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Here are highlights of the 12 IHSA Class 2A regional meets that took place on Saturday.

Decatur MacArthur Sectional

Highland Regional

Girls – #14 Waterloo placed three runners in the first four in this regional race. It was #24 Mascoutah had the final say placing 5 runners in the top 18 with a 68 second split to claim the team title 46-49 ahead of Waterloo. **Angelynn Kanyuck** of Waterloo ran 18:27 to win by 12 seconds ahead of **Hannah Meiser** of Civic Memorial (18:39). Waterloo's **Danielle Mudd** (18:47) and **Cameron Crump** (18:48) finished third and fourth. Mascoutah was led by the five-six finish from **Jayda Williams** and **Addison Heard**. #25 Highland (80 points), Troy Triad (92 points), Civic Memorial (120 points), and Carbondale (161 points) were the other team qualifiers.

Boys – **Alex Partlow** of Carbondale was an easy individual winner running 15:18. **Joe Schwartz** of Waterloo (15:55), **Jackson Collman** of Civic Memorial (16:08), and **Dallas Mancinas** of Highland (16:09) were the next three placers. #27 Marion placed 5 runners in the top 21 to win the regional title (64 points) with Civic Memorial (87 points) placing second. #6 Highland (94 points) and #29 Mascoutah (99 points) finished third and fourth. Carbondale (116 points) and Waterloo (124 points) were the other team qualifiers. Troy Triad finished seventh missing qualifying for sectionals by 10 points.

Jacksonville Regional

Girls – It was pack running by #3 Chatham-Glenwood that gave them the win in this meet putting 4 runners in the top 7 to win with 40 points. #20 Mt. Zion placed runners in between 9 and 15 with a 44 second split to finish second with 50 points. **Becca Heitzig** of Lincoln ran a great race on the 2.9-mile course. The sophomore was timed in 17:08 for the win ahead of **Coleen Zeibert** of Rochester by 30 seconds (17:38). **Nia Gibson** led Chatham-Glenwood finishing third (18:00). Rochester (100 points) and Springfield (104 points) finished third and fourth while Lincoln (119 points) and Taylorville (165 points) were the other team qualifiers.

Boys – **Brenden Heitzig** of Lincoln completed the "Heitzig individual sweep" in a close Boys race. Heitzig and **Samson Desalines** of Chatham-Glenwood both were timed in 15:24 with Heitzig getting the win. #15 Springfield continues to make a surge at the end of the season placing 4 runners in the top 10 to win the team title with 44 points. #25 Chatham-Glenwood (56 points) and Rochester (93 points) placed second and third. Other team qualifiers include Taylorville (103 points), Mt. Zion (110 points), and Lincoln (156 points).

Olney Richland County Regional

Girls – **Ava Boyd** of Mahomet-Seymour and **Brooklyn Sweikar** of Champaign Centennial both crossed the line at the same time of 19:13.78. Officials video review resulted in a regional win for Boyd. **Allison Thompson** of Danville (19:16) and **Maike Niekerk** of Champaign Central (19:18) finished third and fourth. Boyd's win along with 5 runners in the top 18 helped #12 Mahomet-Seymour win the regional title with 44 points. Champaign Central (76 points) and Champaign Centennial (92 points) finished second and third. Effingham (103 points), Urbana (115 points), and Charleston (141 points) were the other team qualifiers. Host school Richland County missed advancing to sectionals by six points.

Boys – **Brock Davee** of Mattoon claimed the regional individual win timed at 15:29. Mahomet-Seymour's **Joseph Scheele** (15:32) and **Kye Nofziger** (15:44) finished second and third. #4 Mahomet-Seymour won the regional title with 47 points without their full lineup but still placing 5 runners in the top 23. Second and third places belonged to Champaign Central (81 points) and Urbana (86 points). Other team qualifiers included Mt Vernon (105 points), Richland County (152 points), and Mattoon (161 points). Rantoul missed advancing to next week by five points.

Metamora Sectional

Galesburg Regional

Girls – **Zoe Carter** and **Delaney Fitzgerald** finished within a second of each other in going 1-2 to help #7 Normal University win the regional title with 47 points. #13 Peoria Notre Dame (58 points) and #2 Dunlap (72 points) finished second and third. Dunlap did not run their full top 7 in this race. Carter's winning time was 18:22 while U-High placed 5 runners in the top 25. #18 Morton (94 points), East Peoria (132 points), and Geneseo (139 points) were also sectional team qualifiers.

Boys – It was an easy run in the individual race for **Wilson Georges** of Limestone. Georges ran 15:04 for the win by 45 seconds ahead of Morton's **Cade Zobrist** (15:49). Top ranked Morton ran a 45 second split on a top 5 that placed in the top 8 to win easily with 26 points. #18 Peoria Notre Dame was the closest to Morton (75 points) with #20 Dunlap (92 points) and Geneseo (94 points) close behind. #24 Limestone (126 points) and East Peoria (135 points) were also team qualifiers.

LaSalle-Peru Regional

Girls – #17 Metamora put four runners in between fourth and seventh places to claim the regional crown with 34 points. The four runners, led by **Katie Lalumandier** in fourth, only had a 16 second split. Metamora had 5 runners in the top 12 with a 48 second split. #16 Normal West scored 51 points to finish second. Washington freshman Olivia Nordhielm ran 18:56 to win the individual race with Normal West's **Addysen Clark** (19:10) and **Ashleigh Horton** (19:11) finishing second and third. Morris (74 points) and #28 Washington (81 points) finished third and fourth. Providence Catholic (133 points) and Ottawa (153 points) also qualified for next week's sectional meet. Bloomington missed qualifying by 10 points.

Boys – **Jackson Ward** of Washington claimed the individual title (16:03) by three seconds ahead of **Matt Clark** of Morris (16:06). #23 Metamora placed 3 runners in the first 10 to help them win with 58 points. Normal West (72 points) and #13 Washington (78 points) placed second and third. Other sectional team qualifiers included Bloomington (135 points), Morris (136 points), and LaSalle-Peru (161 points).

Thorndridge Regional

Girls – Lemont scored 37 points to claim the regional title ahead of Oak Forest (59 points) and TF North (65 points). **Casey Kittridge** of Lemont ran 20:27 for the regional title ahead of second-place **Mia Nutile** of Oak Forest (20:42). Bremen and Marian Catholic both scored 117 points finishing fourth and fifth. Thornton finished sixth also qualifying (154 points) out of this eight-team field.

Boys – Lemont was also in control in the Boys race as they scored 42 points for the regional title. Marian Catholic (51 points) and Oak Forest (56 points) were close finishing second and third. **Diego Duran** of TF North was timed in 16:43 to win the individual race ahead of Lemont's **TJ Polen** (16:45) and **Andrew Tilly** (16:47). TF North (102 points), Thornton (133 points), and Bremen (137 points) were clear team qualifiers.

Woodstock North Sectional

Burlington Central Regional

Girls – #19 Dixon edged #6 Northside Prep 53-56 for the regional title behind the second and fourth finish from **Emma Smith** and **Emily**

Conderman. Northside did not have Chicago City champion **Elia Ton-That** in their lineup. Her sister **Lucia Ton-That** stepped up to run 17:56 to claim the individual win by 28 seconds ahead of Smith. Burlington Central (73 points) and Trinity (79 points) finished third and fourth. Sycamore (103 points) and Sterling (170 points) were clear team qualifiers.

Boys – Yusuf Baig of Burlington Central won on his final race on his home course. Baig was timed in 14:51. **Dale Johnson** of Sterling tested Baig running 15:05 to finish second. It was #19 Sycamore in the team racing placing 5 runners in the top 13 and scoring only 31 points. **Naif Al Harby** led a 3-4-5 finish with teammates **Ethan Solfisburg** and **Nicholas Kocher** close behind. Sycamore's top five split was 58 seconds. Northside Prep (63 points), Sterling (69 points), and Burlington Central (71 points) were close together in second through fourth places. Amundsen (142 points) and Rochelle (191 points) were the other team qualifiers.

Lakes Regional

Girls – Mary Grace Hegberg of St. Viator achieved another personal best running 16:50 to win by 49 seconds in Saturday's regional race. **Isabella Marasco** of Lake Forest finished second (17:39) ahead of Grayslake Central's **Bella Domier** (17:59) and Vernon Hills' **Anna Todd** (18:02). #8 Grayslake Central had the edge in the team race placing 5 runners in the top 22 to win with 54 points. #4 Vernon Hills (70 points) and #15 Lakes (71 points) were a close second and third. Vernon Hills was without one of their top runners **Reina Hill** in this race. #11 Lake Forest (90 points), #26 Deerfield (134 points), and Carmel Catholic (154 points) were the other team qualifiers.

Boys – Michael Schumacher of St. Viator cruised to the win in the individual race with a 15:12 time. **Cole Bernstein** of Deerfield placed second (15:30) with **Trey Sato** of Grayslake Central close behind with the same time. Bernstein led 5 runners in the top 8 to lead #3 Deerfield to the team win with only 27 points. #17 Grayslake Central (71 points), Vernon Hills (87 points), and Lakes (129 points) finished second through fourth. Four points separated the next three teams with Antioch (157 points) and St. Viator (158) claiming the final two sectional spots. Niles Notre Dame missed qualifying for sectionals by one point.

Woodstock Regional

Girls – Top ranked Crystal Lake South scored 36 points to win the regional title placing 5 runners in the top 15. #8 Crystal Lake Central (57 points) and #21 Prairie Ridge (97 points) finished second and third. Crystal Lake Central's **Hadley Ferrero** won the individual title running 18:00 to claim the win. South's **Isabella Gonzalez** (18:22) and **Abby Machesky** (18:45) finished second and third. Boylan Catholic (104 points), #27 Cary-Grove (127 points), and Wauconda (145 points) also qualified for sectionals next week on this course at Emricson Park.

Boys – #7 Belvidere North put 5 runners in the top 15 with a 47 second split to in this regional with 42 points. #16 Crystal Lake Central (75 points), #26 Woodstock (79 points), and #12 Prairie Ridge (81 points) were close together in second through fourth places. #22 Cary-Grove and Boylan Catholic (131 points) also qualified for sectionals. **Will Gelon** of Prairie Ridge ran 15:56 to win the individual title ahead of **Ian Barnes** of Cary-Grove (16:00).

Fenton Sectional

Marist Regional

Girls – Marist had an easy time in their regional team win scoring 23 points with 6 runners in the top 10. **Emma Karczewski** led 3 Marist runners in the top 4 running 19:15 for the individual title. Lindblom's **Yesenia Aguirre** ran 19:28 to finish second ahead of Marist's **Nora McClorey** and **Jenna Bugos**. St Laurence finished second (89 points) ahead of Evergreen Park (93 points) and Agricultural Science (94 points). Solorio Academy (116 points) and Kenwood (132 points) were the other team qualifiers in this eight-team field.

Boys – Jake Phillips ran 15:26 for the win while teammate **Andrew Kerlin** finished second to help #30 Marist win the regional title with 40 points placing 5 runners in the top 15. Richards (64 points) and Brother Rice (97 points) finished second and third. St. Laurence (128 points), Evergreen Park (145 points), and Kenwood (164 points) were the only team qualifiers. Solorio Academy finished seventh missing qualifying for sectionals by 13 points.

Mather Regional

Girls – #5 Latin School was missing one of their top five runners in this regional race. They still had more than enough to win the team title with 27 points ahead of #23 St. Ignatius (43 points) and #9 Payton (57 points). **Ava Parekh** crushed the competition in this race running 16:52 to claim the individual title. Teammates **Mia Kotler** (17:13) and **McKenna Fellows** (18:53) followed in second and third. Latin placed 5 runners in the top 12. St. Ignatius, led by **Lizeth Montes** and her fourth-place finish, placed all 7 of their runners in the top 16. **Olivia Raemisch** led Payton by finishing fifth. Noble/ITW Speer (129 points), Mather (133 points), and Westinghouse (144 points) were the other qualifying teams.

Boys – Chicago city powers Mather and Payton squared off in this race with only 3 points separating them. #5 Payton won the battle on this day 29 to 32 ahead of #14 Mather. It was also close in the individual race as Mather's **Muhyadin Ali** ran 15:35 to claim the win by one second ahead of **Ritvik Viniak** of Payton (15:36). Payton placed 5 runners in the top 11. Mather placed 5 runners in the top 15. St Patrick finished third (77 points) ahead of other team qualifiers Noble/ITW Speer (111 points), Noble Street Charter (158 points), and Noble/ Chicago Bulls (162 points).

Kaneland Sectional

Girls – #22 Nazareth Academy tuned up for next week's sectional at Fenton winning this regional team title with 38 points placing 4 runners in the top 10. **Bella Daley** of Fenwick is running great at the right time. The junior was timed in 18:06 to claim the individual win ahead of Nazareth Academy's **Colette Kinsella** (18:56) and **Sarah Owen** (19:16). #30 St. Francis finished second (58 points) paced by the 6 and 7 finish from **Ava Swiatek** and **Leann Ringsrud**. Other sectional team qualifiers included Hinsdale South (89 points), Kaneland (92 points), Fenwick (117 points), and Riverside-Brookfield (173 points). Glenbard South finished seventh missing qualifying for sectionals by five points.

Boys – #2 Fenwick ran their full lineup and won the regional title with 44 points placing 5 runners in the top 13 with a 38 second split. **Grayden Rill** (15:28) and **Nathaniel McKillop** (15:33) led the Friars finishing third and fourth. Five other ranked teams advanced to next week's sectional race. #10 Kaneland, led by freshman **Evan Nosek's** 5th place finish, put 3 runners in the top 10 to score 59 points to finish second. **Paul Proteau** ran 15:09 to win the individual race with teammate **Cooper Marrs** running 15:14 to finish second. That helped #9 Riverside-Brookfield finish third scoring 76 points. #11 St. Francis (113 points), #8 Glenbard South (121 points), and #21 Marmion Academy (148 points) were solid team qualifiers.

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