

Vandenberg, Anderson Qualify For State

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The Watuaga High indoor track team produced two more state qualifiers Saturday at the Durham Striders Meet in Chapel Hill. Andrew Vandenberg turned in an eight-place finish in the 3200-meter run, completing the course in 9:57.61, and qualified for state. Josh Anderson

qualified by turning in a 16th-place finish in the 3200 (10:11.88).

Reid Harris had WHS's best showing of the day as he finished third in the pole vault with an effort of 13-feet, eight inches; Max Ruble finished seventh (13-2). Taylor Drummonds finished fifth in the women's pole vault with an effort of nine feet. Team wise, the WHS women finished 33rd with 1.5 points; the men were 29th with five points. But the Pioneers didn't field a full team because many of the athletes were sick, according to WHS coach Kevin Shaw.

And with the addition of Vandenberg and Anderson, the Pioneers now have 13 state qualifiers and two relay teams. The state finals will be held Saturday, February 11 at UNC-Chapel Hill.

WHS STATE QUALIFIERS:

Julia Roberts - 500 m & 1000 m

Max Ruble - pole vault

Reid Harris - pole vault

Eric Dehus - high jump

Tara Trivette - high jump

Taylor Drummonds - 55 m hurdles & pole vault

Madison Harman - 3200 m, 1600 m and 1000 m

Hailey Middlebrook - 1600 m & 1000 m

Darby Middlebrook - 3200 m & 1600 m

Bryan Brackney - 1000 m

Kenyon Hall - pole vault

Josh Anderson - 1000 m & 3200 m

Andrew Vandenberg - 3200 m

4 X 800 m relay - Julia Roberts, Hailey Middlebrook, Darby Middlebrook, Madison Harman

4 X 400 m relay - Julia Roberts, Anna Shultz-Coulon, Hailey Middlebrook, Taylor Drummonds

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