



Dunkirk, FHS open indoor season at Buffalo State

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BUFFALO - The Dunkirk Marauders and Fredonia Hillbillies opened up their indoor track and field seasons at Buffalo State Saturday with plenty of impressive times and distances.

Dunkirk's Tyler Gajewski wasted no time in qualifying for the Sectional meet, placing fourth in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.89 seconds.

"We're really happy for him on that," Dunkirk coach Kurt Warmbrodt said. "To come right out and qualify is something special."

Gajewski also joined Tyler Crumb, Veric Nixon and Nick Barlett on the 4x200 relay, which placed fifth in 1:47.4.

The other Dunkirk relay teams also experienced some success with Mick Willis, Markel Vega, Zach Meadows and Barlett running the 4x400 relay to a fourth-place finish in 4:16.1 and the 4x800 relay team of Kevin Morales, Javier Soto, Ray Tarnowski and Tom Logan finishing in 10:23, good for eighth place.

Individual Marauders came out of the gate strong too as Morales (3:03.9) placed fourth in the 1,000, Crumb (7.27) crossed fifth in the 55-meter dash and Vega (34-feet, 1 1/2-inches) earned sixth in the shot put.

The Lady Marauders were led by Calan Pogorzelski's two top-ten finishes. She placed sixth (1:52.5) in the 600 and seventh (48.7) in the 300.

Shadalay Conception added an eighth-place finish (8.42) in the 55-meter dash.

"It's nice to get going," Warmbrodt added. "We're happy to be out there."

Fredonia's Josh Szukala was a double-winner, taking first place in both the 1,600 (4:59) and the 3,200 (10:24). Both times were good enough to earn Szukala a trip to the Sectional meet.

Matt Civilette jumped his way to a second-place finish in the triple jump. His leap of 40-feet, 5-inches also earned him a spot at Sectionals.

Dunkirk and Fredonia both run again Friday at Lancaster.

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