

Regional cross country primer 10/24/14



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University High School's Alexander Bruno, right, will attempt to win his second Class 2A regional cross country title at Maxwell Park on Saturday.

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Class 1A

Farmington Regional

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

Area teams: Central Catholic, Cornerstone Christian, Delavan, El Paso-Gridley, Eureka, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Olympia, Tremont.

Next: The top seven teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top eight advance to Nov. 1 Elmwood Sectional.

FYI: The top girls teams here belong to No. 4 Eureka and No. 12 Elmwood-Brimfield. Individuals to watch include Shelby Siltman of Olympia and Quincy McSweeney of Eureka. Ranked boys teams here include No. 5 Elmwood-Brimfield, No. 13 Tremont, No. 18 Olympia and No. 23 EPG.

Look for Olympia's Connor Stine, EPG's Hunter Cobbley and Tremont's Wilson Pflederer to be among the leaders.

Kankakee McNamara Regional

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

Area teams: Tri-Point, Prairie Central, Gardner-Dwight.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 Lisle Sectional.

FYI: Daly Galloway of Gardner-Dwight placed third in last year's girls state meet as a freshman. The top area entrant for the boys is Brandon Wilkerson of Tri-Point.

Peru St. Bede Regional

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

Area team: Fieldcrest.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 Oregon Sectional.

FYI: Fieldcrest's Levi Schmillen will be in the lead pack. The only ranked boys team here is No. 14 Seneca. For the girls, No. 25 Fieldcrest is ranked behind No. 10 Henry, No. 13 Seneca and No. 18 IVC.

Quincy Notre Dame Regional

When: Saturday — girls 10:15 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

Area team: Illini Central.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 Elmwood Sectional.

FYI: Ranked teams here include the No. 3 Petersburg Porta girls, the No. 6 Rochester girls, the No. 11 Rochester boys and No. 12 Pleasant Plains boys.

Champaign St. Thomas More Regional

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

Area teams: Tri-Valley, PBL.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 Decatur St. Teresa Sectional.

FYI: The No. 15 PBL boys are among five ranked teams here along with No. 1 Tolono Unity, No. 2 Monticello, No. 9 St. Joseph-Ogden and No. 17 Urbana Uni High. For the girls, Urbana Uni High is ranked No. 1 followed by No. 5 St. Joseph-Ogden, No. 8 Monticello and No. 9 Tolono Unity.

Carlinville Regional

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

Area team: Clinton, Heyworth.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 Decatur St. Teresa Sectional.

FYI: Ranked girls teams here include No. 2 Decatur St. Teresa, No. 15 Shelbyville, No. 16 Litchfield and No. 21 Carlinville. For the boys, Shelbyville is No. 10 followed by No. 16 Mount Zion and No. 21 Carlinville.

Class 2A

University High Regional

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

Area teams: Bloomington, Lincoln, Mahomet-Seymour, University High, Normal West.

Next: The top six teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top

eight advance to the Nov. 1 East Peoria Sectional.

FYI: The No. 2 Mahomet-Seymour boys, led by Corn Belt Conference champion Alex Keeble, will be favored here ahead of No. 3 Metamora, No. 22 U High and No. 23 East Peoria. U High's Alexander Bruno won a regional title last year. BHS is seeking a 35th consecutive sectional berth. For the girls, No. 11 U High is the highest ranked entrant ahead of No. 17 Mahomet-Seymour and No. 22 Washington. Among the individual favorites is Corn Belt champion Lauren Whitehouse of Mahomet-Seymour.

Morris Regional

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

Area team: Pontiac, Streator.

Next: Teams advance to the Nov. 1 East Peoria Sectional.

Class 3A

Minooka Regional

When: Saturday at Channahon Community Park — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 10:45 a.m.

Area team: Normal Community.

Next: The top six teams and top five individuals not on those teams and any individuals in the top eight advance to the Nov. 1 Quincy Sectional.

FYI: The NCHS boys, who won their third straight Big 12 Conference title, will face a stiff challenge from No. 22 New Lenox Lincoln-Way Central. The Ironmen boast a dynamic front trio in Jared Peters, Austin Peters and Carson McCormick. For the girls, No. 12 Minooka is heavily favored. The Ironmen are led by 2013 state qualifier Danielle Beckstead.

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