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Search Here are highlights that some of the conference meets that took place across Illinois. Meets are listed in alphabetical order by conference.

Apollo Conference @ Eastern Illinois University

This meet took place on October 13. Mahomet-Seymour was in control of the Boys meet. The Bulldogs placed five runners in the top nine to score only 25 points finishing ahead of Mattoon (60 points) and Lincoln (85 points). Chris Cherry of Taylorville stormed away with the win (15:39) with Mahomet's Kyle Nofziger finishing second (15:51). Mahomet's top five split was 63 seconds.

Mt. Zion scored 46 points in winning the Girls title placing five runners in the first 14. Mahomet-Seymour (60 points) finished second. Freshman Becca Heitzig of Lincoln ran 18:44 for the win.

Big Northern Conference @ Walcamp, Genoa-Kingston

This two day meet featured the Girls races on Saturday. One thing that we were reminded of is how good 2019 State Champions Winnebago is and why they are the top team in Class 1A. Bago put all of their top seven runners in the first nine places to score a measly 17 points to repeat as conference champions. Natalia Martino led the pack as she ran a blistering 17:31 on the three-mile course to capture the win. Teammates Grace Erb, Kaylee Woolery, and Marissa Roggensack followed. Katie Erb was the team's fifth runner as she placed seventh overall. Dixon finished second with 44 points paced by a 5-6 finish from Jade Miller and Emma Smith.

Dixon took the top two spots in the Boys race on Saturday. It was Rockford Christian after that taking the next five spots. It helped the Royal Lions win the conference title with 25 points. Dixon finished second with 33 points. Brock Drengenberg was the individual winner as he and teammate Cadyn Grafton crossed the line in 15:50. Then came Rockford Christian's pack led by third-place finisher D'Artagnon Beaver who ran 16:04. The team's top five split was a miniscule 32 seconds.

Big 12 Conference Championship @ Detweiller Park

Normal Community's Ali Ince has proved through this fall that she is among the top freshman in Illinois. This showed at Detweiller Park on Saturday when she captured the conference crown running 17:22 on the fabled Peoria course. Kaitlin Skeate of Bloomington (17:33) and Maria Stedwell of Peoria Notre Dame (17:55) finished second and third and were the only runners under 18-minutes in this race. Normal Community, with four runners in the top nine, were the Girls team champion (30 points) followed by Peoria Notre Dame (54 points).

The chase for the team title in the Boys race was close between Normal West and Peoria Notre Dame. Luke Reinhart won the individual title leading three Wildcat runners in the top six and helping win West win the team title 38 to 40 over Notre Dame, The Irish, led by Logan Keene's third-place finish, placed four runners in the top nine. Reinhart's winning time of 16:05 was four seconds ahead of second-place Sam Lambert of Urbana.

Cahokia Conference Meet @ Trenton-Wesclin HS

This conference consists of the Mississippi Division and the Kaskaskia Division.

Steeleville won the Boys Kaskaskia Division race with only 22 points. Red Bud scored 56 points to finish second. Steeleville placed six runners in the top eight led by the individual win from Christian Rees (16:48).

Justin Mumford ran for the final time on his home course and made a statement in the process. Munford is one of the top runners in Class 1A. He ran 15:05 on the 3-mile course to win by 77 seconds ahead of Freeburg's Evan Wilkerson. It was Freeburg that had the advantage in the team battle placing five runners in the top in winning