Weather predictions of heavy storms in the Chicago area came true on Saturday as 14 conference meets were postponed until Monday. The DuPage Valley Conference and NIB-12 Conferences beat everybody to the punch by postponing their meets Friday afternoon. The WSC-Silver Division Championships were cancelled just before 7 AM on Saturday as heavy thunderstorms took their toll on the Katherine Legge Memorial course flooding the creek within the park making the course impossible to run. Other meets followed as it felt like a waterfall of cancellations on what was supposed to be a busy Saturday.

There were some meets on Saturday that started earlier beating the storms to complete their meets. There were some meets that could get their varsity races in but were forced to postpone the rest of their races until Monday.

The southern portion of the state did not have to go through the rain in the morning. Here are some of the highlights of the meets so far in the past week.

**Southwest Prairie Conference @ Channahon Park**

One of the few meets in the Chicago area that got all their races in before the storms hit. Meet directors moved the first races up to 8:15 AM in the morning finishing two hours later. Then the rain came but not before all the registered runners crossed the finish line.

#11 Plainfield South won the Boys conference championship with 45 points ahead of #25 Oswego (87 points) and Oswego East (92 points). The Cougars placed 3 runners in the first 6 led by the individual win from **Christian Knowlton.** The South senior ran 15:15 for the win ahead of Oswego East’s Matt Blanco by five seconds. The split on the top five for Plainfield South was 49 seconds.

#9 Minooka was just impressive in the Girls race scoring 37 points for the conference championship putting 3 runners in the first 5. #25 Oswego East was next (59 points) followed by Oswego (69 points) and Plainfield North (71 points). Minooka’s **Emily Shelton** pulled away just after the mile to win the individual conference championship (17:33) finishing 28 seconds ahead of runner-up **Juliana Stogsdill** of Plainfield North.

**SWSC-Blue Division @ Lockport HS East Campus Course**

Only one race was completed before the storms hit. That race featured one of the top runners in the nation **Dylan Jacobs** as he stormed away from the rest of the Boys Varsity field. Jacobs covered the 3-mile course in 14:31.5 winning by more than 50 seconds ahead of Lincoln-Way East’s **Brett Gardner** who ran 15:23.5. #10 Sandburg also controlled the team race placing 5 runners in the first 7 to score only 22 points to pick up the conference championship. Their split from second runner **Robbie Sieczkowski**, who finished third, and fifth runner **Will Giblin** was only 18 seconds.

The rest of the meet, including the Girls Varsity race, will continue Monday at 4:30 PM.

**Mid Suburban League @ Salk Park, Rolling Meadows**

#8 Barrington placed all 7 of their runners in the first 20 to roll ahead of the competition in the Girls Varsity race winning the league championship. The Fillies scored 38 points for the win finishing ahead of #14 Prospect (72 points), and #12 Palatine (88 points). Hersey (116 points), #15 Fremd (154 points), and Hoffman Estates (161 points) rounded out the top half of the standings. **Madison Marasco** of Schaumburg pulled away from the field to win the Girls individual championship (17:09) ahead of Barrington’s **Jocelyn Long** (17:18) and **Molly FitzPatrick** (17:20). Barrington was impressive placing 4 runners in the first 11.

#13 Hersey made a statement in the Boys race placing 5 runners in the top 8 to score only 26 points to capture the league championship ahead of #14 Prospect (71 points), #24 Barrington (88 points), and Palatine (108 points). Senior Nick Laning pulled away from Hersey’s **Josh Methner** to win the individual championship. Laning’s time of 14:43 on the 3-mile course was 5 seconds faster than Methner. Hersey’s split in their top five from Methner to fifth runner Max Svienty was 37 seconds.

The meet was stopped half-way through the Boys Frosh/Soph race when lightning was detected in the area. The meet will be completed Monday afternoon.

**Big 12 Conference @ Kennekuk Cove Country Park, Danville**

Close team races were the order of the day in both the Boys and Girls races. 2A #14 Bloomington only had one runner in the top 10 but their pack was there to win the Boys meet. Their next four runners came in between 11th to 15th place to help the Purple Raiders to win the conference championship with 55 points ahead of #10 Normal West (65 points), #11 Danville (91 points), and Normal Community (91 points). Sophomore **Charlie Wetzel** of Normal West was the individual winner covering the 3-mile course in 15:29. It was close for the next three spots as Danville’s **Michael Moreman**and **Sincere Williams-Davis** finished second and third just ahead of Bloomington’s **Nick Doud.** Bloomington’s split on their top five was 48 seconds. Their split from their second runner Austin Bicknell and fifth runner Evan Turnbull was only 17 seconds.

#18 Urbana placed their first three runners in the top five, but it was #16 Peoria Notre Dame’s pack that was the difference. Led by the third-place finish from **Grace Breitbach,** the Irish placed their scorers in the first 15 to score 43 points just ahead of Urbana who scored 47 points. Notre Dame had four runners in the first ten. **Shanice Garbutt** of Danville won on her home course (18:04) winning by 16 seconds ahead of Urbana’s **Olivia Rosenstein.**

**Central State Eight Conference @ Lincoln Park, Springfield**

Normal University entered this conference this fall after being members of the now-defunct Corn Belt Conference. It did not take the Pioneers long to earn some championship hardware as they swept the team titles. The 2A top ranked Boys team, led by the individual win from **Jared Shuckman,** placed 5 runners in the first 13 to win the team championship with 33 points. U-High took 3 of the first 4 places as Shuckman ran 15:38 for the individual win. Springfield’s **Kyle Boughter** was 19 seconds back in second (15:57) followed by the U-High duo of Dane Alexander (16:10) and **Matthew Zacharias** (16:15). #12 Springfield ran their best race of the season through this weekend by finishing second (39 points) placing 4 runners in the top 9 and 5 in the first 14. #4 Chatham-Glenwood finished third (61 points) led by the 5th place finish from **Cooper Peterson**. The Titans were without one of their top three runners **Dathan Maton.**

2A #6 Normal University placed 3 runners in the first 5 led by individual winner **Lyndsey Wolters** to win the Girls conference championship with 39 points. #17 Chatham-Glenwood (61 points) and #22 Springfield (63 points) finished second and third. Wolters ran 18:29 to win the individual title as a freshman ahead of Springfield’s **Gabby Wood** by 36 seconds.

**East Suburban Catholic Conference @ Melas Park, Mt. Prospect**

Both Varsity races were completed before storms halted the meet that will be finished on Monday. It was Benet Academy that captured both team titles. In the Girls race, #25 Benet Academy placed 7 runners in the first 8 to easily win the team championship (18 points) ahead of 2A #8 Carmel Catholic (74 points) and Marist (82 points). Benet freshmen **Kelly Andrews** and **Elisabeth Carnic** finished within two seconds of each other with Andrews winning (18:30). Marist’s **Cecila Light** broke up the possible Benet sweep by finishing third. The top 7 finishers in this race were all freshmen.

Benet’s Boys team completed the sweep scoring 34 points placing five runners in the first ten led by the third-place finish from **Connor O’Keefe.** St. Viator (69 points) and Niles Notre Dame (90 points) finished second and third. Marist sophomore **Thomas Leonard** won the individual race (16:00) ahead of Marian Central Catholic’s **Ryan Jones** (16:16).

**Kishwaukee River Conference @ Emricson Park, Woodstock**

Burlington Central swept both the Boys and Girls team titles in this second year of the conference. The Rockets, led by the individual win from **Anthony Farmer**, placed 5 runners in the top 9 to pick up the Boys Conference title with only 25 points ahead of Woodstock (58 points) and Marengo (86 points). Farmer ran 16:09 for the win edging Johnsburg’s **Tim Bertulis** by three seconds.

Burlington Central’s Girls team had the same type of dominance placing their first 5 runners in the top 9 to win the conference title with 31 points ahead of Woodstock (61 points) and 1A #17 Johnsburg (74 points). Woodstock’s **Kylie Hagmann** was in control of the individual race on her home course. Her winning time of 19:22 was 48 seconds fast than second-place finisher **Chloe Bilyk** of Burlington Central.

**NIC-10 Conference @ Rockton Hononegah**

2A #2 Belvidere North tuned up for a state championship run winning the Girls team title behind the 1-2 finish from **Madison Diercks** and **Gianna Sagona**. The two sophomores crossed the line together in 17:56 as their team put all 7 runners in the first 12. The Blue Thunder scored 23 points just ahead of 3A #22 Hononegah (38 points) behind the 3-4 finish from **Lauren Johnston** and **Taylor Frommer.**

It came down to a 6th runner tie breaker to decide the Boys team title between 2A #18 Belvidere North and Hononegah as both teams scored 49 points. The 20th place finish from Belvidere North’s **Tyler Paddock** gave his team the conference title. North was led by the 2-3 finish from **Alec Scott** and **Virgil Munyemana** who both ran 16:32. **Noah Friske** of Rockford East was the individual winner (16:17).

**North Lake County Conference Championships @ Lakes HS**

2A #21 Lakes Community, behind the second-place finish from **Brooke Stromsland,** placed 3 runners in the top 10 to win the Girls conference title with 50 points. Grant Community (62 points), Grayslake Central (86 points) and Grayslake North (88 points) took the next three team places. Round Lake’s **Fatim Giron** won her second race in a row running 18:07 for the conference title ahead of Stromsland.

**Charlie Smith’s** individual win led Antioch to the Boys conference title edging #23 Lakes Community 65-70. Smith was the only Antioch runner in the top 10. It was their 22 second pack behind Smith led by the 13th place finish from **Mike Volkmar** that was the difference. Smith’s time of 15:45 was five seconds faster than runner-up **Connor Riss** of Grayslake North.

**SSC-Blue Conference @ North Creek Meadow, Lansing**

#23 Lemont was without three of their top seven runners for this meet. They still prevailed with the conference win placing 5 runners in the top 8 led by the third-place finish from **Marin Schiffman**. The Indians scored 26 points finishing ahead of Oak Forest (58 points) and TF North (80 points). Oak Forest’s **Jaclyn Latocha** ran 19:37 to win the individual title.

Bremen used 4 runners in the top 9 to capture the Boys team title 48-55 ahead of TF North. Lemont scored 57 points to finish third. Lemont’s **Andrew Deuschle** captured the race win (16:14) seven seconds ahead of Bremen’s **Danny Meza.**

**SWSC-Red Division @ Turtlehead Lake, Orland Park**

There were no times given in the Girls Varsity race due to a timing malfunction. Lincoln-Way Central did get the first five runners in the race in before the rest of the teams led by **Mackenzie Brownrigg.** Lincoln-Way Central scored 21 points to win the Boys conference title placing 4 runners in the first 5. The Knights were led by the individual win from **Jared Kreis** (15:52).

**Mid-Illini Conference @ Detweiller Park (Friday)**

2A Top ranked Dunlap placed 5 runners in the top 9 to win another Girls conference title (23 points) ahead of #13 Washington (76 points), Canton (110 points), and #25 Morton (112 points). **Campbell Petersen** and **Franny Verville** again led Dunlap with a 1-2 finish with Peterson running 17:34 for the win 5 seconds ahead of Verville. The Eagles split on their top five was 55 seconds. #13 Metamora put 4 runners in the first 9 led by the individual win from **Adam Gilbreath-Glaub** to win the conference title with 37 points. Pekin was next (64 points) ahead of 2A #21 Washington (72 points) and Dunlap (100 points). Gilbreath-Glaub was dominant in his win (15:06) ahead of East Peoria’s **Mark Scaggs** by 28 seconds.

**Southwest Conference @ O’Fallon (Friday)**

Edwardsville left with both conference trophies in convincing wins by both the Girls and Boys teams. The #5 Girls team took home the first four places on their way to the conference crown with only 18 points. O’Fallon (48 points) finished second. There was a 37 second split on Edwardsville’s first four led by **Abby Korak** running 17:52 for the individual win. The Lady Tigers did put 6 runners in the top 9 with a 74 second split on their top 5.

The #22 Boys team put 4 runners in behind individual winner **Andrew O’Keefe** of Granite City to win the team conference title with 23 points ahead of O’Fallon (51 points). O’Keefe’s time of 15:21 was ten seconds faster than Edwardsville’s **Roland Prenzler**. The Tigers had all their scorers in the first nine with a 45 second split on that group.

**Apollo Conference @ Lakeland Community College, Mattoon (Tuesday)**

Their first season in the Apollo conference for Mahomet-Seymour was successful as the Bulldogs captured the Boys and Girls title. The 2A #2 Boys team took the first 3 places and 5 runners in the first 11 to win the team title with 27 points ahead of #17 Mt. Zion (61 points) and #25 Charleston (75 points). **Ryan Hodge** led the Mahomet-Seymour dominance in the front with the win (15:26) ahead of teammates **Mathias Powell** (15:30) and **Riley Fortune** (15:31). Mt. Zion’s **Mason Jones**finished fourth (15:34). The split for Mahomet-Seymour on their top five was 54 seconds.

Led by the 1-2 finish from **Jessica Franklin** and **Brisa McGrath**, the 2A #5 Mahomet-Seymour girls team won the conference title with 37 points. Charleston (63 points) and Mt. Zion (76 points) finished second and third. Franklin’s winning time of 18:51 was 17 seconds faster than her teammate.

**Peoria Heights Patriot Invitational @ Detweiller Park**

Rains did hit as this was the final meet run at Detweiller Park before the state meet on November 4. This 1A meet showcased two of the top 1A runners in the state in the Boys race. **Logan Hall** of Arthur-Lovington used a strong finish in the final 100-meters on the sloppy course to win the individual race (15:19.5) a little over a second ahead of **Wyatt McIntyre** of Athens (15:21). The two runners will face off again on this course in three weeks. Monticello took the next two spots as **Garrett Dixon** (15:30) and **Alex Helmuth** (15:51) finished third and fourth.

#3 Elmwood-Brimfield used top ten finishes from **Trevor Dunkel** (5th) and **Cooper Hoffmann** (9th) to take home the team title (79 points) ahead of #2 Athens (115 points) and #8 St. Joseph-Ogden (118 points). Elmwood had 5 runners in the first 39 with a split of 73 seconds on that group. Athens placed 5 runners in the first 45.

#3 St. Joseph-Ogden picked up their first win of the season over 1A top ranked Tolono Unity. Unity was without their top runner **Jordan Harmon** in this meet. The Spartans took home the win (66 points) led by the seventh-place finish of **Faith Houston** placing 5 runners in the top 22 with a 53 second split. Even without Harmon, Unity scored 82 points led by top ten finishes from freshmen **Caroline Bachert** (2nd) and **Evelyn Adkins** (8th). The Rockets placed 4 runners in the top 26, 5 in the top 39 with a split of 77 seconds on their first four. #4 Monticello (141 points) and #8 Kankakee McNamara (154 points) finished third and fourth. Jacksonville Routt’s **Kirsten Huffman** ran 18:31.7 for the win 10 seconds ahead of Unity’s **Caroline Bachert** (18:41.1).

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