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When the 2021 Regional Track & Field Meets come to an end Saturday most participants will head home with the 2020-2021 season over. Others will have one more week of high school sports with the State Championship Meets scheduled for Friday, June 25 for 1A and 4A schools and Saturday, June 26 for 2A and 3A programs. A few more practices and one more meet with championship medals at stake.

With no season in 2020 – only three Randolph County teams got a single track meet in before the shutdown – we have to look back two years to see that sophomore Amya Brooks from Eastern Randolph finished second in the state in women's triple jump, third in high jump and eighth in long jump. Also in 2019, Trinity sophomore Jessica McQueen had top 10 finishes in women's 100 and 400 meter races and both are looking to return to the State Championship Meet as seniors. First though, they have to qualify with good outings in the 2A Mideast Region this Saturday at Franklinton High School.

Athletes who meet certain performance goals during the regular season qualify for the regional events and are seeded by their best times or heights or distances. Amya has qualified for the regional in all three events she performed so well in two years ago including the top seed in high jump. Second to Brooks in high jump is McQueen but Jessica will look to excel in the sprint competitions where she has the top regional seed times in the 100, 200 and 400 meter races.

The 3A Midwest Region will be hosted by Dudley High School in Greensboro. Asheboro's Jordan McNair will head into the meet with the top qualifying distance in men's triple jump and second best in long jump.

At the 2A meet, Donovan Lara of Eastern Randolph and Dylan Hodges from Trinity have qualified in the top two spots for men's high jump while Trinity's Chandler Shell and Randleman's Kobe Kinney qualified with the first and third best distances in discus, respectively.

Kylie Vaughn, Randleman, and Malea Garrison, Providence Grove are top five qualifiers in women's shot put.

Danae Henderson heads into the 2A regional with the Wheatmore school record in women's 100 and 200 meter dash. Henderson, Kennedy Strickland, Peyton Wilson and Madeline Work have set new school records in the 4x100 and 4x200 relay events and have qualified first in the 4x200 and third in the 4x100.

The 4x100 team from Providence Grove qualified first in that event in the Midwest Region while in men's relays, Providence Grove, Eastern Randolph and Wheatmore have qualified in the top three spots in the 4x800 meter relay. Trinity qualified second in the 4x400 meter race.

Arianna Lovingood-Smith will be representing the Blue Comets in 3A women's triple jump while teammate Diamond McDowell and Southwestern Randolph's Josie Allred compete in high jump.

Although it isn't the ultimate goal in the sport, qualifying for the regional meet is an accomplishment. Whether it is a step towards the ultimate goal of a state championship or a chance for one final competition against other athletes to judge personal progression in a selected discipline, a lot of Randolph County athletes have enjoyed success this season and that success has qualified them for this weekend's regional meets.

Asheboro High School – 3A Midwest Region – 12 Noon Saturday at Dudley High School

Diamond McDowell (High Jump) Arianna Lovingood-Smith (Triple Jump)	Jordan McNair (Long Jump, Triple Jump)
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Eastern Randolph High School – 2A Mideast Region – 10 AM Saturday at Franklinton High School

Amya Brooks (High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump) Ziera Watson (High Jump, Long Jump)	Axel Canela (800 M) Josh Brady (110 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles) Donavan Lara (High Jump, Triple Jump) 4x100 Relay Team 4x200 Relay Team 4x400 Relay Team 4x800 Relay Team Darius Glover (100 Dash) Demetrius Thomas (200 Dash) Delonte Glover (400 Dash)
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Providence Grove High School – 2A Mideast Region – 10 AM Saturday at Franklinton High School

Sarah Majors (1600 M) Caroline DuVall (1600 M, 3200 M) Lily Butler (3200 M) Jensen Auman (800 M, 3200 M) Makayla McClain (200 Dash) Jordan Waugh (200 Dash) 4x100 Relay Team 4x800 Relay Team Malea Garrison (Shot Put)	Jacob Allen (1600 M, 3200 M) Nathan Majors (3200 M) Robert Burton (3200 M) Adam Wilhoit (300 Hurdles) 4x800 Relay Team
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Randleman High School – 2A Mideast Region – 10 AM Saturday at Franklinton High School

Kylie Vaughn (Discus, Shot Put) Iniyah Mitchell (Discus, Shot Put)	Chris Gentry (110 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles) Zack Cameron (110 Hurdles) Chase Moore (Long Jump) Kobe Kinney (Discus, Shot Put)
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Southwestern Randolph High School – 3A Midwest Region – 12 Noon Saturday at Dudley High School

Josie Allred (High Jump)	
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Trinity High School – 2A Mideast Region – 10 AM Saturday at Franklinton High School

<p>Mackenzie Thomas (800 M) Jessica McQueen (High Jump, 100 Dash, 200 Dash, 400 Dash) Kinsley Fox (Discus)</p>	<p>Michael Connelly (110 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles) Dylan Hodges (High Jump, 200 Dash, 400 Dash) Jonathan Hill (Triple Jump, 400 Dash) Bryan Zepeda (Triple Jump) Mason Safriet (Triple Jump) 4x400 Relay Team 4x800 Relay Team Chandler Shell (Discus)</p>
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Wheatmore High School – 2A Mideast Region – 10 AM Saturday at Franklinton High School

<p>Lindsay Hazelwood (1600 M, 3200 M) Allison Hill (1600 M, 3200 M) Lillian Shoemaker (High Jump) Danae Henderson (100 Dash, 200 Dash) Peyton Wilson (100 Dash, 400 Dash) 4x100 Relay Team 4x200 Relay Team Kennedy Strickland, Peyton Wilson, Madeline Work, Danae Henderson Rylee Reidling (Discus)</p>	<p>Cole Huggins (800 M, 1600 M) Noah Swaney (1600 M) Zach Hazelwood (3200 M) 4x800 Relay Team Cole Huggins, Jimmy Smith, Hayden Yates, Noah Swaney Michael Anglin (Discus)</p>
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