

Williamsville East boys track edges Amherst



Williamsville East's Melissa Spada gets off to an early lead over Amherst's Arielle Januszkiewicz, far right, and Celia Alterio, far left, in the girls' 1500 in a meet held on Tuesday, May 15. Amherst would win the meet, 104-37.

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In an exciting dual meet at Amherst on Tuesday, May 15, Williamsville East edged Amherst, 77-64.

The meet came down to the last three events with Amherst needing to win both relays and the 3200-meters to win overall. East's outstanding junior distance runner Andy McDonald responded to the challenge with a win in the 3200, which left East needing to win only one of the last relays.

The Flames' 1600 relay team of Greg French, Sean Lanighan, Colin Begy, and Andy Heim responded to edge out the Tigers in a great race down to the wire.

Other winners for East were French (110 hurdles, triple jump), Heim (400), McDonald (1600), Tyler Durinka (discus), Dave Taubman (pole vault), Lanighan (400 hurdles), and the 3200 relay team of Max Fogel, Matt Pawlicki, Fernando Recio, and Lanighan. Zinan Cheng scored important points, finishing second in the long jump, triple jump and 100.

Willie Jones was a triple winner for Amherst (100, long jump, and high jump).

East girls

At the WNY Classic, seventh grader Kayla Allen was second in the 200 with a time of 26.4. Sopho-



Amherst Central's Deshawn Hough battles in the 110 hurdles in the Tigers' 77-64 home loss to Williamsville East on Tuesday, May 15.

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more Kristen Ostanski came in fifth in the triple jump (32-3½) and sixth in the long jump (14-8½).

Senior Kaitlin Roseti was second overall in the pentathlon. Senior Nicole Marple took fourth in the racewalk.

Sweet Home boys

The Panthers liked second place at the Carl Roesch Classic

held at Clarence High School on Saturday, May 19. Andrew Hopkins took second in the shot put (50-9), Jacob Hagan was second in the 1600 (4:31.4), Dan Miranda came in second in the pentathlon (2,381 points) and the 4x800 relay of Mike Bakowski, Ryan Hughson, Ryan Poley, and Jacob Hagen took second with a time of 8:35.5.

Future of South girls track on display at WNY Classic

The future of Williamsville South's track program looks even brighter after the team's performance at the WNY Classic at Lancaster High School on Saturday, May 19.

Freshman Allie Van Buren won the 100-meter hurdles in a Section VI-best time of 15.0. Amanda Breymeier, another freshman, won the high jump with a leap of 5-0. She was also eighth in the 800. Jenny Mooney, another freshman, won the racewalk in 2:29 and placed in the top ten in the 1500 with a personal record time of 5:30.58. Van Buren, Breymeier, and Mooney joined forces with Rachel Zucker to win the freshman 4x400 relay in 4:30.5.

Twenty of South's 26 competitors on the roster are freshmen or eighth graders.

"At this meet, the team grew up and realized they can compete with older kids," said South girls coach Sam Hasan.

One of the team's two seniors, Jenna Hasan, has the fourth-best triple jump and third-best long jump in the section. Hasan leaped a personal-best 15-6 in a dual meet with Pioneer.

South boys

The Billies did not score any points at the Carl Roesch Classic at Clarence High School on Saturday, May 19 but many runners had personal-best days, said assistant boys coach Dan Syracuse.

In the 800, Matt Durawa dropped his time by seven seconds (2:28 to 2:21.8) and Peter Galbo lowered his by four seconds (2:21 to 2:16). Reed Corbett improved his triple jump by seven inches to 29-5½.

Senior Paul Mangold ran a season-best 3200 in 11:08. Sophomore Jordan Lawson qualified for finals in the 400

hurdles, running a 65.7. Lawson had scored the most points for the team all season with 28 but was recently surpassed by Emmanuel Lewis with 33.25. Lewis qualified for the 200 finals in 24.7.

Huron Hill, the team's best 100 and 400 hurdler, ran the 400 hurdles in 1:07.

Yahs Williams, Max Kagan, Russ Scheiss, Rob Gardner, Max Kahn, John Starks, Ed Meyerhoffer and Justin St. George and JV runners Moses Ayala, Chris Bowers, Nick Greene, and Chris Kraatz have also performed well this season.

The ECIC Championships are Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 at Alden High School and the JV championships are at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 at South.

North girls post best league season in almost 20 years

It was a history-making meet for Williamsville North in their 81-60 win over Frontier on Tuesday, May 15.

The victory clinched a 3-1 record for the Lady Spartans and second place in ECIC Division I, its best finish in league play since 1988.

"The girls had a great indoor season and carried over into the outdoor season," said North coach Julian Blake.

Emily Curry was a triple winner, taking first in the long jump (14-10), high jump (4-8), and

triple jump (32-6). She also took second in the 100 hurdles.

Sarah Mikulski won the 100 hurdles and joined Jessica Little, Ashley Redino, and Amy Loud in the team's first-place 4x100 relay in 52.9.

Redino took first in the 400-intermediate hurdles (1:12.6) and pole vault (8-0) and was second in the 100 hurdles.

Other winners were Loud (800, 2:31.8), Kim Schueler (1500, 5:22.7), Meredith Kirby (400 dash, 1:01.8), and Lydia Yemchuk (discus, 89-1).

Second places went to Raven Baxter (long jump, 14-10), Loud (100, 13.3), Kirby (200, 27.9; triple jump, 31-9), Maureen O'Brien (discus, 81-10).

Third places were awarded to Shelbey Gray (100 hurdles, 400 hurdles, 1:17), Lauren Triantafyllou (400, 1:04.5), Loud (200, 28-0), Sarah Khan (pole vault, 7-6), Schueler (high jump, 4-6), and Michelle Bauman (triple jump, 29-7).

At the WNY Classic at Lancaster High School on Saturday, May 19, Dohn placed second in the 400

(1:01.8) as did Redino in the long jump (15-9¾).

Redino came in third in the 100 hurdles (15.7) and Curry was third in the high jump in 4-8. Sarah Khan came in fourth in the pole vault (7-6). Schueler was fifth in the pentathlon (1,748 points). Yemchuk came in sixth in the discus (90-1½) as did the 4x800 relay of Bauman, Dawn Hu, Melissa Dobmeier, and Molley Mitchell (11:20.6). Hu placed seventh in the 1500 racewalk (9:53.9). Dobmeier was 12th in the 3000 (12:46.9).

North boys

Matt and Greg Losi continued their domination of jumping events at the Carl Roesch Classic at Clarence High School on Saturday, May 19.

Matt Losi won the long jump in a personal-best leap of 21-4, was second in the triple jump in 41-11, and was fifth in the 110-high hurdles. Greg Losi won the triple jump in 42-0 and was second in the long jump in 20-5. Kurt Schlewitt came in fourth in the high jump.

North finished fifth overall.

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4x100 relay are Melissa Federice, Natalie Coppola, and Alycia Pontello.

The Sharks' 4x800 relay of Jenna Piecuch, Kerry Hurley, Liz Subject, and Brittany Gibbons won in 10:04.80 and the 4x400 relay of Stephanie Smith, Liz Subject, Ministero and Jackie Piecuch, took second in a time of 4:30.17.

Jackie Piecuch also won the 400 race in 1:00.79, a full two seconds better than second-place Kelsey Bynum of Holy Angels, and took second in the triple jump (32-6) and fifth in the long jump (14-9).

"She's a phenomenal athlete," said Sarkovics.

Other Sharks who scored points were Subject (first in 800, 2:32.14), Naab (second in 200, 28.26; third in 100, 13.48), Federice (fourth in 400, 1:05.19), Coppola (third in long jump, 15-4½; fourth in triple

jump, 31-10; fifth in 100, 13.80), Jenna Piecuch (fifth in 800, 2:37.94), Alex Skomra (sixth in 200, 29.31), Liz Tramosch (second in shot put, 27-3¼; fifth in discus throw, 67-7) and Gina Ricotta (second in discus, 89-6; fourth in shot (25-4).

At the state Catholic qualifier at Randall's Island, Jackie Piecuch placed sixth overall in the 800 in a time of 2:24.02. Her time was second among small schools and was the fastest 800 in school history, said Sarkovics. Naab ran a 13.33 in the 100 but it was not enough to qualify for finals.

Twelve Sharks graduate from the team, including the Piecuch sisters, Hurley, Smith, Ricotta, and Subject.

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