

WHS Women's Track Wins Regional Crown

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The Watauga High women's track team won the NCHSAA Class 4A Western Regional at Jack Groce Stadium on Saturday. The Pioneers nosed out West Mecklenburg by 1.5 points to best the field. WHS had 76.50 points to 75 for West Meck. The Hawks won four events, the Pioneers won two. But WHS had 11 top five finishes, West Meck had eight. Darby

Middlebrook paced WHS by winning two events, the 1,600-meter run and the 3,200. Middlebrook crossed the finish line in 5:00.59 in the 1,600 and she won the 3,200 in 11:13.47. WHS also finished second in the 4x800 relay (Hannah Barbour, Hailey Middlebrook, Anna Shultz-Coulon, Julia Roberts), crossing the finish line in 9:35.31; and Tara Trivette finished second in the high jump with an effort of five feet.

Hailey Middlebrook and Taylor Drummonds each turned in a third-place finish. Middlebrook finished third in the 800-meter run (2:21.63) and Drummonds finished third in the 100-meter hurdles (15.57). Drummonds also finished fourth in the pole vault with an effort of 9-6. Allison Seramur finished fifth in the pole vault (9-6), and Julia Roberts finished fifth in the 800 (2:25.54). Madison Harman finished fourth in the 3,200 (11:28.15).

For the WHS men, they finished seventh as a team with 37.50 points. T.C. Roberson won the meet with 70 points; Ardrey Kell finished second with 58 points. And for the third time this year, Reid Harris set a new school record in the men's pole vault. The WHS senior, who has signed with UNC-Charlotte, cleared the bar with an effort of 15-feet, two inches on Saturday, snapping his old record of 15-1. He originally broke the school record of 14-6 set by his former coach Daniel Isaacs back in early April with an effort of 14-9. Harris was WHS' only event winner on the men's side. Max Ruble finished second in the pole vault with a jump of 13-feet. Andrew Vandenberg finished fourth in the 3,200 (10:07.46); Josh Anderson finished fifth in the 3,200 in 10:07.53; WHS also finished fifth in the 4x800 relay (8:17.31).

The Class 4A state championships will be held at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro next Saturday. The Pioneers will have eight individuals and a relay team in the field. Darby Middlebrook and Drummonds have qualified in two events apiece. Middlebrook will compete in the 3,200 and the 1,600; Drummonds will compete in the pole vault and the 100 hurdles. Harman (3,200), Hailey Middlebrook (800), Trivette (high jump) and the 4x800 relay round out the list of qualifiers for the women. Hailey Middlebrook will attend the University of Michigan this fall. Barbour, who is a member of the 4x800 relay, will attend Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. For the men, Harris and Ruble (walk on at UNC-Charlotte) have qualified in the pole vault; Vandenberg (signed with Milligan College) has qualified in the 3,200.

STATE QUALIFIERS

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MEN

Reid Harris Pole Vault
Max Ruble Pole Vault
Andrew Vandenberg 3200

WOMEN

4x800 Hannah Barbour, Hailey Middlebrook, Anna Shultz-Coulon, Julia Roberts
Darby Middlebrook 1600, 3200
Madison Harman 3200
Hailey Middlebrook 800
Tara Trivette High Jump
Taylor Drummonds 100 Hurdles, Pole Vault

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SATURDAY NIGHT'S GAMES WOMEN'S SOCCER

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CUTHBERTSON 3, ASHE COUNTY 1