

HIGH SCHOOLS

Meet to feature more than 1,400 runners

Observer Staff Report

Thirty-four N.C. high school runners are among today's entrants in the South Regional Meet of the Foot Locker Championships at Charlotte's McAlpine Greenway Park.

A field of 1,417 top high school runners from 12 Southeastern states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will compete in seven five-kilometer races. Races begin at 9:30 a.m.

Five boys and six girls who qualified for the National Foot Locker Cross-Country Championships last December return. Five are from Texas, three from Virginia, two from Florida and one from Kentucky.

The returning boys are twin

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brothers Brad and Brent Hauser of Kingwood, Tex., who were first and second at last year's meet; Adam Dailey of Austin, Tex., who was fifth; Lewis Jones of Kingwood, Tex., who was sixth; and Thomas Murley of Elizabethtown, Ky., who was eighth. The Hausers and Dailey are seniors; Jones and Thomas Murley of Elizabethtown, Ky., are juniors.

The returning girls are Jackie Kerr of Reston, Va., who was first; Famona Saridakis of West Palm Beach, Fla., who was second; Lisa

Weltzer of New Braunfels, Tex., who was third; Brianne Harrington of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was fifth; Katherine Helland of Burke, Va., who was seventh; and Jennifer Meador of Mechanicsville, Va., who was eighth. Helland is a senior; Saridakis and Weltzer are juniors; and Kerr, Harrington and Meador are sophomores.

The top eight male and female runners will compete against runners from three other regional meets for the national championships Dec. 10 in San Diego.

Seven 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) races will be held starting at 9:30 a.m. The races will be for freshman boys, sophomore boys, freshman and sophomore girls, seeded girls, seeded boys, unseeded boys and unseeded girls.

The course record is held by Brian Jaeger of Winter Park, Fla., who ran 14 minutes 57 seconds in 1982, and Teddy Mitchell of Longwood, Tex., who matched that time in 1989. The female record belongs to Erin Keogh of Langley, Va., who ran 16:45 in 1986.

North Carolina runners: Miracle Hurley, East Mecklenburg; Christina Auten, Thomasville; Brian Lesesky, Beth Herrman and David Clay of Providence; Reta Medlin, Mount Holly; Jonathan Marshall and Jason Marshall, Chapel Hill; Joel Machuga, Charlotte Catholic; Joshua Glasson, Rougemont; Suzanne Clemmer, Chris Goodwin of Gastonia; Cliff Mauriello, Michael Mauriello, South Mecklenburg; Ryan Nunley, Providence Day; Scott Williams, Charlotte Country Day; Timothy Gautreau, Nashville; Clay Wiggins, Jennifer Wiggins, David Abel and James Halyburton, Franklin; Cory Sitzman, Justin Turner, Winston-Salem Glenn; Melissa Lauffer, Jeff Williams, Sun Valley; Jody Corum, Whitney Woods, Boone; Alyssa Martin, North Mecklenburg; Ronnie Voncannon, Magan Reiner and Jillian Griffenhagen, Winston-Salem Mount Tabor; and Daniel Young, Benjamin Sullivan, West Charlotte.