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Redeeming wins for Maines, Scheving

Several boys punch ticket to states at sectional meet

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JAMESTOWN — Kenmore West senior Brandon Maines and West Seneca West sophomore Kalen Sullivan were neck and neck with 150 meters to go in the Division I 800 meter race at the Section VI Track and Field Championships.

Kenmore West's Brandon Maines celebrates after edging out West Seneca West's Kalen Sullivan for the Division I 800 championship. Photo by Mark Mulville / Buffalo News

A year ago, Maines was plagued by a sinus infection and ran his worst time of the year. The disappointing end was fresh on his mind as he approached the finish line Friday.

"That's where I tried to kick it in and he was right there," Maines said "He started coming hard, and that just made it that much harder."

Both runners advanced to next weekend's New York State Championships, but it was Maines who had the extra boost (1:55.98) at Strider Field in Jamestown to take the sectional title.

"I never expected to get this kind of time," Maines said. "I'm going to states and it's just kind of crazy to me."

Barker junior Tyler Scheving had redemption on his mind as well. Scheving's triumph in the Division II 800 comes after being leaned out by Gowanda's Cliff Nielson last year.

"It's a big adrenaline boost knowing that I had such a reason to play a strategic race," said Scheving, who finished in 1:59.11. "Especially with being beat last year, it was such a terrible feeling being edged."

Chautauqua Lake senior Craig Howard also improved after a disappointing third place last year. This time around he won the Division II pole vault title in personal-best fashion (14-9), improving over two feet from last year.

"I was pretty disappointed last year and to go to states next weekend will be awesome," Howard said.

In the Division I triple jump final, Amherst junior Jailyn Twitty (45-7.50) beat Niagara Falls junior Brandon Joyce (45-2.50). The two have been rivals Twitty said, beginning with a Facebook message from Joyce.

Despite the victory, Twitty thought he could have done better. His best jump of the season is 46-10.50. "I know I can jump farther," Twitty said. "I know I got it in me to go farther."

In the Division I 3,200, Lake Shore freshmen T.J. Hornberger improved for the second consecutive week. After setting a personal best of 9:44 last week at ECICs, Hornberger trimmed two more seconds (9:42.30) to beat his own school record and win the title.

"I just told myself that this is my race and that I got to go get this race," Hornberger said. "Just mentally get into it and say 'It's mine.'"

In the Division II 3,200-meter run, Springville senior Chad Maloy continued his Section VI dominance over the event (9:33.32), finishing nearly 14 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

In other events, Pioneer junior Mike Prevorse won the Division II shot put (52-11.25), while Lancaster junior Jordan Kihl won the same event in Division I (52-9.50). Dunkirk junior Eddie Marshall won the Division II triple jump (43-3.50), and Jared Brucker, a Hamburg junior, won the Division I pole vault (13-0).

In the prelims, Sweet Home junior Wayne Gordon earned the No. 1 seed in both the 100 (10.78) and 200 (22.16) for today's finals.

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