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Dunkirk, Fredonia compete at Fredonia State

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Dunkirk and Fredonia each had success at Saturday's Varsity Challenge track and field meet, held at the Fredonia State field house.

The meet included teams from 34 schools. The scoring for the meet took the top two athletes from each team, in each event, and added their scores/distances together.

Fredonia's duo of Josh Szukala and Chaz Mancino earned a third-place finish in the 3,200 meters. Szukala crossed the finish line in 10:24 with Mancino not far behind at 10:42.

The Hillbillies also received an impressive performance from a pair of sophomores in the triple jump. Matt Civilette and Garrett Johnson each set new personal records and teamed to earn sixth place. Civilette added ten inches to his previous best with a jump of 40-feet, 10 1/4-inches. Johnson's jump was 14 inches farther than he had ever previously jumped. His leap was 31-2.

Dunkirk didn't make much noise with pairings, but had a number of individual athletes crack the top-ten in their events.

Tyler Gajewski earned fourth place in the pole vault with a height of 11-6. He also placed ninth in the 55 hurdles in 8.69 seconds.

Eddie Marshall was right in the mix in the triple jump. His leap of 40-10 1/4 was the fourth best jump of the day.

Dunkirk's 4x200 relay team of Tyler Crumb, John Wentz, Verek Nixon and Nick Barlette took sixth place with a time of 1:45.6.

The Marauders will run at Lancaster next Saturday while both teams return to Fredonia State on Feb. 18.

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