

## Poiry finishes 7<sup>th</sup> in 300 hurdles



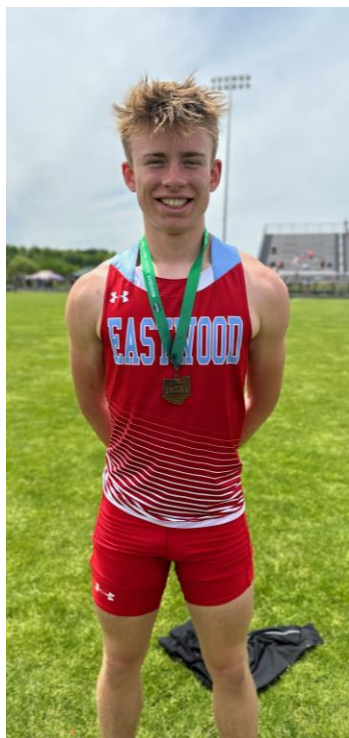
All photo credits: Danielle DeFalco

### By Kevin Gordon

LEXINGTON — Jesse Poiry already was guaranteed a place on the awards stand even before the start of the 300-meter hurdles finals.

The Eastwood High School sophomore still went out and improved his position on the podium.

He finished seventh in the race with a time of 42.21 during Saturday's Division II regional track and field meet at Lexington High School.



The top eight finishers in each event were recognized on the awards stand, with the top four finishers in each event at the regional qualifying for state, along with two at-large berths.

The at-large berths go to the next two finishers with the best time/height/distance, regardless of regional.

Poiry advanced to the finals with a time of 42.15 during Thursday's semifinals. His time was the slowest of the eight finalists.

Huron junior Beau Harkelroad won the race in 39.54, and the fourth-place time was 40.88.

"I'm pretty happy with the way I ran," Poiry said. "I gave it everything I had. I fought harder than I ever thought I could and I finished seventh. Getting here was a great experience, and it leaves me feeling fulfilled."

Poiry entered the regional with the ninth-fastest time of the 16 qualifiers, based on his time of 41.65 at the Oak Harbor district where he finished fourth.

He was one of two Eagles who advanced to the regional in the 300 hurdles. The other was sophomore Andre Lewis, who had a time of 42.61 in the semifinals.

“I’m going to be back here a lot stronger next year,” Poiry said. “There’s no doubt me and Andre both will be back here next year. I truly believe nobody can outwork us. We’re always pushing each other in practice and meets. I’m excited about next season.”

**LEXINGTON REGIONAL INFORMATION/RESULTS**

<https://oh.milesplit.com/meets/550111-ohsaa-division-2-region-6-lexington-2023>

**STATE MEET INFORMATION/RESULTS**

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Track-Field/2023-Track-and-Field/2023-State-Tournament-Coverage>