

# Sectional cross country primer 10/31/14



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Regional champion Lauren Whitehouse will try to help Mahomet-Seymour High School advance from Saturday's East Peoria Class 2A Cross Country Sectional at Illinois Central College.

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**Who advances:** Top 5 teams, top 7 individuals not on those teams and any individual in the top 10 to the Nov. 8 state meet at Peoria's Detweiller Park.

### Class 1A

#### Elmwood Sectional

**When:** Saturday at Maple Lane Country Club — Girls, 10:30 a.m.; Boys, 11:15 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Tremont, Olympia, El Paso-Gridley, Illini Central, Heyworth, Central Catholic, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Clinton.

**Area boys individuals:** Tommy Standish, Eureka; Brayden Batterton, Delavan.

**Area girls teams:** Eureka, Central Catholic, Heyworth, Deer Creek-Mackinaw, Olympia.

**Area girls individuals:** Abbey Green, Delavan; Brianna Anello, Delavan, Maddie Morrison, El Paso-Gridley; Millie White, Clinton.

**FYI:** Based on the Dyestat state rankings, the expected boys state qualifiers from here are No. 3 Elmwood, No. 10 Rochester, No. 12 Pleasant Plains, No. 14 Tremont and No. 22 Macomb. For the girls, No. 2 Petersburg Porta, No. 4 Rochester, No. 10 Rock Island Alleman, No. 11 Eureka and No. 14 Elmwood are expected to advance. Top area individuals include El Paso-Gridley's Hunter Cobbley for the boys and Olympia's Shelby Siltman for the girls.

#### **Decatur St. Teresa Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Forsyth's Hickory Point Golf Course — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 10:45 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** No. 13 PBL, Tri-Valley.

**Area girls teams:** Tri-Valley.

**Area girls individuals:** Aubrey Bloomquist, PBL.

**FYI:** Out of 11 ranked boys teams here, PBL's Nick Porter-led squad is the fifth highest ranked. The Panthers last qualified in 2007 when they placed fourth in the state. No. 1 Monticello is the favorite. The girls field boasts eight ranked teams including No. 1 St. Joseph-Ogden.

#### **Lisle Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Lisle Community Park — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Prairie Central, Tri-Point.

**Area boys individuals:** Michael Mankowski, Gardner-Dwight; Dan Muller, Gardner-Dwight.

**Area girls teams:** Prairie Central.

**Area girls individuals:** Daly Galloway, Gardner-Dwight.

**FYI:** On paper, sophomore all-stater Daly Galloway of Gardner-Dwight is expected to win by a comfortable margin. The lone ranked entrant is the No. 25 Westmont boys squad.

#### **Oregon Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Oregon Park West — girls, 10 a.m.; boys, 11 a.m.

**Area boys team:** Fieldcrest.

**Area girls team:** Fieldcrest.

**FYI:** There are six ranked boys teams here and seven ranked girls squads. The Fieldcrest leaders are Levi Schmillen and Annette Baldwin.

#### **Class 2A**

##### **East Peoria Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Illinois Central College — girls, 10:30 a.m.; boys, 11:30 a.m.

**Area boys teams:** Mahomet-Seymour, University High, Normal West.

**Area boys individuals:** Austin Bicknell, Bloomington; Jack Doud, Bloomington Logan Chismar, Streator; Dolan Harris, Streator; Alex Sennott, Pontiac.

**Area girls teams:** University High, Mahomet-Seymour, Normal West, Streator.

**Area girls individuals:** Bre Fairley, Bloomington; Ellen Golowski, Bloomington; Cassidy Blumenshine, Bloomington; Sarah Christopherson, Pontiac.

**FYI:** The five highest ranked boys squads here belong to No. 2 Mahomet-Seymour, No. 5 Metamora, No. 12 Rock Island Alleman, No. 15 Bartonville Limestone and No. 16 U High. For the girls, the rankings say No. 2 Dunlap, No. 8 Peoria Notre Dame, No. 10 U High, No. 16 Mahomet-Seymour and No. 19 Washington will advance. Mahomet-Seymour's Alex Keeble and Notre Dame's Maryjeanne Gilbert are top contenders individually. The Mahomet-Seymour girls are led by regional champion Lauren Whitehouse.

### **Class 3A**

#### **Quincy Sectional**

**When:** Saturday at Bob Mays Park — girls, 10:30 a.m.; boys, 11:30 a.m.

**Area boys team:** Normal Community.

**Area girls team:** Normal Community.

**FYI:** NCHS coach Tom Patten believes both of his squads have legitimate chances to advance. The top boys teams are No. 14 O'Fallon, No. 20 Lincoln-Way Central and No. 22 Edwardsville. Contenders for the remaining spots are NCHS, Minooka, Lincoln-Way North and Granite City. For the girls, No. 12 Minooka and No. 24 O'Fallon are favored ahead of Edwardsville. NCHS will battle Lincoln-Way Central, among others, for the other berths.

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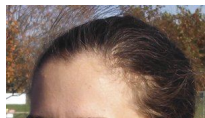
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