



Williamsville North's Jake Katz placed third at the Section VI Boys Golf championships on Monday, May 14 at Brierwood Country Club.

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Miscues cost North's Katz section title

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When Williamsville North's Jake Katz won the Section VI boys golf championship last year, he hit all of his long putts while friend Matt Stasiak of Clarence was eight shots back and placed third. This year, the exact opposite happened.

Stasiak made all of the shots when he needed to en route to a section-best score of 107 while Katz finished third with a 112. Sectionals were held Monday, May 14 at Brierwood Country Club in Hamburg.

Mistakes cost Katz. On the second hole of his first front nine, Katz said he hooked a shot right and the ball hit a tree. On the same hole, he hit into a bunker. He wound up double-bogeying the hole.

In the afternoon session, Katz was 25 yards ahead of Stasiak on the third hole but hit into a bunker and eventually bogeyed while Stasiak hit onto the green and birdied. Before the hole, Katz was only three shots back of Stasiak.

"That kind of swung it his way," said Katz. "I was six shots back, and I knew I couldn't catch up."

Katz said he's disappointed that he couldn't defend the section title but hopes to improve on his past performances at the New York State Championships held June 3-4 at Cornell University's Robert Trent Jones Golf Course.

He tied for 44th as a sophomore and tied for 32nd last year. The top nine section finishers qualify for states.

"I think this is going to be the year," said Katz. "Last year, the greens were difficult and my putting wasn't spectacular. That cost me a lot of shots. Now that I know the course, I'll know where to go so it will be to my advantage."

Kenmore East's Kris Boyes, who finished second with a 111 and Eden's Doug Steen (114), Southwestern's Craig Stoddard (115), Iroquois' Steve Thompson (117), Medina's Andrew Misiti (119), Kenmore West's Scott Moser (119) and Fredonia's Mike Ringler (119) also advanced. Lew-Port's Matt Petrosian was an alternate with a 120.

North's E.J. Kuebler (89) and Williamsville South's Sean Mahon (92) and Justin Cardon (84) did not qualify for the afternoon session. The cut was 83.

In other North golf news: Katz sank a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Westwood Country Club on Friday, May 11. It is a par-4 and 370 yards. Katz said it's the second time he's had a hole-in-one at Westwood. When he was 11, he recorded a hole-in-one on the third hole at Westwood, a par-3.

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Sports briefs

Todd Gerber of Amherst won the M&T Bank Draft Day Challenge with the Buffalo Bills. He was randomly selected from the 574 fans who correctly predicted the Bills would take Marshawn Lynch with their first pick. Gerber met Marshawn Lynch at Ralph Wilson Stadium on Monday, May 14.

He also won an autographed No. 23 Marshawn Lynch jersey, a private tour of the Bills training facility, and two tickets to the Buffalo Bills-Baltimore Ravens game on Oct. 21.

Jeri Eberhardt had the lowest score of the day for the **Sheridan Park Friday**

Golf Club, winning the weekly nine-hole medal for the A Flight.

Eberhardt (47-11-36) just beat out Sue Schottke (46-9-37) and Adrienne Sakavicius (50-13-37).

In the B Flight, Dot Brigante (49-17-32) took first place, followed by Marian Reo

(48-14-34) and Marion Mingle (52-15-37).

In the C Flight, Cherry Searle and Thelma Frauenhofer tied for first (51-18-33), while Carol Hoffman (55-18-37) took third.

In the D Flight, Gen Capizzi (60-29-31) finished first, followed by Heather Randall (58-22-36) and Ruth Wolff (62-24-38).

Amherst girls outdoor track up to Starpoint Team Challenge

Amherst Central's girls outdoor track team placed first against 25 other schools at the Starpoint Team Challenge held on Saturday, May 12 at Starpoint High School. The Lady Tigers scored 58 points.

"They should be extremely proud of the way they performed and represented Amherst," said Amherst coach Dan Tyron.

Allison Rogers and Nasya Watson won the 200-meters and set a new meet record with a time of 53.45. The duo also won the 100 in 26.07.

Brenna Symoniak and Celia Alterio won the 3,000 in 22:49 and took second in the 1,500 in 10:08.

The team's relays also excelled. The 4x800 team of Arielle Januszkiewicz, Alterio, Symoniak and Sarah Lister came in second in 10:19.7 as did the 4x100 quartet of Stephine Woods, Watson, Ariella Korn and Rogers in 52.23.

Mikaela Maddock and Lister combined for fourth in the 400 in 1:30.

Amherst lost 74-67 against Pioneer on Tuesday,

May 8. Tyron said his team put forth an outstanding effort and competed right down to the last event.

A major highlight was the 4x100 relay of Woods, Watson, Korn and Rogers, who broke their previous best record and again broke the school record in a time of 52.0.

Amherst Central boys

The Tigers finished in fourth place out of 27 teams at the Starpoint Team Challenge.

Viron Hale (16.3) and DeShawn Hough (16.0) combined to win the 110-meter high hurdles. Willie Jones (6-4) and Hale (5-4) joined forces to win the high jump. Jones (11.6) and Bert Smith (11.5) came in second in the 100 meters.

Hough, Smith, Alex Dennis, and Jones placed third in the 400 relay in 45.5. Hale (38-10) and David Robinson (38-6) finished fifth in the triple jump. Smith (23.8) and Dennis (24.4) were sixth in the 600.

Near misses, strong performances highlight East boys' week

Williamsville East's boys outdoor track team had a week of near misses and strong performances.

At a duel meet against Iroquois on Tuesday, May 8, pentathlete Andy Heim won the high jump in dramatic fashion in a jump off, co-captain Greg French was a double winner in the 110-meter high hurdles and the triple jump, co-captain Zinan Cheng won the long jump and co-captain Andy McDonald won the 1,600.

Senior Sean Lanaghan remained undefeated for the season in the 400 hurdles, senior David Taubman notched his first win of the season in the pole vault and sophomore Scott Ryan easily outdistanced the competition in the 3,200.

Although the Flames came up short, 76-65, the highlight of the meet was the season's best performance by the Flames' 4x400 relay team of Heim, Lanaghan, French and senior Matt Stabel,

who defeated the indoor track 1,600-meter relay sectional championship Iroquois team.

At the Starpoint Team Challenge on Saturday, May 12 at Starpoint High School, French and Lanaghan finished third in the 400 hurdles, and French and Cheng finished sixth in the long jump.

The next outing for the Flames is expected to be a close divisional match-up at Amherst on Tuesday, May 15, but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They will race in the Carl Roesch Classic at Clarence on Saturday, May 21.

Williamsville East girls

Williamsville East's girls outdoor track team lost to Iroquois, 89-67, on Tuesday, May 8. Seventh-grader Kayla Allen won the 100, 200 and 400.

At the Starpoint Team Challenge on Saturday, May 12 at Starpoint High School, Allen

placed ninth in the 100 dash in 13.36. She also placed seventh in the 400 (1:02.82) and combined with Kendra Durden (1:05.29, 16th place) for fifth overall.

Rosie McAfee and Kristin Ostanski placed in the top 10 in field events.

They were sixth in the triple jump (McAfee, 30-9; Ostanski, 29-11) and eighth in the long jump (McAfee, 14-1¾; Ostanski, 13-8).

In the 100 hurdles, Kristen Saviole was 22nd (18.34) and Kaitlin Roseti came in 32nd (19.70). Other posted times came in the 1,500 (Jill Cutspec, 5:58.54;

Colleen Lauer, 6:23.84), 800 (Caroline Steele, 2:42; Roseti, 2:50) and discus (Sammi Garson, 76 feet).

East raced Amherst on Tuesday, May 15, but results were unavailable before The Bee went to press. They will compete at the WNY Track and Field Classic at Lancaster High School on Saturday, May 19.

North girls defeat Lancaster

Williamsville North's outdoor girls track team improved to 2-1 in ECIC Division I after defeating Lancaster, 80-61, on Tuesday, May 8.

North swept the 100 hurdles (Sarah Mikulski, 15.4; Ashley Redino, 15.8; Amy Loud, 16.2), 100 dash (Loud, 13.2; Mikulski, 13.3; Michelle Bauman, 13.4) and 200-meters (Loud, 27.2; Jessica Little, 27.4; Raven Baxter, 29.5).

The Lady Spartans took first and second in the long jump (Baxter, 15-0; Emily Curry, 14-4¾), high jump (Curry, 4-8; Kim Schueler, 4-8), and 400 dash (Kim Dohn, 1:02.6; Meredith Kirby, 1:03.4) and first and third in the 400 hurdles (Redino, 1:12.3; Caitlin Triantafillou, 1:19.2). The team took second and third in the pole vault (Redino, 8-0; Sarah

Khan, 8-0) and triple jump (Curry, 31-9½; Kirby, 31-5).

North's 4x400 relay of Bauman, Dohn, Lauren Triantafillou and Kirby and the 4x100 relay of Little, Mikulski, Redino and Loud won in 4:27.9 and 52.6, respectively.

Lydia Yemchuk placed second in the discus (85-7) and Melissa Dobmeier and Lauren Triantafillou came in third in the 1500 (5:45.1) and 800 (2:40.2), respectively.

North tied for 10th place at the Starpoint Team Challenge held on Saturday, May 12 at Starpoint High School. Each event was combined scores.

Mikulski and Redino set a new meet record in the 100 hurdles, winning with a combined time of 32.70. Mikulski was second in a 15.90 FAT. Redino was fourth in a

16.80 FAT.

North was second in the 400 in 2:05.29. Dohn came in fifth at 1:02.32. Kirby was eighth in 1:02.97. Kirby (28.05) and Little (28.74) teamed to come in fifth in the 200 dash. Mikulski and Little was seventh in the 100 dash with a 27.03 FAT. Mikulski was 17th (13.59) and Little was 22nd (13.71).

In the 3000, Julia Marcusa (29th 14:09.90) and Stephanie Kranz (30th, 15:16.60) came in thirteenth overall in 29:26.50.

In the steeplechase, Alex Nero (18th, 9:48.3) and Schueler (tenth, 9:08.4) combined for fifteenth. Yemchuk (26-1) and Laura Lonski (24) was sixteenth overall in the shot put, throwing 50-1¾. Dobmeier (31st, 5:44.16) and Sana Khan (43rd, 6:17.60) combined for nineteenth in the mile.