

North girls track making large strides

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It's early in the Section VI outdoor track season but judging by early results, Williamsville North's girls team is in for a great season.

The Lady Spartans almost beat perennial powerhouse Clarence, falling 78-63 in the team's first dual ECIC Division I league meet of the season on Wednesday, April 18, and did extremely well at the Legend Relays at Erie Community College's South Campus on Saturday, April 21.

The loss to Clarence was promising for coach Julian Blake.

"It's been a long time since we've come that close to a beating a team of that caliber," Blake said, who is joined this season by coach Greg Stang and volunteer assistant Bryan Weinstein, a former indoor section champ in the 300. "We were eight points from winning the meet (need at least 71

to win a dual meet)."

North's Amy Loud was a double-winner, taking first in the 100 (13.3) and 200-meter dash (27.9). Sarah Mikulski (100 hurdles, 16.8), Emily Curry (triple jump, 31-4½), and Kim Dohn (400, 103.8) also won individual events.

The Lady Spartans' 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams also took top honors.

The 4x100 relay team of freshman Jessica Little, sophomore Amy Loud, junior Michelle Bauman, and Mikulski, a junior, won in 54.2. The 4x400 of senior Ashley Redino, junior Kim Schueler, sophomore Lauren Triantafillou and Dohn were first in 4:29.5.

North also swept the 400 with Bauman taking second with a 1:06.4 and Lauren Triantafillou coming in third with a 106.6.

The Lady Spartans also earned many points from second and third places. Redino was second in the 100 hurdles (18.1), 400 hurdles (116.7), and pole vault

(7-6). Junior Lidia Yemchuk threw the shot put 26-8 for second the discus 76-1 for third. Mikulski was third in the 100 dash (13.6) and 200 dash (29). Bauman tripled jumped 30-6 for second.

Third place finishes went to Curry (long jump, 14-3½), freshman Shelby Gray (400 hurdles, 118.8) and Sarah Khan (pole vault, 7-0).

The team continued its great week at the Legend Relays. Blake said team scores were not taken at the event but if they were, he feels North would have come in first.

The Lady Spartans set school records in the distance medley relay and the triathlon. The distance medley relay team of freshmen Natalie Worley and Macken-

zie Miller, junior Dawn Hu and sophomore Melissa Dobmeier finished in 15:25. Freshman Meghan Winkle set the school record in the triathlon with a score of 657 points. Caitlin Triantafillou scored 484 points.

The team's 4x400 and 4x200 relays each took second. The 4x400 team of

Bauman, Dohn, Lauren Triantafillou and Meredith Kirby finished in 418.5. The 4x200 team of Dohn, Gray, Meredith Kirby and Loud finished in 151.1.

The 4x100, sprint medley and freshmen sprint medley relays each took fourth. The 4x100 of Little, Mikulski, Redino and Loud finished in 52.1. The sprint medley of Mikulski, Bauman, Redino and Lauren Triantafillou had a

time of 4:43.7. The freshman sprint medley relay of Little, Raven Baxter, Gray and Molley Mitchell finished in 4:54

North dominated the field events. Curry and Bauman combined to win the triple jump in 60-6. Baxter and Kirby were the best in the long jump, leaping a combined 28-16¼. Redino and Sarah Khan were second in pole vault at 14-feet.

North competed against Orchard Park on Tuesday, April 24 but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They will also run in the Ken West Invitational at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28 at Crosby Field. North won overall last year.

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South modified girls lax begins season with win

Williamsville South's modified girls lacrosse team began its season with a 6-2 victory over Lancaster on Saturday, April 21.

The modified team played on South's varsity field.

Eighth grader Shannon Martin scored the first goal of the season to put the Lady Billies up 1-0. Ali Ferenczy and Taylor Stone scored goals to put South up 3-2 by halftime.

In the second half, seventh grader Joslin Downey made seven saves in goal. Stone scored twice more for her first career hat trick. Ferenczy added her second of the day with 18 seconds remaining.

The team, coached by Mary Ferenczy, returns eighth graders Ally Brace, Ali Ferenczy, Taylor Stone, Julia Hagadorn, Francesca Cutrona, Shannon Martin, Melissa Suszynski, and Jessica Utech. New eighth graders include Bethany Syracuse, Callie Bridge, Shannon Keilich, Alison Leonard, Elizabeth Malinowski, Klya Martinez, Erin Moore, Meegan Rehak, Megan Scheicher, Haley Rubino, and Kyra Kryer.

Seventh graders include goalie Joslin Downey, Lisanne Sprague, Sammy Rubino, Kara Pomeroy, Kevinah Daragah, Alexa Dash, and Maggie Martin.

South's next games are Wednesday, April 25 versus Williamsville North and Thursday, April 26 at Williamsville East. South played Amherst on Tuesday, April 24 but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press.

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Trailing West Seneca East 5-0 after three innings, nobody on Williamsville South was bowing their heads in defeat.

"They always knew they had a shot at coming back," said South coach Dave Delisanti. "Alex Walkowski, Frank Pieri and Scott Steimer kept everyone's head in the game. They said if you keep working hard, you're going to win the game."

The Billies (3-0) scored three runs in the third, and runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh to earn a 6-5 come from behind home league win on Friday, April 20.

Leadoff hitter Alex Walkowski was huge in South's comeback. In the fifth, he walked and scored on a Greg Reed triple to make it 5-4. In the sixth, he singled home pinch runner Andy Esposito to tie the game at 5-5. Walkowski finished 1 for 2, scored twice and walked twice.

Derek McDermott scored the winning run in the seventh when, with one out, he doubled and advanced to home on an overthrow to second.

Pitcher Dan Lynch allowed five hits and struck out 11. Only one of West Seneca East's runs was

earned. Steimer got the win in relief.

South also got great defensive plays from Greg Reed (threw out runner stealing in the fourth) and Nick Needham (made diving catch in second).

The Billies also played Hamburg, winning, 9-0 on Thursday, April 19.

Shane Hurley hit a bases loaded two-out double in the sixth that scored Walkowski, Steimer and McDermott. Hurley finished 2 for 4 with three RBIs.

Steimer (3 for 5, RBI) and Pieri (2 for 4, three RBIs) also hit well.

Pieri threw seven strikeouts and allowed four hits for his second win.

Steimer and Walkowski turned a double play in the first to stop a Hamburg rally.

South played at Amherst on Monday, April 23 and at Batavia on Tuesday, April 24 but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. The Billies close out the week with home games at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26 against Williamsville East and Lake Shore, respectively.

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Amherst's bats continue to struggle

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Amherst's season is only three games old but if they don't start hitting, the Tigers might be in for a long season.

Through three games, including non-league losses to Kenmore West, 10-4, on Thursday, April 19, and Grand Island, 8-4, on Saturday, April 21, Amherst is hitting under .200. The Tigers combined for seven hits and left the bases loaded four times between both games.

The only bright spot in the lineup is Will Gowen. The senior had the team's only RBIs last week, hitting 2 for 4 with a triple and a RBI against Kenmore West and 1 for 3 with a double, RBI and run scored versus Grand Island. A double by Andrew Gibson and

singles from Geoff Gallson, Chris Eyeington, and Mike Yanity were Amherst's other hits.

The team is also playing undisciplined in the field. Amherst coach Brian Davis said his team had at least five errors versus Kenmore West.

The Tigers' pitching has been strong at times. Junior hurler Derek Duke allowed six hits and three earned runs and struck out three over five innings against Kenmore West and after the team's middle reliever got shelled, Tom Ponticelli allowed no earned runs over the final two innings.

Yanity threw the last five innings in relief against Grand Island, allowing two hits and striking out two batters. Both runs scored while he pitched were unearned.

If there is a ray of hope for the Tigers, it's that they didn't quit

against Grand Island. Amherst trailed 7-1 at one point.

"We had a good talk at practice on Friday discussing how we have taken steps backwards since practicing in the gym," said Davis. "But out of the three games we played, the Grand Island game was the one where I felt OK to walk off the field knowing the boys had played their hardest. We just haven't gotten the hits when we have needed them."

Amherst (0-3, 0-1) played Williamsville South and Iroquois on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24, but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They play at West Seneca East at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27 and host Hamburg at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

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Sports briefs

The **Upstate Women's Baseball League** is being formed. The league will be amateur in focus.

Any woman who is at least 18 years old by June 1 is eligible. Any woman fulfilling the age requirement should register, with their name, address, and date of birth by e-mailing maricci@hotmail.com.

Any woman who might be interested in umpiring in the program may also register. A training program will be provided for all who are interested.

The league is also looking for businesses to sponsor teams.

Hilbert College is seeking an individual to fulfill a graduate assistant position within the athletic department beginning August 1, 2007 and ending May 31, 2008.

The qualified person would work more specifically in the sports information department while also assisting with academic mentoring, game management, orientation, fundraising activities, and other duties as assigned by the Director of Athletics.

The graduate assistant must be willing to work anywhere from 35 to 40 flexible hours per week including weekends and especially on Mondays. The position comes with a stipend and reimbursement toward graduate tuition as well as hands-on experience.

Interested candidates should send a letter expressing interest along with a resume and three professional references to Richard Walsh, Director of Athletics, Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075, 926-8800 or rwalsh@hilbert.edu.

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