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**Prep Sports: Track, Field & Cross Country
Galena, Stockton, Polo show early strengths**

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Rockford Christian wants to duplicate last season, when it won conference and sectionals and had nine state qualifiers in seven events.

"We will certainly make a strong run at repeating as sectional champions this year," said coach Joel Sprecher, whose team gets to host its first sectional. "We have the youngest team in school history, yet these girls will probably be the most successful team as well."

The top returners are senior Kiersten Ellis (sprints), junior Stephanie Braun (relays) and sophomores Molly Ellis (relays) and Emily Reiersen (relays). Three freshman should have an impact — Courtney McKibben (sprints, hurdles, high jump), Viara Gowan (200) and Paige Smith (100).

The Royals sent six girls to the Illinois Prep Top Times indoor meet.