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High School Roundup

Price's jump is one for the record books

The second-oldest Western New York record in indoor track is history.

Senior Austin Price of St. Joe's became the new record holder in the triple jump as he went 47 feet, 1 inch at Saturday's RIT Tiger Invitational. Price shattered the previous WNY record of 46-8.50 held since 1984 by Ricardo Cook of Williamsville North. The oldest record on the books is North's 8:05.50 in the 4x800 relay in 1978.

In his first jump in the final, Price went 46-1 feet and his second jump was 46-10.

"When I was on the runway for my last jump, I felt the adrenaline rushing through my body, and I used it to fuel my last jump," said Price. "I wanted to go 46-6 and take over the lead in Western New York, and then someone told me the [WNY] record was 46-8, so I made that my marker and tried to jump past that."

Price also finished third in the long jump in 20-8.75.

Also at RIT, Wayne Gordon of Sweet Home qualified for states in the 300 with a 36.11 and Calvin Stallworth of Dunkirk earned a trip to states by winning the long jump in 21-10.

--- At the Team Championships at Fredonia State, the Lancaster boys and girls swept the team titles. Sophomore Alex Reed of Lockport lowered his WNY-leading time of 6.68 in the 55 dash to hit the state qualifying time.

--- Sacred Heart made it seven titles in the eight-year history of Monsignor Martin Association girls indoor track, winning Saturday's season-finale meet at Lancaster. The Sharks scored 56 points to beat Mount St. Mary (39), Holy Angels (22) and St. Mary's (13).

Sacred Heart won five of the nine events, including all three relays. Senior Kristen Farrell was a double winner taking the long and triple jumps. Malayah White of Mount St. Mary was also a double winner in the 50 and 300. Her teammate, Jess Harms won the shot put. Molly Spisiak brought a title home to St. Mary's in the 1,500.