont's Leland Sumer is a title contender.

Peru St. Bede Regional

When: Saturday — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

Area teams: Gardner-Dwight, Fieldcrest, Pontiac, Lowpoint-Washburn-Roanoke-Benson.

Next: Teams advance to the Oct. 27 Oregon Sectional.

FYI: The top-ranked boys entrants are No. 19 Pontiac and No. 22 Seneca. The Pontiac boys are paced by Josh Davies, who placed fifth in the Illini Prairie Conference Meet.

Macomb Regional

When: Saturday at Spring Lake Park — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

Area team: Delavan.

Next: Teams advance to the Oct. 27 Elmwood Sectional.

FYI: Delavan's top runner is Katie Springer, who placed third in the Columbus Day Invitational at Amboy. Ranked teams include the No. 3 Elmwood boys, the No. 14 Knoxville girls and No. 23 Elmwood girls.

Class 2A

University High Regional

When: Saturday at Maxwell Park — girls, 9 a.m.; boys, 10 a.m.

Area teams: Bloomington, Lincoln, University High (girls only).

Next: The top six teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top eight advance to the Oct. 27 East Peoria Sectional.

FYI: The four ranked boys teams include No. 2 Bloomington, No. 4 Washington, No. 6 Metamora and No. 21 Mahomet-Seymour. The six ranked girls squads are No. 4 Mahomet-Seymour, No. 7 Morton, No. 8 U High, No. 11 Washington, No. 13 Metamora and No. 16 Bloomington. Among the top individuals are Nick Doud of BHS for the boys and Aspen Gordon of Morton for the girls.

Morris Regional

When: Saturday — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

Area team: Streator.

Next: Qualifiers advance to the Oct. 27 East Peoria Sectional.

Class 3A

Normal Community Regional

When: Saturday at Maxwell Park — girls, 11 a.m.; boys, noon

Area teams: Normal West, Normal Community, University High (boys only).

Next: The top six teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top eight advance to the Oct. 27 Quincy Sectional.

FYI: Minooka's No. 4-ranked girls and No. 22-ranked boys are the favorites. Normal West's Charlie Wetzels, the Intercity and Big 12 champion, should contend for the boys individual title.

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