

2014 Division I Regional meet

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## **DIVISION I**

**WHERE:** Amherst High School.

**WHEN:** Wednesday (4 p.m.) — running prelims, except for the 4x800 relay; boys pole vault finals; girls shot put finals; boys long jump finals; girls high jump finals; boys discus finals. Friday (4:30 p.m.) — girls pole vault finals; boys high jump finals; girls long jump finals; boys shot put finals; girls discus finals; (6 p.m.) — running event finals.

**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:** (*Boys*) Anthony Wayne, Ashland, Bowling Green, Bowsher, Celina, Central Catholic, Clay, Columbian, Defiance, Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lima Senior, Madison, Mansfield Senior, Marion Harding, Maumee, Norwalk, Perrysburg, Sandusky, Springfield, Start, St. Francis de Sales, St. John's Jesuit, Sylvania Northview, Sylvania Southview, Waite, Wapakoneta and Whitmer; (*Girls*) Anthony Wayne, Ashland, Bowling Green, Bowsher, Celina, Central Catholic, Clay, Columbian, Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lima Senior, Madison, Mansfield Senior, Marion Harding, Maumee, Norwalk, Notre Dame Academy, Norwalk, Perkins, Perrysburg,

Rogers, Sandusky, Springfield, Shawnee, Start, St. Ursula Academy, Sylvania Northview, Sylvania Southview, Waite, Wapakoneta and Whitmer.

**WHO'S IN:** Boys: Fremont Ross — Jared Ballenger (discus, shot put), Jeffrey Barnett (300 hurdles, long jump, 4x200, 4x400), Tyler Grine (4x200), Louis Guardiola (1,600, 4x400), Elijah Johnson (110 hurdles), Jalen Oman (pole vault, 4x200, 4x400) and Jaylen Spencer (4x200, 4x400); Girls: Fremont Ross — Elayna Ackerman (4x100, 4x200, 4x400), Valerie Bixler (4x800), Imani Elkins (4x200), Vanashia Elkins (200, 4x100, 4x200), Abbi Hasselbach (pole vault), Alexandria Holmes (4x400, 4x800), Cassidi Lovell (4x400, 4x800, 800), Mariah Mathews (200, 4x100, 4x200), Erin Slaughter (100 hurdles), Faye Sloma (4x800) and Cassie Woleslagel (300 hurdles, 4x100, 4x400).

## **DIVISION II**

**WHERE:** Lexington High School.

**WHEN:** Thursday (4 p.m.) — boys pole vault finals; girls high jump finals; boys long jump finals; girls shot put finals; boys discus finals; (4:30 p.m.) — running prelims, except for the 4x800 relay; Satur-

# Ross's Ballenger achieves state double

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Fremont Ross's Jared Ballenger will have to pull double duty at the state meet as he qualified to Columbus in the shot put Friday with a regional-best toss of 60 feet, 7 inches in Division I at Amherst.

Ballenger also qualified to state in the discus Wednesday for the fourth time with a regional crown at 182. He was fifth in the discus at state as a freshman and sixth as a sophomore.

"I want redemption in the discus from last year's state meet," Ballenger said of his 11th-place finish. "I wanted to qualify in the shot for the first time. I've been having great practices and everything is coming together at the right time."

Cassie Woleslagel was fourth in the 300 hurdles to advance to state.

Imani Elkins, Mariah Mathews, Elayna Ackerman and Vanashia Elkins were fifth in the 4X200 relay for the Little Giants' girls.

Louis Guardiola was fifth in the 1,600 for the boys. Jeffery Barnett, Tyler Grine, Jalen Oman and Jaylen Spencer were fifth in the 4X200 relay.