

North girls track ends drought against Clarence, claims Kenmore Invitational title for first time

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Reporter

The last time Williamsville North beat Clarence in girls track nobody on the current Lady Spartan roster was born and coach Julian Blake was a junior at North.

The Lady Spartans defeated Clarence, 89-51, last Wednesday at Clarence, marking the first time since 1987 that a Lady Spartan team had beaten the Lady Red Devils in an ECIC Division I meet. Clarence beat North in the first league meet in 2007 for the Lady Spartans' only league loss.

"We were preparing ever since we lost to them last season," said Blake.

"I feel nice for the seniors who have been with the program for so long," he added. "They've made history."

Blake felt his team had more depth in all events, especially in distance contests, which led to the historic victory.

North's 4x800-meter relay of Sarah Loud, Kim Schueler, Caitlin Triantafillou and Kim Berus ran a 10:09.10, the second fastest time in school history. The school record of 9:17.6 was set in 1982.

Eighth-grader Rachel Dorogi took home first in the 1500 (5:19) and second in the 3000 (11:52.4). Natalie Worley placed third in the 3000 (11:56.3) to give the Lady Spartans the 71st point, the minimum to win a dual meet.

Kim Schueler and Sarah Loud went 1-3 in the 800 with times of 2:30.9 and 2:37.6, respectively.

Mikulski was a triple winner, taking



The Williamsville North girls outdoor track team capped off a historic week by winning the Kenmore Track Invitational on Saturday at Crosby Field. Earlier in the week, North defeated Clarence for the first time since 1987. Pictured starting from the bottom row left, are: first row - Emily Curry, Meredith Kirby, Michele Bauman, Sarah Mikulski, Dawn Hu; second row - Jessica Little, Ashley Materise, Sarah Loud, Meghan Winkle,

home firsts in the long jump (15-9.75); 100 hurdles (15.4) and 400 hurdles (1:09.1).

Emily Curry was a double winner in the discus (92-8) and triple jump (31-2.5). Curry also took second in the high jump (4-10) and third in the shot put (25-6.5).

North also swept the 400 dash led by Meredith Kirby (1:02.8), Whitney Barrett (1:03.5) and Michele Bauman (1:05.2). Barrett also high jumped 4-8 but did not place. Schueler high jumped 4-8 for third but had fewer misses.

Meredith Kirby came in second in the triple jump (30-10.5) and third in the long jump (15-2.5).

Sarah Khan and Amanda Sheriff each cleared 7-6 in the pole vault but Khan beat Sheriff because she had fewer misses.

Bisons' girls 12U hockey tryout slated

The Buffalo Bisons are holding a final tryout for their girls 12 and under hockey "B" team (born in 1996) from 5 to 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21 at the North Buffalo Rink, 156 Tacoma Ave. A \$200 deposit, \$10 to skate and a copy of the player's birth certificate are required at registration. All players from other organizations must have a signed release form. For more information, call Pete Romono (553-5594), Cynthia Dwyer (465-5522) or coach Jim Suppa (875-4986).

Mackenzie Miller, Shelbey Gray, Raven Baxter; third row - Kye Kim, Katherin Pierce, Danielle Young, Kim Berus, Amy Loud, Kyle Lemmon, Rheanna O'Connor, Andrea Holley, Nikki Malkowski, Stephanie Kieffer, Caitlin Curry, Rebecca Pitman, Victoria Kent; fourth row - coach Julian Blake, Whitney Barrett, Sarah Morrison, coach Greg Stang, Leslee McGee, Meghan Helm, Rachel Dorogi, Meghan Taylor and Stacey Blocher.

Amy Loud came in second in the 200 dash (28.2) and third in the 100 hurdles (17.3) and 100 dash (13.6). Jessica Little won the 200 dash (27.8) and took second in the 100 dash (13.5).

Little and Amy Loud, along with Mikulski and Raven Baxter won the 4x100 relay (52.9). Caitlin Triantafillou was third in the 400 hurdles (1:12).

Blake said another key to victory was he didn't have to overrun his girls.

"There were always fresh legs," said Blake.

Blake said the meet was also special for coach Greg Stang, whose been coaching girls track for 30 years.

"Instead of dumping water on him, the girls dumped on him a barrel of Reese's

Peanut Butter cups, his favorite," said Blake.

North's phenomenal week continued on Saturday when they won the 10th annual Kenmore Track Invitational at Crosby Field. North scored 80.5 points to win the event for the first time in school history. The Lady Spartans scored 20 more points than second place Starpoint.

Dorogi, Schueler, Triantafillou and Berus won the 4x800 relay (10:14.72). Bauman, Berus, Barrett and Schueler won the 4x400 relay (4:24.45).

The 4x100 relay of Little, Baxter, Mikulski and Amy Loud went 52.97 to finish third.

In the 100 hurdles, Mikulski took second (15.99) and Amy Loud came in fourth (18:05). Mikulski also took second in the 400 hurdles (1:09.12) and long jump (16-6.5). In the 400 dash, Barrett placed third (1:04.12) and Bauman took

fifth (1:05.41). In the 200, Amy Loud placed fourth (28.66) and Little was sixth (28.82).

Other good times were posted by Schueler (800, 2:32.43, fifth); Triantafillou (400 hurdles, 1:15.93, sixth); and Worley (3000, 12:24.72, sixth).

In the field events, Curry threw the discus a personal best 98-5 for third. Barrett tied for fifth in the high jump (4-9). Khan pole vaulted 8-0 and came in fifth.

North raced Orchard Park on Tuesday but the result was unavailable before The Bee went to press. They compete in the Depew Wildcat Relays at 1 p.m. on Saturday at John F. Kennedy High School.

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Lady Spartans win North Tonawanda tournament



Williamsville North's Caitlin Riegel slides into home plate in the Lady Spartans' 9-0 win on Tuesday, April 22 at West Seneca West. Also pictured is West Seneca West catcher Lisa Keating. On Saturday, North won the 25th North Tonawanda Varsity Invitational Softball Tournament. North is ranked third among Western New York large schools.

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The Williamsville North softball team defeated Frontier, 5-2, on Saturday in the championship game of the 25th annual North Tonawanda Varsity Invitational Softball Tournament.

The Lady Spartans qualified for the winner's bracket by defeating Mount St. Mary's and Kenmore West the previous weekend.

North opened up play by losing to Frontier, 7-4. The game was close throughout as Frontier opened a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. North responded with a run of their own in the top of the second when Jamie Atkins smashed a home run.

The lead was short-lived as Frontier took the lead again by scoring two in the bottom of the second.

The Lady Spartans showed their resolve by answering back with two runs in the top of the third. Nikki Attea singled with one out and advanced to second on a single by Caitlin Riegel. Attea and Riegel scored on a single by Leslie Ahern to tie the score at 3-3.

North went up 4-3 when Corrin Genovese ripped a triple over the left fielder's head and scored on a safety squeeze by Kerri Bubar. Unfortunately for North, Frontier scored once in the bottom of the sixth and ended the game on a three-run home run by Amanda Serafini with two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

North advanced by being the losing team that scored the most runs in the winner's bracket games.

The Lady Spartans beat West Seneca East, 2-0, to advance to the championship game.

Tricia Kennery was superb on the mound as she limited West Seneca East to just three hits while striking out 10 and only allowing one walk.

In the third, Kristin Ball reached on an error and advanced to second on a steal and to third on a delayed steal and scored on a slap hit by Riegel.

North added an insurance run in the fourth. Kennery led off with a walk. Genovese, running for Kennery, promptly stole second and third and scored on a fielder's choice by Amanda Maraschiello.

The win qualified North for a spot in the championship game and a rematch against division rival Frontier.

The Lady Spartans were the first team to score as they plated two runs in the bottom of the third. Kayleigh Galliher hit a double over the center fielder's head and Jennifer Kelly walked to put runners at first and second.

Both Galliher and Kelly advanced on a passed ball and scored on a single by Kennery for a 2-0 lead.

Frontier cut the lead in half by scoring once in the top of the fifth but North responded with one run of their own to put them back up by two.

Genovese singled and advanced to third on a bunt by Ball and scored on a fielder's choice by Kristen Weber.

North added two insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth. Ahern singled up the middle followed by a single by Riegel and both scored on a double by Genovese.

Frontier scored once in the top of the seventh.

Kennery pitched both games and only gave up two runs and totaled 16 strikeouts. She was aided by two double plays by the North defense in the Frontier game.

Earlier in the week, North split two league games, defeating West Seneca West, 9-0, and losing to Lancaster, 10-5.

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