

Track: Sanchez, Underwood survive and advance at State Sectionals

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Brooklet - Freshman Zoe Sanchez and junior Lance Underwood will be Union County's lone representatives at next weekend's State Finals in Albany after qualifying at sectionals, hosted by Southeast Bulloch High School.

Sanchez will be taking part in the 3200-meter and 1600M events while Underwood qualified for the 3200M race.

Sanchez placed third in the 3200M with a time of 12 minutes and 40 seconds. She finished 16 seconds back of second place and 39 seconds out of first.

However, the two girls ahead of Sanchez were both seniors so the future is bright for the Union County freshman.

In the 1600M, Sanchez placed seventh with a time of 5:47.35 - five seconds out of sixth place and eight ticks ahead of eighth.

Sanchez, who was also the highest placing freshman in the race, finished 35 seconds behind the leader.

As for Underwood: he took home fifth in the 3200M with a time of 10:33.19 - three seconds behind fourth place, 13 seconds out of first and two ahead of sixth.

Three of the four runners that finished ahead of Underwood were seniors.

"Both (Sanchez and Underwood) are entering the (state finals) meet ranked in the top 10 in the state in each of their events," Union County Head Coach Shawnetta Reece said. "This is behind several of the private school powerhouses of Westminster, Pace, Lovett and GAC. Zoe and



Lance Underwood and Zoe Sanchez qualified for the state finals. Photo/Twitter@PANTHERSTRACK

Lance are huge competitors. They have specific strategies they have developed that works in their favor, but can sometimes be very hard to pull off in high stakes races. They have been successful in their strategies and their competitors definitely know them by name."

Meanwhile, luck was not on the side of Union County's 100M Region champ Riley Barrett.

Considered a near-lock to qualify for state, an error on the starting blocks resulted in an 11th place finish to bring his record breaking season to a close. Luckily, Barrett is only a junior and will receive another opportunity.

"One crucial error with the blocks cost him a trip to Albany," Coach Reece said.

"He had the speed to compete, but in all the excitement and mixture of emotions, the block angle wasn't adjusted correctly to his specifications and needs.

"In a 100M race, this little oversight can have detrimental results. Everything has to be perfect from start to finish in a 100M race with a talented pool of sprinters. He has his mind geared toward perfection and is ready to start working for next year's state meet."

Barrett also competed in the Long Jump and placed 11th with a jump of 19-feet, 4.5 inches.

"(Barrett) is your de-cathlon type athlete," Coach Reece said. "He can compete very well in most any event. He has determination and dedication to succeed in his

events." Cole Wright took part in the Long Jump and Triple Jump and placed 11th and 13th respectively.

His distance in the Long Jump was measured at 16-1. He posted a 39-00.25 in the Triple Jump.

"Wright has some excellent jumps, but just seemed to have a hard time landing on the take-off board consistently," Reece said. "The bar was certainly raised in his event as all the athletes advancing had a 42-plus inch jump. Cole is a great natural athlete and has set the standards high to all UCHS triple jumpers. His best jump is recorded at 41-4.25 which is excellent."

The State finals will be held May 11-13 at Hugh Mills Stadium in Albany.

BOYS TRIPLE JUMP FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Cameron Lackey	11 Monroe Area High School	47-01.25		1	
2	David Miller	12 Tattnall County High School	45-07.00		1	
3	Marquis Bishop	11 Liberty County	44-10.25		1	
4	Sedrion Morse	11 East Hall HS	44-03.50		1	
5	Montraveon Futch	12 HV Jenkins	44-02.75		1	
6	Robert Richardson	10 Monroe Area High School	44-00.00		1	
7	Caleb Durham	10 Greater Atlanta Christian	43-09.25		1	
8	Emmanuel Jernigan	10 Pierce County HS	42-10.00		1	
9	Austin Singleton	9 Islands High School	41-10.75		1	
10	Will Fields	12 Greater Atlanta Christian	40-07.00		1	
11	Jaleel Hodge	10 Southeast Bulloch	39-08.75		1	
12	Tyler Thornton	10 Southeast Bulloch	39-03.25		1	
13	Cole Wright	11 Union County HS	39-00.25		1	
14	Shan Segars	9 Franklin County High School	37-09.25		1	
15	Tyler Wester	9 Jackson County	36-01.75		1	

BOYS 100 METER DASH FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Japheth Morris	12 Appling County HS	10.73		2	
2	Jabari Perry	12 Monroe Area High School	11.11		2	
3	Devon Moore	12 Appling County HS	11.25		1	
4	Deondre Johnson	11 Tattnall County High School	11.38		1	
5	Tayevon Brown	12 Tattnall County High School	11.56		2	
6	Dante Anderson	12 Hart County	11.58		2	
7	Jeremy Smith	10 HV Jenkins	11.60		2	
8	Melvin Smalls	12 HV Jenkins	11.67		1	
9	Lamaricus Stokes	12 Morgan County	11.71		2	
10	Gerrod Brown	9 Islands High School	11.74		1	
11	Riley Barrett	11 Union County HS	11.75		2	
12	Seth Caylor	11 Jackson County	11.90		2	
13	Jacob Hood	11 Fannin County HS	12.17		1	
14	Brodrick Jackson	11 Johnson-Savannah	12.19		1	
15	Corey Hammond	12 Dawson County	12.21		1	
16	Tim Garland	10 Fannin County HS	12.33		1	

GIRLS 3,200 METER RUN FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Audrey Honiotes	12 Hart County	12:01.69		1	
2	Abby Kettle	12 Greater Atlanta Christian	12:24.13		1	
3	Zoe Sanchez	9 Union County HS	12:40.56		1	
4	Madison Congdon	11 Hart County	12:49.91		1	
5	Jenna Lecours	9 Dawson County	13:06.72		1	
6	Marley Hamby	11 Dawson County	13:13.43		1	
7	Morgan Davidson	12 Jackson County	13:28.37		1	
8	Hattie Pitts	11 Southeast Bulloch	13:44.43		1	
9	Brady Kicklighter	10 Tattnall County High School	14:51.16		1	
10	Samantha Watkins	10 Savannah Arts Academy	15:05.62		1	
11	Olivia Arneson	11 Savannah Arts Academy	15:14.86		1	
12	Walkyria Miranda	10 Franklin County High School	15:15.42		1	
13	Lillian Kuhl	10 Liberty County	15:18.15		1	
14	Caitlyn Rykard	9 Liberty County	15:39.70		1	

GIRLS 1,600 METER RUN FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Sue Ann Morales	11 East Jackson High School	5:15.75		1	
2	Abby Kettle	12 Greater Atlanta Christian	5:24.16		1	
3	Audrey Honiotes	12 Hart County	5:30.18		1	
4	Tanner Guest	11 Hart County	5:32.77		1	
5	Kayla Chance	11 HV Jenkins	5:40.64		1	
6	Elise Karinshak	10 Greater Atlanta Christian	5:42.08		1	
7	Zoe Sanchez	9 Union County HS	5:47.35		1	
8	Marley Hamby	11 Dawson County	5:55.29		1	
9	Hattie Pitts	11 Southeast Bulloch	5:58.53		1	
10	Sydney Whitaker	9 Southeast Bulloch	6:11.04		1	
11	Jessie Barre	11 HV Jenkins	6:12.71		1	
12	Alicia Martinez	10 Franklin County High School	6:18.45		1	
13	Brady Kicklighter	10 Tattnall County High School	6:34.91		1	
14	Lillian Kuhl	10 Liberty County	6:36.85		1	
15	Halie Pickens	9 Pierce County HS	6:39.56		1	
16	Mckenzie Davis	10 Tattnall County High School	6:55.13		1	

BOYS 3,200 METER RUN FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Chase Kennedy	12 East Jackson High School	10:20.33		1	
2	Cody Wood	10 Dawson County	10:22.53		1	
3	Chandler Kennedy	12 East Jackson High School	10:23.50		1	
4	Jose Santana	12 East Hall HS	10:30.70		1	
5	Lance Underwood	11 Union County HS	10:33.19		1	
6	David Reed	11 Greater Atlanta Christian	10:35.06		1	
7	Russell Hendley	10 Jackson County	10:38.81		1	
8	Joshua McLean	10 Appling County HS	10:46.86		1	
9	Dawson Miller	10 Jackson County	10:53.88		1	
10	Drew Hawkins	12 Southeast Bulloch	11:21.05		1	
11	Alex Horn	12 Tattnall County High School	11:38.86		1	
12	Devonte Roberts	12 Liberty County	11:46.37		1	

Accolades pour in for Reeves as he takes his place among Georgia's elite



Eli Reeves, a trumpet player in the Union County High School Band, has made the Governor's Honors Program for Music. He is the first person since 2003 to make GHP for Music, and the 2nd in Union County school history. Eli also recently made GMEA District 9 Honor Band, and GMEA All State band. His accomplishments place him amongst an elite group of trumpet players within the state of Georgia. The North Georgia News would like to congratulate Eli on a job well done.

BOYS LONG JUMP FINALS						ALL RESULTS
PLACE	ATHLETE	TEAM	RESULT	WIND	H#	
1	Jabari Perry	12 Monroe Area High School	22-03.50		1	
2	Robert Richardson	10 Monroe Area High School	21-05.00		1	
3	Huey Rowe-Anderson	11 Greater Atlanta Christian	21-04.00		1	
4	Jaquae Beal	12 Tattnall County High School	21-02.00		1	
5	Emmanuel Jernigan	10 Pierce County HS	21-01.00		1	
6	Montraveon Futch	12 HV Jenkins	20-10.75		1	
7	Eshun Hall	12 Franklin County High School	20-03.25		1	
8	Shan Segars	9 Franklin County High School	19-10.50		1	
9	Jeremy Smith	10 HV Jenkins	19-09.00		1	
10	Luke Hutto	12 Brantley County HS	19-07.50		1	
11	Riley Barrett	11 Union County HS	19-04.50		1	
12	Rico Pearson	10 Greater Atlanta Christian	19-04.50		1	
13	Tyler Thornton	10 Southeast Bulloch	18-09.00		1	
14	Kalin Scott	11 Islands High School	18-07.00		1	
15	Cole Wright	11 Union County HS	16-10.00		1	