

Angierski makes most of busy day

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Kristen Angierski, anchor for Depew's 4x100 relay team, sprints to the finish line in first place. Photo by James P. McCoy/Buffalo News

PENDLETON — As if the sprinting during the races wasn't enough, Kristen Angierski had to scurry quickly from one event to another during the first day of the Section VI Track and Field Championships at Starpoint.

The Depew junior won the Division II triple jump with a personal best of 34-10.5. Angierski also qualified for the 100-meter final, anchored her team's qualifying 4x100 relay and ran a 200 prelim.

"When you do more than one event it's extremely stressful," Angierski said. "I was winning the triple jump, but then I had to sprint over [to the starting line], run my 100 and sprint back to triple jump only to find out I wasn't winning anymore. Then [on my second-last jump], I just busted out a 34-10."

Friday's first day of competition featured finals in the girls triple jump, shot put, 800 and 3000 meters. The event concludes today at noon with the final in the other events.

West Seneca West's Morgan Billi won the Division I triple jump in 35-1.5. She's the favorite in today's long jump with a seed of 18-5.5.

Brenna Symoniak, an Amherst freshman, scored a surprising win in the Division I 3,000 meters. She beat her personal best by nearly three seconds crossing in 10:28.03. Symoniak said her strategy was to, "try to kick her out at the end because I can't start very fast." She took the lead for good during the fifth lap.

Sophomore Caroline Tolli of Lockport proved worthy of the top seed as she won the Division I 800 meters 2:18.25, exactly a second ahead of West Seneca East's Leanne Skrabacz. "I didn't have it until I was coming around the last turn," Tolli said. "I tried to get out fast and stay with the head of the race and pull it out at the end."

The Division II 800 was close with sophomore Ariel Shoemaker from Olean edging East Aurora senior Marla Kelly and junior Jenna Hulton by .31 and .43 seconds, respectively.

• A pair of freshman won the shot put titles. Melissa Kurzdorfer of Lancaster won Division I by more than 10 feet in 45-9.25. Taylor Eldridge from Cleveland Hill had a much tougher time in Division II winning by three inches in 37-2.5. . . . East Aurora junior Catherine Lusardi took the lead early in the 3,000 and was never challenged winning in 10:17.99. . . . Seventh-grader Kara Allen of Williamsville East qualified for the finals in the 100, 400 and 4x100.

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