

Trinity athletes take top honors; Wheatmore's girls take second

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Trinity's Jessica McQueen runs the 200-meter dash during Wednesday's PAC-7 2A championship at the High Point Athletic Complex. McQueen won the 200 — plus two other first-place finishes and a second-place finish — en route to earning the conference's girls track athlete and girls overall athlete of the year awards.

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HIGH POINT — Area teams and athletes filled many of the top spots in the final results Wednesday in the PAC-7 2A track & field championship at the High Point Athletic Complex.

Wheatmore's girls took second place as a team, followed by Trinity in third and T.W. Andrews in fourth, while Trinity's boys took third as a team, trailed by T.W. Andrews in fourth and Wheatmore in fifth.

"We had just a few girls, and they came out and competed well," Wheatmore coach Ken Wilson said. "We had 15 girls who competed and had a strong second-place finish. So, we're very excited about that."

Meanwhile, area athletes posted 41 finishes among the top three, 28 among the top two (making them all-conference) and 13 in first place.

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"I definitely could've done better in the 400 and the 100," said McQueen, a senior and a Fayetteville State recruit. "But I felt like I did well in the 200 — I got close to my PR. ... I just need practice more, get ready for college and hopefully college will get me prepared for more."

On the boys side, Trinity's Dylan Hodges earned boys overall athlete of the year.

He won the boys triple jump and placed second in the 200 and 400, plus teamed to take second in the 4x400 relay.

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Providence Grove won the girls team total with 194 points, followed by Wheatmore (121), Trinity (55), T.W. Andrews (45), Jordan-Matthews (40), Eastern Randolph (38) and Randleman (37).

Eastern Randolph won the boys team total with 102 points, trailed by Jordan-Matthews (100), Trinity (92), T.W. Andrews (91), Wheatmore (89), Providence Grove (75) and Randleman (73).

Winning events for Wheatmore were: Morgan Cunha (1600m, 6:16.64), the 4x200 relay of Kennedy Strickland, Peyton Wilson, Madeline Work and Danae Henderson, and the 4x400 relay of Rinnah Edwards, Ellie Greene, Wilson and Cunha for the girls; and James Stamper (shot put, 40-06.00) for the boys.

Winning events for Trinity were: McQueen (100m, 12.99; 400m, 1:01.23; 200m, 26.34) for the girls; and Chandler Shell (discus, 113-09.50), Hodges (high jump (6-06.00) for the boys.

Winning events for T.W. Andrews were: Correy McManus (100m, 11.27), Marquette Hoskins (400m, 53.42), Timothy Ratley (800m, 2:14.49) and the 4x200 relay team that included John Morrison, Payton Bush and Keilan Francies.

Also making all-conference were: For Wheatmore, Rylee Reidling in the discus, Henderson in the 100, Wilson in the 400, Cunha in the 800, Cole Huggins in the 1600, the girls 4x800 and 4x100 relays, and the boys 4x800 relay

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The next big event for the teams will be regionals, which for the PAC-7 will be June 19 at Franklinton High. Athletes who meet the regional qualifying marks will automatically qualify for that event, and the field will be filled out with the next-best marks.

The top four qualifiers from each of the four regionals will then advance to the state championship June 26.