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Hillbillies split in first meet of 2011



OBSERVER Photo by John Conti
Fredonia's Brianna Price competes in the triple jump during Thursday's non-league high school track and field meet.

Dylan Cassidy took first place in two events and was a member of a winning relay team to lead the Fredonia Hillbillies past Springville, 78-63, Thursday in non-league boys' high school track and field action.

Cassidy won the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of :18.4 while also taking first in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-6 inches. He was also a member of the 1,600 relay team which finished with a time of 3:55.3 The team consisted of Alex Crise, Tyler Cassidy and Josh Szukala.

Szukala also won the 400, crossing the finish line in :57.7. He was a member of the winning 3,200 relay team - along with Chaz Mancino, Tyler Cassidy and Crise - which finished in 8:51.

"We have a pretty young team," Fredonia coach Bob Ball said. "It was the first varsity meet for a lot of these kids and I was pleased we were able to get the win and get some experience. We have only been outside a few times. It was nice to be able to get a meet in before spring break. It was good experience for our young

guys."

For the girls, Alexis Lines helped Springville run by Fredonia, 79-58, in non-league track and field action.

Lines was a triple winner, taking first in the 100-meter high hurdles, 400 meter hurdles and the 200 meter races.

Ashley Braddock was a double winner for Springville, placing first in the 1,500 meters and 800 meters.

Lauren Reyda had a strong showing for the Lady Hillbillies with a first-place finish in the 3,000 meters and second-place finishes in the 800 meters and the 1,500 meters.

Dunkirk boys win, Gowanda girls prevail

GOWANDA - Lauren Wing, Jen Stebbins and Emily Steves were each double winners in leading the Gowanda Lady Panthers past Dunkirk, 85-55, Thursday in CCAA Division 1 girls' high school track and field.

Wing took first place in the 400-meter hurdles and the 100 hurdles with a time of :23.4 and :18.2, respectively. Meanwhile, Stebbins won the 100 (:13.9) and the 200 (:29.0). Steves was victorious in the 800 with a time of 2:35 and the 3,000, crossing the finish line in 12:02.3.

For the boys, Dunkirk's Eddie Marshall qualified for the Sectional qualifiers with a leap of 41-feet-8.5 inches to propel the Marauders past Gowanda, 87-54.

Marshall also took first place in the long jump, soaring 19-0.5. Jeremy Kozlowski took first place in the 200 with a time of :23.3 - .3 shy of qualifying for Sectionals.



Chris Gajewski was a pleasant surprise for the Marauders as he took second place in the 1,600. It was just his second career competition.

The Panthers' Christian Igielinski won the 110 hurdles (:16.7) and 400 hurdles (1:00.5). Meanwhile, Taylor Nielson won the 3,200 and 1,600 with times of 10:55 and 4:58.1, respectively.

Dunkirk returns to action Saturday at the Cheektowaga All Maroon meet.