Watauga High sophomore Darby Middlebrook is actually human, afterall.

Middlebrook, the Class 4A state cross country champion and who became a running sensation this fall in the state of North Carolina, came up a little short on Saturday at the South Regional of the Foot Locker Nationals. Ironically, she just missed the cut at McAlpine Park, on the same course where she dominated the competition more than a month ago in winning the Class 4A Western Regional.
The top ten finishers in both the men's and women's races advanced to the national championship race in San Diego on December 11. Middlebrook finished 13th in the women's championship race and missed the cut by three places. But her time was impressive, none the less, as she crossed the finish line in 17:48. Hannah Barbour was 55th in 18:37. Hailey Middlebrook was 14th in the women's Junior/Senior race; and Daniel Osborne, who finished ninth at the state meet and earned all-state honors, was 99th in the men's championship race. But he also had a very good time, completing the course in 16:07.

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Girls
Darby Middlebrook 13th Girls Championship Race 17:48 (missed qualifying for Nat'ls by 3 places)
Hannah Barbour 55th GCR 18:37
Hailey Middlebrook 14th Girls Jr./Sr. Race
Julia Roberts 40th Girls Jr./Sr. Race 20:13

Boys

Matt Osborne 90th Boys Freshman Race 18:36
Bryan Brackney 68th Boys Soph Race 17:10
Josh Anderson 70th Boys Soph Race 17:13
Avery Pitts 117th Boys Soph Race 17:45
Dustin Hickernell 168th Boys Soph Race 18:33
Nick Younger 202nd Boys Soph Race 19:34
Dylan Lewis 209th Boys Soph Race 19:41
Daniel Osborne 99th Boys Championship Race 16:07
Peter Vandenberg 151st Boys Championship Race 16:29
Andrew Vandenberg 211th Boys Championship Race 17:02
Clark Brackney 42nd Boys Senior Race 16:42
Sam Littlejohn 168th Boys Senior Race 18:22
Robert Seagle 181st Boys Junior Race 18:42

Also from Watauga County but not with WHS CC
James McAllister 88th Boys Championship Race 16:03
Michael Holland (VC Elementary) 20th Boys 13/14 Race 10:51 (3K)