

Dunkirk, Fredonia compete at Steele Hall

December 18, 2011

The OBSERVER

Dunkirk's Tyler Gajewski broke his own school record in the pole vault, as he highlighted a host of exceptional performances at the high school indoor track and field meet Saturday at Fredonia State.



Gajewski cleared 11-feet in the pole vault, adding six inches to his record set last year. He also took first place in the 55-meter dash in 8.75 seconds. He has now qualified for the Sectional meet in both events.

"With no real practice facility, he's doing very well," Warmbrodt said of Gajewski.

Eddie Marshall also had an impressive afternoon for the Marauders. Marshall took first place in the triple jump with a leap of 41-feet, 7-1/2 inches, first in the long jump with a distance of 19-8 and third in the 300 in 39.3 seconds. All three results were enough to earn him a trip to Sectionals.

OBSERVER Photo by Sean Pecuch

Dunkirk's Javier Soto competing during high school indoor track and field action at the Fredonia State Field House.

Kevin Morales earned a fourth-place finish in the 600, crossing the finish line in 1:35.3 and teamed with Verek Nixon, Tyler Crumb and John Wentz for a third-place finish in the 4x200 relay (1:45.6).

Crumb missed qualifying for Sectionals by fractions of a second with his sixth-place finish in the 55 (7.19 seconds).

Mick Willis added a seventh-place finish in the 300, crossing the finish line in 41.9 seconds.

The Lady Marauders were paced by Calan Pogorzelski's pair of top-ten finishes. She crossed fifth in the 600 in 1:50.7 and seventh in the 300 (:48.2).

Shadaily Concepcion raced to a fifth-place finish in the 55-meter dash (:8.04).

"Overall, it was a nice day," Warmbrodt added. "It's nice to see the kids healthy and running well."



Fredonia's Devin Kowalewski. OBSERVER Photo by Sean Pecuch

The Fredonia Hillbillies also had some success Saturday.

Chaz Mancino became the third Fredonia athlete to qualify for the Sectional meet - joining Josh Szukala and Matt Civilette - when he crossed the finish line seventh (:10:41) in the 3,200. Mancino also placed fifth in the 1,600 (5:07).

Szukala added a pair of second-place finishes with his efforts in the 1,000 (2:50) and the 1,600 (4:55).

Civilette was second only to Marshall in the triple jump with a leap of 38-8.

Michaela Tramuta led the Lady Hillbillies with a third-place finish in the 1,500 (5:28). Allie Cobb also performed well with her seventh-place finish in the 300 (:48).