

## PREP ROUNDUP

# Willmar boys, girls take 8th at section finals

## Brainerd boys, girls take home Section 8A team titles to earn state berths

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**COLERAINE** — The Willmar boys and girls Nordic ski teams took eighth place in their respective divisions Tuesday in the Section 8 Championships at the Mount Itasca Winter Sports Center.

The meet was originally scheduled for Monday at Maplelag Resort in Callaway but was moved for more favorable snow conditions.

In the boys overall scoring, Brainerd took first place with 391

points. Fergus Falls was second with 364. Willmar was eighth with 267.

Fergus Falls' David Ronnevik was the classical race champion with a time of 13 minutes, 22.60 seconds. Ronnevik also won the freestyle race in a time of 12:34.84. He won the pursuit title in 25:57.44.

Willmar's top boys finisher in classical was Timothy Halvorson, who placed 22nd in 16:46.16. Halvorson also had the Cardinals' best time in freestyle, placing 25th in 15:12.81.

The girls' team champion is Brainerd. The Warriors scored 389

points to edge second-place Sartell/St. Cloud Cathedral, which had 372. Willmar's girls were eighth with 266.

The girls' individual champion was Brainerd's Annelise Baird, who had a time of 15:24.76 in the classical race. She also won freestyle in 13:50.72 to win the overall pursuit title in 29:15.48.

Willmar's top classical race finisher was Emmie Larson, who placed 30th in 19:57.11. Larson also had the best freestyle time in 17:57.12, taking 28th place.

The state championships are Feb. 14-15 at

Giant's Ridge Golf and Ski Resort in Biwabik.

### Section 8 Championships

#### Classic

#### Boys

Overall team scoring

(1) Brainerd 391 ... (2) Fergus Falls 364 ... (3) Little Falls 361 ... (4) Moorhead 359 ... (5) Bemidji 352 ... (6) Alexandria 326 ... (7) Sartell/St. Cloud Cathedral 322 ... (8) Willmar 267 ... (9) St. John's Prep 257 ... (10) Wadena-Deer Creek 248 ... (11) Detroit Lakes 220 ... (12) TrekNorth 79

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) David Ronnevik, FF, 13:22.60 ... (2) Gabe Hallgren, Br., 13:59.31 ... (3) Eli Knapp, Br., 14:33.24 ... (4) Owen Robertson, Br., 14:49.75 ... (5) Edward Sobiech, LF, 14:50.22  
**WILLMAR** — (22) Timothy Halvorson, 16:46.16 ... (29) Andrew Garcia, 17:08.72 ... (45) Matthew Eystad, 20:46.81 ... (46) Saul Bustos, 21:07.39 ... (50) Luis Swanson, 22:24.90

#### Girls

Overall team scoring

(1) Brainerd 389 ... (2) Sartell/Cathedral 372 ... (3) Fergus Falls 355 ... (4) Alexandria 352 ... (5) Bemidji 346 ... (6)

Moorhead 340 ... (7) Little Falls 321 ... (8) Willmar 266 ... (9) Detroit Lakes 249 ... (10) Wadena-Deer Creek 174 ... (11) St. John's Prep 78

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) Annelise Baird, Br., 15:24.76 ... (2) Jaelyn Miller, A, 16:33.99 ... (3) Mia Hoffman, Be., 16:46.34 ... (4) Addie Ryan, Br., 16:50.00 ... (5) Isabelle Smith, Br., 17:27.51

**WILLMAR** — (30) Emmie Larson, 19:57.11 ... (40) Elizabeth Haugen, 23:55.93 ... (42) Flor Medina Palma, 30:16.56

#### Freestyle

#### Boys

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) David Ronnevik, FF, 12:34.84 ... (2) Edward Sobiech, LF, 13:08.08 ... (3) Elliott Oberton, LF, 13:24.26 ... (4) Eli Knapp, Br., 13:24.38 ... (5) Gabe Hallgren, Br., 13:27.44  
**WILLMAR** — (25) Timothy Halvorson, 15:12.81 ... (38) Andrew Garcia, 16:46.34 ... (50) Matthew Eystad, 20:58 ... (51) Luis Swanson, 21:54.96

#### Girls

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) Annelise Baird, Br., 13:50.72 ... (2) Jaelyn Miller, A, 14:51.76 ... (3) Mia Hoffman, Be., 15:02.38 ... (4) Cece Jamison, S/C, 15:08.17 ... (5) Annabelle Tautges, S/C, 15:14.28

**WILLMAR** — (28) Emmie Larson, 17:57.12 ... (40) Elizabeth Haugen, 20:53.72 ... (41) Flor Medina Palma, 23:54.51

#### Pursuit

#### Boys

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) David Ronnevik, FF, 25:57.44 ... (2) Gabe Hallgren, Br., 27:26.75 ... (3) Eli Knapp, Br., 27:57.62 ... (4) Edward Sobiech, LF, 27:58.30 ... (5) Elliott Oberton, LF, 28:30.24

**WILLMAR** — (24) Timothy Halvorson, 31:58.97 ... (34) Andrew Garcia, 33:55.06 ... (47) Matthew Eystad, 41:45.19 ... (51) Luis Swanson, 44:19.86

#### Girls

Individual

**TOP FIVE** — (1) Annelise Baird, Br., 29:15.48 ... (2) Jaelyn Miller, A, 31:25.75 ... (3) Mia Hoffman, Be., 31:48.72 ... (4) Addie Ryan, Br., 32:22.95 ... (5) Cece Jamison, S/C, 36:26.20

**WILLMAR** — (30) Emmie Larson, 37:54.23 ... (40) Elizabeth Haugen, 44:49.65 ... (42) Flor Medina Palma,

54:11.07