

### Kurzdorfer pops a big one to win shot put

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A big meet usually translates into a big throw for Melissa Kurzdorfer.

The **Lancaster** sophomore broke her own Section VI record in the shot put at Saturday's Section VI Indoor Track and Field Championships at SUNY Fredonia. Kurzdorfer went 46 feet, 6b inches to win by a gaudy 8-foot margin.

Kurzdorfer's record came on her last attempt.

"The crowd did that slow clap for her and you could see she got pumped for it," said throws coach George Rak. "She just crushed it. She had a great set. All of her throws were over 45 feet."

Kurzdorfer is just off the state record of 46-10z. Her previous best throw this season was 41 feet, 1 inch.

The top two boys and two girls in each event, along with the third place qualifier in the 300, 600, 1000 and 1500/1600 meter races, qualified for the states.

Kelsey Fraser of **Lockport** was named Most Outstanding Performer for the girls while Emilio Mancino of **West Seneca West** was girl's team Coach of the Year. Fraser won the 1,000 meters in 3:02.92.

The Most Outstanding Performance for the boys was Ryan Pericozzi of Lancaster. His coach, Kevin Carrier, was named the boy's team Coach of the Year, Pericozzi won the pole vault in 14 feet, 6 inches.

Amanda Solly of **West Seneca East** qualified while winning the 3,000-and 1,500-meter runs.

Eighth grader Kala Allen of **Williamsville East** qualified in three events: the 55-meter dash, the 300 meters and 600.

Among the boys, Andy Wrazen of **JFK** and senior Rodney Joyner from **Niagara Falls** qualified in two events each. Wrazen won the 55 hurdles in 7.89, a school record, and he was second in the 55 dash in 6.67, also in a school record.

Joyner won the long jump in season best 22 feet, b inches and he was second in the triple jump in 43 feet, 3 inches.