

# Sports

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## Jonesboro 3rd In Region Meet



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RIVERDALE'S TED FORT CAPTURES TWO-MILE  
Kini Burrell Of Jonesboro Was A Close Second

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Jonesboro captured third place behind LaGrange and Griffin and North Clayton stormed into fourth place in the Region 6-AAAA track and field competition at Tara Stadium Wednesday.

Both teams finished strong after trailing Fayette County Tuesday in the team standings. Fayette County failed to score a point in Wednesday's events.

Jonesboro star Rhett Griner qualified for the state tournament in the 440-yard run with a second-place time of 50.28 seconds.

Jonesboro runners Kini Burrell and Robby Jones paced well in the two-mile run, which ended in an exciting dead heat between Riverdale strongman Ted Fort and Burrell. Fort won with a time of 9:31.53, while Burrell crossed the line .15 of a second behind him. Jones came in third.

Also qualifying for the state tournament was Morrow's Daniel Dore, who took second in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 15.16. First and second place finishers in each event advance to the state meet, which will be held on May 14-16 at Jefferson High in Jefferson.

JONESBORO'S third place finish in the competition "was

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about where I figured we'd place," said coach Kent Woerner. "I did not think we had the depth to finish first or second. LaGrange and Griffin are just too strong for us. I had to cut two kids off the team this past week that could have helped us, but even they wouldn't have made the difference in this race," he said.

In addition to Jones' third in the two-mile, Jonesboro got key place points from Griner, who came in fourth in the 220-yard run; from Ernie Cobb, who placed fifth in both hurdle events; and from the mile relay team (Todd Rainwater, A.J. Fordham, Cobb and Griner) which took fifth place.

NORTH CLAYTON was in sixth place following Tuesday's events. But coach Don Shockley's stable of sprinters — Darryl Davis, Melvin Ware, Karl Miller, Brad Stephens, Keenan Walker, Aaron White and Darrell Cain — raked in third-through-sixth place finishes in every event but the distance runs Wednesday, piling up enough points to surpass Riverdale and Fayette County. Riverdale ended up in fifth place.

Davis, who followed Dore by

two tenths of a second in the 120 hurdles, also finished third in the 330 intermediate hurdles with a time of 40.50. North Clayton took third place in both the 440 relay (Walker, Cain, Miller and Stephens) and the mile relay (Miller, Davis, White and Cain).

"We represented North Clayton and ourselves real well," Shockley said. "Finishing fourth in this region is an accomplishment. I told the kids, 'If you can get by this region, then you'll do all right in the state meet.'"

TED FORT will compete in two events at the state, the two-mile and the mile run, which he won Tuesday. Fort and teammate Daryl West set region records Tuesday in the mile and 880-yard run.

"Everything went the way we thought it would," said Riverdale coach Richard Westbrook of the two-mile event. "Fort went out at the pace he wanted to, and Nathan (Smith) ran about the time he usually runs. We were just trying to break in, hoping somebody would fall apart. And not many people did," he said.

Other Clayton Countians who qualified for the state Tuesday were Tom Fort in the mile, Miller in the long jump and

Jonesboro's Johnny Norred in the pole vault.

#### Region 6-AAAA Track and Field Meet Final Team Scores

LaGrange	147
Griffin	111
Jonesboro	65
North Clayton	52
Riverdale	43
Fayette County	38
Morrow	26
Newnan	11
Forest Park	2

#### Wednesday's Individual Results

440 relay — 1, LaGrange 42.35. 2, Griffin 42.39. 3, North Clayton 43.16. 4, LaGrange 43.68. 5, Morrow 44.26. 6, DQ.

440 run — 1, Tony Delaney (LG) 49.76. 2, Rhett Griner (J) 50.28. 3, Alfonso Fanning (LG) 51.15. 4, Melvin Ware (NC) 51.59. 5, Karl Miller (NC) 52.18. 6, Shawn Bazel (M) 54.36.

100 dash — 1, Broderick Allen (GR) 9.8. 2, Darwin Brewer (LG) 10.01. 3, Ramon P. Jett (LG) 10.22. 4, Brad Stephens (NC) 10.15. 5, Stephen Daniel (GR) 10.12. 6, Keenan Walker (NC) 10.29.

120 high hurdles — 1, Todd Dowell (LG) 14.49. 2, Daniel Dore (M) 15.16. 3, Darrell Davis (NC) 15.18. 4, Ira McDowell (GR) 15.52. 5, Ernie Cobb (J) 15.54. 6, Carlos Elder (GR) 15.72.

220 run — 1, Broderick Allen (GR) 21.76. 2, Darwin Brewer (LG) 21.97. 3, Darrell Hancock (GR) 22.42. 4, Rhett Griner (J) 22.71. 5, Brad Stephens (NC) 22.57. 6, Darrell Cain (NC) 23.35.

330 intermediate hurdles — 1, Todd Dowell (LG) 38.92. 2, Grover Cox (LG) 39.35. 3, Darrell Davis (NC) 40.50. 4, Daniel Dore (M) 40.41. 5, Ernie Cobb (J) 42.79. 6, Carlos Elder (GR) 45.95.

Two mile — 1, Ted Fort (R) 9:31.53. 2, Kini Burrell (J) 9:46.36. 3, Robby Jones (J) 10:08. 4, Dan Hudson (LG) 10:30. 5, David Childs (GR) 10:34. 6, Nathan Smith (R) 10:40.

Mile relay — 1, LaGrange 3:21.1. 2, Griffin 3:23.5. 3, North Clayton 3:25.4. 4, LaGrange 3:29. 5, Jonesboro 3:31. 6, Morrow 3:48.