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## **TUCKER COUNTY TRACK ATHLETES QUALIFY FOR STATE MEET**

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WEST UNION – The Mt. Lions Girls’ and Boys’ Track teams traveled to Doddridge County on Wednesday June 2nd to compete in the Class “A” Region 2 Championship Meet.

The Girls’ team had several girls qualify for the State Meet this week. In the 800m event Kate Falls qualified with a 4th place finish and Erin Chambers qualified on time in the 3200m event with a 6th place finish. The Girls’ 4x400m relay team of Kate Falls, Erin Chambers, Hannah Hardy and Karlee Smith finished 3rd to qualify for the State Meet. The 4x200m relay team of Zoe Nestor, Lilly Callaway, Karlee Smith and Addie Buckley also qualified for the State Meet with a 4th place finish. The 4x800m relay team of Falls, Chambers, Hardy and Smith finished in 2nd place to also qualify for the State Meet. The Lady Mt. Lions Shuttle Hurdle relay team Smith, Darrah Pennington, Buckley and Callaway finished in 6th place, but their time of 1:16.95 allowed them to qualify for the State Meet this week. In the Pole Vault event Zoe Nestor(7’00”) and Kate Falls(6’06”) qualified for the State Meet with height. The Tucker County Girls’ team finished 8th overall with a score of 29.50.

The Boys’ team also qualified athletes for the State Meet this Thursday. Tate Mullenax won the Discus event with a throw of 122’4” to qualify for the State Meet. Dom Mullenax also qualified in the Discus event with a throw of 112’4”. Tate Mullenax also qualified in the Shot Put with distance of 39’9” after a 6th place finish. The Boys’ 4x800m relay team of Wesley Strawderman, Clay Poling, Jakob Barrett and Devin Witemore took home 1st place in the meet with a time of 9:18.87 to give them a State Meet berth. Strawderman, Trent Eure, Witemore and Haden Wamsley made up the 4x400m relay team that qualified for the State Meet with a 4th place finish. In the Pole Vault event JJ Knotts qualified for the State Meet on height with as he cleared 7’00” and finished 5th place overall in the Region. The Tucker County Boys’ team finished 5th overall with a team score of 34.

**Girls’ Results:** **800m:** 4th-Kate Falls(2:39.46). **1600m:** 5<sup>th</sup>-Erin Chambers(6:06.03), 7th-Hannah Hardy(6:19.94). **3200m:** 6th-Erin Chambers(12:56.65). **4x100m:** 7th- A.Buckley, H.Hardy, D.Pennington, Z.Nestor(58.12). **4x200m:** 4th-Z.Nestor, L.Callaway, K.Smith, A.Buckley(2:00.73). **4x400m:** 3rd-K.Smith, A.Buckley, K.Falls, E.Chambers(4:38.48). **4x800m:** 2nd-K.Falls, E.Chambers, H.Hardy, K.Smith(11:17.35). **Shuttle Hurdles:** 6th-K.Smith, D.Pennington, A.Buckley, L.Callaway(1:16.95). **Pole Vault:** 5th-Zoe Nestor(7’00”), 7th-Kate Falls(6’06”). **Long Jump:** 10th-Zoe Nestor(12’09.25”). **Shot Put:** 8th-Kandace Nestor(27’06”), 18th-Tessa Jolly(18’02”). **Discus Throw:** 5th-Kandace Nestor(78’03”), 9th-Tessa Jolly(68’09”). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Doddridge County(149.50), 2nd-South Harrison(84), 3rd-Petersburg(63), 4th-Trinity(58), 5th-Tygarts Valley(39), 6th-Moorefield(37), 7th-Union(31), 8th-Tucker County(29.50), 9th-East Hardy(26), 10th-Clay-Battelle(20), 11th-Pendleton County(7), 11th-Paw Paw(7), 13th-Notre Dame(1).

**Boys’ Results:** **400m:** 4th-Haden Wamsley(56.88), 7th-Clay Poling(1:00.50), 8th-Ethan McCrum(1:02.11). **800m:** 10th-Jakob Barrett(2:26.65), 11th-Clay Poling(2:28.07), 13th-Ethan McCrum(2:36.31). **4x100m:** 8th-T.Eure, J.Knotts, G.Mullenax, J.Barrett(49.94). **4x200m:** 6th-D.Witemore, H.Wamsley, T.Eure, J.Knotts(1:42.29). **4x400m:** 4th- W.Strawderman, T.Eure, D.Witemore, H.Wamsley(3:53.79). **4x800m:** 1st-W.Strawderman, C.Poling, J.Barrett, D.Witemore(9:18.87). **Pole Vault:** 5th-JJ Knotts(7’00”). **Long Jump:** 12th-JJ.Knotts(15’10.25”), 15th-Grant Poling(113’06.75”), 16th-Conner Evick(13’03.25”). **Shot Put:** 6th-Tate Mullenax(39’09”), 7th-Dom Mullenax(37’02.5”), 11th-Gavin Mullenax(34’10”). **Discus Throw:** 1st-Tate Mullenax(122’04”), 5th-Dom Mullenax(112’04”), 11th-Haden Smith(92’05”). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Doddridge County(224), 2nd-East Hardy(65), 3rd-Tygarts Valley(57), 4th-Trinity(39), 5th-Petersburg(34), 5th-Tucker County(34), 7th-Clay-Battelle(30), 8th-Moorefield(21), 9th-South Harrison(20), 10th-Notre Dame(17), 11th-Paw Paw(12), 12th-Pendleton County(1).

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' athletes that qualified for the State Track Meet will travel to Charleston on Wednesday and Thursday June 9th and 10th. The 400m and 3200m events will start the State Meet on June 9th with the first event scheduled to start at 7pm. Due to Covid-19 this year's State Meet will start on Wednesday night with 2 events(400m, 3200m) in Class "A" then the remaining Class "A" events will be held on Thursday. Class "AA" and "AAA" will then be on Friday and Saturday with each class being separated each day. For more info and complete schedules visit [TuckerCountySports.Com](http://TuckerCountySports.Com).



**Tucker County Track Seniors(L-R): Addie Buckley, Tate Mullenax, Kandace Nestor, Karlee Smith and Zoe Nestor. Photo by Lisa Smith.**