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Arcury wins hurdles title; four Section VI records fall

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ITHACA -- For two years, Kailyn Arcury has been trying to win a first state title. At Saturday's New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships, the Williamsville South junior finally did it.

Arcury won the 55-meter hurdles to highlight a strong showing by Section VI at Cornell University's Barton Hall. She was the lone winner from Western New York.

Shortly after finishing seventh in the 55-meter dash, Arcury raced her way to the hurdles title in 7.96 seconds, winning every stage of the event.

"It feels amazing," Arcury said. "It's just like a bunch of happiness because I've been trying to win the state title for two years now and I finally got it."

In addition to Arcury's championship, Western New York athletes broke four Section VI records.

Wayne Gordon, a junior from Sweet Home, lowered his existing record in the 55 dash to 6.45 and finished third. Senior Cordell Johnson of Niagara Falls broke the record in the 300 dash, finishing fourth in 35.71. Senior Abbie Benson of Iroquois broke the record in the 1,000 meters, finishing in 2:54.10 and coming in sixth.

Frontier's 4x800 relay of junior Emily Krasinski, junior Shannon Dalton, senior Rebecca Love and Renae Sweeney shattered the section record by six seconds in 9:30.75, placing sixth.

Another noteworthy performance was in the intersectional medley, where Brandi Pettit of Holland, Emilee McGee of JFK, Rachel Dorogi of Williamsville North and Rachel Prutman of Pioneer finished fifth in 10:36.85.

"We did an amazing job and we tried our hardest," Dorogi said. "We all put everything out there and we all got rewarded so it was awesome."

In addition to Arcury, Meghan Manley of Orchard Park finished eighth in the 600-meter run in 1:37.22.

Austin Price of St. Joe's placed third in the triple jump with a 47-3.5. Cole Townsend of Canisius earned fifth in the 3,200 with a 9:16.64.