

Local athletes place on Day 1 of state meets

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The GHSA state track and field meets are only one day in, but already athletes from Northwest Georgia have earned points for their respective schools.

Eight local athletes finished eighth or better on Thursday, with state meets taking place in Albany, Carrollton and at Berry College. The first day mostly saw field events and long distance running finals, while Class AA teams had preliminaries in the sprints and shorter track events.

Rockmart's Jamal Ware and Model's Alex Quarles were the top two local finishers in Class AA on Thursday in Albany, with Ware taking third in the boys' shot put and Quarles finishing third in the girls' 3,200 meters. Model also got McKenna Johnston and Kelsey Wade qualified in the finals 800 meters, while Rockmart's Makenzie Kent qualified for the 400 meters. All AA finals will be run Saturday.

Pepperell had two different athletes place in field events Thursday, with Tanner Wade taking fifth in the boys' shot put and Jake Ross finishing sixth in the boys' pole vault.

Meanwhile, Chattooga's Jamarious Mosteller finished fourth in the boys' triple jump and Coosa's Carrah Arrant qualified for the finals of the girls' 300-meter hurdles.

Rome's Shidell Millsap got the Wolves on board at the Class 5A meet in Carrollton with a seventh-place finish in the boys' long jump and a new school record of 22 feet, 2 inches. Millsap will also compete in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100-meter relay team this weekend.

In the Class A Private meet at Berry's Valhalla Stadium, Darlington showed off its long distance talents with Kate Flory finishing fifth in the girls' 3,200.

Today will see the completion of all of the field events for the Class A Private, Class 4A and Class 7A meet at Berry College, starting at 9:30 a.m. The day will conclude with the 1,600 finals, scheduled for 7 p.m.