

Locals compete at Super 8 meet

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Westfield's Trey North competes in the long jump Friday, at the Super 8 track and field meet, at Salamanca High School. North finished third in the event with a distance of 19-feet 1 1/2-inches.

SALAMANCA - Billed as "The Best of the Best," the 2011 Super 8 Meet certainly didn't disappoint.

The meet, which took place Friday, at Salamanca High School, features the top eight athletes in each event from around Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties.

Chautauqua Lake's Craig Howard broke a 23-year old meet record in the pole vault. He cleared the bar at 14-feet 6-inches. The old record of 14-3 1/4 was set in 1988 by Falconer's Tom Mead.

Fredonia's Tyler Cassidy took first in the 1,600-meter Friday at the Super 8 track and field meet, at Salamanca, crossing the finish line in a new personal-best time of 4:34.21.

Also achieving personal-best time were Josh Szujkala, who finished second in the 3,200 in a time of 10:05.84, Chaz Mancino, who finished fifth in the 3,200 (10:26.01) while Alex Crise set a personal-best time of 2:05.11 in the 800.

Tyler Cassidy also took sixth in the 800 (2:06.53) while Dylan Cassidy took second in the 400 hurdles (:57.06) while also helping Tyler Cassidy, Szukala and Crise take third in the 4x800 relay, as the quartet finished in a time of 8:26.14.

In field events, Chris Mulkins was sixth in the triple jump (38-2 1/22), while Matt Civilette took eighth. Mulkins was also eighth in the long jump (17-10).

In the girls' meet, Fredonia was represented by four athletes.

The Lady Hillbillies received two third place efforts. Nicole Woleben took third in the 100 high hurdles (:17.5 seconds) and Brigette Bottecher was third in the pole vault (8-0).

Michaela Tramuta was sixth in the 3,000 (11:42) and Ashley Skelly was sixth in the triple jump (30-11).

All four girls placed better than their ranking going into the meet.

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