

## **First to the Finish Invitational**

**Saturday, September 12**

**Detweiller Park, Peoria**

### **Class 3A girls race**

Sophomore Reilly Revord and the Hinsdale Central girls cross country team returned to Peoria's Detweiller Park, annual site of the state meet, for the First to the Finish Invitational Saturday, Sept. 12.

Reilly responded with her best race ever and took sixth with a personal-best 17:03.0 on the 3.0-mile course.

Sophomore Grace McCabe (18:13.8) and senior Mackie Stevens (18:16.3) were 42nd and 45th, followed by senior Emma Sullivan (109th, 19:06.4), junior Molly Caveney (125th, 19:16.7) and sophomore Sophia Horowicz (160th, 19:28.5).

Hinsdale Central (311 points), ranked during the week No. 10 by DyeStatIL and No. 13 by the Illinois Cross Country Coaches Poll, finished 10th in a field that had 13 of the 25 3A-ranked DyeStat teams, including eight of the top 10.

Between Saturday and the Hornet-Red Devil Invitational, Hinsdale Central has competed at least once against all of the other teams ranked among the top 12. Defending Class 2A champion Yorkville ran up one class yet comfortably won the team title (69) over top-10 ranked Batavia (101) and Naperville North (119), the defending 3A state champion and No. 1 in both 3A polls.

Naperville North senior Judy Pendergast dominated the race in 16:18.9, reportedly the fourth fastest girls time ever at Detweiller. The 2014 3A track state champion in the 3,200-meter run won by 30.7 seconds over Barrington sophomore Jocelyn Long (16:49.6), followed by Minooka's Ashley Tutt (16:55.1) and Emily Shelton (16:55.7) and Batavia's Emma Stephens (16:56.9), also all sub-17:00.

At the invite in 2014, Revord was fourth (17:18.7) behind teammates Alex Haff (1st, 16:41.1) and Annie Zaher (3rd, 17:04.1) and graduated Jacobs standout Lauren VanVlierbergen (2nd, 17:00.7). Pendergast was 16th (17:43.1).

The Red Devils continue to await the return of senior Zaher, their No. 3 state finisher in 2014 (28th). They already will compete this season without Haff -- their top state finisher in fourth place -- after undergoing hip surgery.

## Open girls

Hinsdale Central freshmen Kayla Byrne, Bella Pisani and Caitlin Chval earned top-50 medals for their 3.0-mile races in the Open race.

Byrne was 33rd (19:40.6) and Pisani (19:49.8) and Chval (19:49.8) were 41st and 43rd. Sophomore Sophia Karris was 52nd (20:03.0), 7.6 seconds from 50th, followed by juniors Olivia Carter (82nd, 20:43.7), and Sarah Nelson (91st, 20:51.9), sophomore Meg Keller (123rd, 21:14.2), freshman Olivia O'Bryon (139th, 21:22.6) seniors Alex Lithgow (149th, 21:31.3) and Maddie Sullivan (162nd, 21:45.3) and sophomore Andie Davis (186th, 22:03.7).

For the freshmen, it was their first 3.0-mile competition with the Red Devils and for most their first 3.0-mile race ever. The Red Devils' opening-day races at Lyons Township Sept. 1 were 2.15 miles and the open race at the Hornet-Red Devil Invitational Sept. 5 was 1.93 miles.

No team scores were kept.