

South indoor track faring well at meets

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Reporter

Williamsville South coach Sam Hasan set lofty goals for his indoor track team and this year's squad has far exceeded them.

"Every meet their times are coming down," said Hasan. "They're doing a great job. It's nice to see the kids developing. They're actually better than I thought they would be at this point of the season. I'm very pleased with them right now. They're also a family and cheer each other on."

Six girls and one boy has already qualified for the Section VI Championships later this season.

Allie Van Buren has the No. 1 55-meter hurdle time in Section VI and fourth best 300-meter time. Van Buren also qualified in the 4x400-meter relay, which is ranked third in the section.

Sam's daughter, Jenna, has the second-best triple jump in the section and has also qualified in the 55 hurdles and 4x4 relay.

Amanda Breymeier (600, eighth-best in section; high jump, 4x400), Ashley Ferenczy (600, sixth in section; 4x400), Jennifer Lopez (shot put, fourth-best in section) and Jenny Mooney (race walk, fifth in section, 917.1) have also qualified for sectionals.

Paul Mangold is the lone South representative at sectionals so far, qualifying in the 1000, 1600 and 3200.

South fared well at the Southern Tier Invitational at

Cornell University on Jan. 6.

Van Buren placed third in the hurdles (8.95) and fifth in the 300 (43.29). Hasan was 13th in the hurdles and fourth in the triple jump (34-1 1/2). Lopez threw the shot 32-3/4 for fifth place. Ferenczy was eighth in the 600 (146.53). Breymeier was 18th in the 800 (150.84).

The 4x400 relay of Ferenczy, Breymeier, Van Buren and Hasan came in fourth (427.52).

Mangold set a personal record in the 600, running a 1:33.97 for 28th place. Alex Podvezko (140.41) and Peter Galbo (144.21) also hit personal bests in the 600.

In the 1600, Mangold took 16th (453.28), Podvezko ran it in 5:19.42. Mangold also was 11th in the 3200 (10:44.27).

South also excelled at a meet at Fredonia State College on Sunday. Van Buren won hurdles (9.32) and the 300 (43.8). Breymeier was second in the high jump (4-8), third in the 600 (148.1) and fourth in the 300 (45.8). In previous meets, Breymeier won the high jump twice.

Hasan was third in the triple jump (31-11 3/4) and seventh in hurdles (9.95). Lopez set a pr in the shot with a throw of 33-5.

Mooney (1000, eighth, 335.5, pr), Allison Shubert (1000, 404.51, pr), Ferenczy (600, second, 148), Leah Neumann (high jump, third) and Rachel Zucker (600, 204.90) also excelled for the girls team.

Mangold (1000, fourth, 252.8), Podvezko (1000, 306.70, pr) and Max Kahn (long jump, pr 15-5) were notable boys finishers.

In earlier meets, Van Buren won the hurdles (9.28) and 300 (44.5). Hasan was first in the triple jump with a leap of 32-5 1/2. The 4x400 relay team of Breymeier, Ferenczy, Lauren Falzone, and Danielle Giancarlo finished third with a time of 4:46.0. Elisa Frazier was fifth in the 1500 in 5:56.0. Mangold was the strongest performer for the boys, finishing second in the 600 (1:34.5), third in the 1600 (4:58.2) and setting an indoor pr of 10:47.57 in the 3200.

South runs at the Rochester Institute of Technology Invitational on Feb. 3.

Sacred Heart

The Piecuch sisters led the Sharks to victory at one of its only two indoor track meets all season.

Jenna Piecuch won the 1200 (4:34.2) and triple jump (27-9) and Jackie Piecuch took first in the long jump (14-6) on Saturday at Lancaster High School's Field-house.

The meet was not sanctioned by the Monsignor Martin Association.

Both girls were also on the team's winning 4x600-meter relay. The Piecuch sisters, Kim Patterson and Stephanie Smith won in 8:09.

Sacred Heart won with 98 1/2 points. Holy Angels was second at 67 1/2.

The Sharks' only other meet will be held on Feb. 3 at Lancaster.

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Sweet Home places many at 9-10 championships

Sweet Home had many strong finishes at the recent 9-10 indoor track championships.

Isaac Hagen placed fifth in the 2-mile and sixth in the mile out of all sophomores.

Andrew Rao won the freshman mile in 5:18.2 and placed fourth in the 1000-meters. Sean Sanders leaped to fourth in the high jump.

Katie Niblock won the ninth grade 2-mile with a sectional qualifying time of 11:32.3. She also placed second in the mile and fifth in the triple jump.

Amanda Wilczek placed third in the pole

vault for sophomores. The tenth grade 4x400 relay of Meaghan Milbrand, Kate Goetz, Katie Geib, Colleen Kozlowski placed second.

At the Western New York Relays on Jan. 15, the boys distance medley and 4x800 of Ryan Poley, Mike Bakowski, Ryan Hughson, Jacob Hagen placed fifth.

Dan Miranda and Matt Cross leaped to sixth in the triple jump relay. Andrew Hopkins and Nick Christman were fourth in the shotput relay. Rebecca White and Megan Niblock finished fourth in the triple jump relay.

At a meet on Jan. 21, Jacob Hagen won the 1000 in a personal best of 2:40.3. Poley placed third in the 600 with a personal best 1:31.3. Dan Miranda placed third in the 55 hurdles in 9.46. Ryan Hughson placed sixth in the 600 with a time of 1:33.9.

Katie Niblock placed fourth in the 1000 after being tripped and fell with two laps to go in the race with a time of 3:30.3. Megan Niblock was fifth in the mile in 5:39.5.

Amherst Central

Senior Willie Jones is leading Section VI in the high jump with a school record 6-5.

Freshman Brenna Symoniak is leading Section VI in the 3000 (10:51).

Junior Dave Szymkowiak broke the school record in the 1000.

Freshman winners at the recent 9-10 championship meet include Olivia May (girls triple jump), Joe Colato (300), Symoniak (3000, 1500).

Sophomore Elliot Bible won the 300 at the same meet and is closing in on a sectional berth. Other sectional qualifiers include Dave Robinson (triple jump), Arielle Januszkiewicz (1500, 3000) and Celia Alterio (1000).

Amherst boys bowling upsets Tonawanda

The Amherst Central boys bowling team picked up its biggest win of the season, easily defeating Tonawanda, 6-1, at Airport Lanes last Wednesday.

The Tigers' "A" team won all three games, 855-817, 708-700, and 786-753 and the "B" team picked up two points, 716-648, 721-633.

Brandon Jeffords (252), Kyle Schmidt (243), Justin Garus (223), Eric Michalski (203, 223), and Chris Oliver (224, 200) rolled high games for Amherst. Michal-

ski (619) and Jeffords (600) had high sets.

"It was our best team performance of the year," said Amherst coach Jason Beckman. "Everyone showed up. We are at our best when we get contributions from everyone. We aren't going to rely on one person to get the job done. We have been close in a lot of matches this year, but couldn't quite finish them off. This one we started out strong and stayed focused throughout."

Beckman said his "A" and "B" teams won their first two games to take a 4-0 lead. Michalski had a clutch tenth frame in game two for "A", needing a double and pin count in the tenth to seal the victory.

Other matches Amherst have had since the New Year were a 6-1 defeat to Cheektowaga on Jan. 8 at Airport and a 5-2 win at Springville on Jan. 10.

Beckman said the Cheektowaga match was a lot closer than the final indicated.

"We lost one "A" game by 39, one by 38, and the other one Cheektowaga bowled a 901," Beckman said. "The "B" team got on track in the last game with a 751."

Jeffords (220) and Corey Rotterman (217) shot high for the Tigers. Michalski threw a 566 high set.

Amherst's win over Springville was not easy. The "A" team only took one point (795-768) and lost two other games close (711-793, 704-731).

The Tigers "B" squad grabbed all three points (722-549, 646-617, and 610-609).

Garus threw high games of 256 and 221 and match-best 656 set.

Schmidt rolled a 215.

Amherst lost 7-0 to Maryvale on Monday and rolls versus Pioneer at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Sweet Home boys

The Panthers crushed Iroquois by almost 1,000 pins for a 7-0 victory on Monday at Manor II Lanes. The win improves Sweet Home to 5-2.

Ryan Kaminski led Sweet Home with a 664 set with games of 234, 248 and 182. John Grunzweig also had a 600 series with a 602. Grunzweig had games of 194, 225 and 183.

Not far behind Grunzweig was Peter Schaefer, who rolled games of 205, 183 and 206 for a 594 set. Aaron Klein had a 593 set with games of 181, 222 and 190.

Captain Dan Kaminski had games of 234 and 205 for a 592 set. Other high games were rolled by Bill Klein (203) and Brett Kreiss (200).

Last Wednesday, Sweet Home came back to beat Hamburg, 5-2, also at Manor II.

The Panthers were tied at 2-2 but down eight pins in total going into the third game. Sweet Home came through winning both games on "A" and "B" to win the match.

High for Sweet Home was Aaron Klein with games of 214, 235 and 226 for a 675 series. Grunzweig had games of 230, 193 and 215 for a 638 series. Schaefer had games of 206 and 235 for a 578 series. Other good games were rolled by Ryan Kaminski (223), Brian Barnas (219) and Dan Kaminski (209).

The win earned the Panthers a spot at the Section VI Championships.

Sweet Home bowls

Williamsville East at Transit Lanes on Jan. 31.

Williamsville South boys

The South boys bowling team (6-2) defeated school rival Williamsville East Wednesday at Transit Lanes, 7-0.

Russ Scheiss led all bowlers with a 702 series which is a personal and league best so far.

Alex Petrie had a 682 series with games of 212, 213 and 257.

Collin Ballou added a 606 set, including a 239. Adam Petrie shot a 235 and 600 set.

South returns to action on Jan. 31 against West Seneca East at Wimbledon Lanes.

Williamsville East boys

Dan Melidona broke a school record with a 753 series.

The Flames top five averages are Zach Marzo (159), Joe Lapoint

(164), Dillon Ulrich (155), Melidona (204) and Zachary Miller (167).

Williamsville North girls

The Lady Spartans are 0-7 but coach Kevin Poplawski has been pleased with the team's performance this season.

"We're been competitive in every match," said Poplawski. "We lost very close matches to Lancaster and West Seneca West."

North is led by Sarah Zimmer and Jackie Vetrano, who are both averaging 20 pins higher than last year.

Maureen O'Brien, Lauren Fleming, and Heather Lewandowski have all made significant contributions on "A", said Poplawski.

Maggie Brass and Allison Lytle have been very good on "B" as well, he added.

Fireman's Bowling

Team	Wins	Losses
Harris Hill	83	50
Elliott Creek	80	53
North Bailey	77.5	55.5
Swormville	76	57
Main-Transit B	68	65
Main-Transit A	66	67
Main-Transit C	65	68
North Amherst	60	73
Snyder	59	74
East Amherst	57.5	75.5
Getzville	54	79
Egbertsville	52	81

200 Games/550 Sets

A.J. Shisler 259, 244, 226 — 729; J. Daniels 252, 238, 213 — 703; B. Stachowiak 278, 230 — 690; D. Hutchinson 245, 235, 212 — 692; J. Blatz 234, 213, 203 — 650; J. Abbarno 231, 205, 202 — 638; S. Mitchum 232, 215 — 617; S. Stroh 222, 207 — 616; M. Cassiol 236 — 614; T. Varrano 235, 200 — 614; P. Kranz 205, 203 — 606; A. Yambor 244 — 601; D. Chmielewski 247 — 596; J. Gesel 227 — 586; S. Saxer 225; M. Stafford 215; M. Lytle 212, 203 — 560; M. Premielewski 211, 204 — 595; J. Mathies 210; M. Paeplov 216 — 562; R. Eggelston 210 — 581; J. DiPasquale 209; T. Hutchinson 205; R. Schrader 205; J. Maine 205; T. Ratzel 203; B. Hitzges 201 — 571; B. Goodwill 201; G. Wright 200 — 561; D. Allenbach 200; M. Gaiser 206, 204 — 575; secret score winner — Dave Chmielewski, 158.



BACK-TO-BACK CHAMP — Jacob R. Schultz, 7, of Snyder, left, was presented the first place East Coast championship trophy from Master Chuck Gorino at the Master Gorino's Tae Kwon Doe annual banquet on Saturday at Samuel's Grande Manor. This is the second consecutive year Schultz has defended his first place East Coast championship. Schultz is a second grader at Smallwood Drive Elementary School.