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## STATE TRACK

### Johnson blisters field to win 100

KINGSTON — An ugly blister and the best competition he's ever seen weren't enough to deny Anthony Johnson a state track title on Saturday.

The **Kenmore East** junior won the Division I 100 meter public school title at the New York State Track and Field Championships. Johnson ran a 10.80. His season best was a school record 10.74 in a dual meet against Niagara-Wheatfield.

"I had some pretty fast guys next to me. I finally came against some serious competition and it definitely helped me run faster," said Johnson, who was state runnerup last year in 10.97. "It made me concentrate a lot harder. I made sure I did everything correct to get the victory. There were a few guys I knew from last year so I wasn't too nervous."

Johnson said he developed a blister on the inside of his left foot while running the curve of the 200 meters in Friday's preliminaries. He went to a trainer and had it treated, but said it was still bothering him.

"I didn't feel too well, but I was still going to give it my all for something I really wanted," he said. "Once I got up to the starting line [for the 100] it was out of my head. The race was all I could think about."

Johnson false-started in the finals of the 200.

Three other Western New York athletes won state championships.

Blake Eaton of **Allegany-Limestone** ended his amazing high school career by winning the Division II shot put and discus titles for the third year in a row. He'll head off to Penn State this fall as the Section VI record holder in the shot put at 64 feet, 10 inches and as the Cattaraugus County record holder in the discus at 185-5.

"Today the weather was hot, so how the weather was, and staying out of the sun, I put out my best effort, and I'm satisfied with my result," said Eaton. "I was finishing my throws, but I wasn't getting the push off my fingertips that I normally do, but other than that . . ."

**Frontier** senior Rob Golabek helped lead a Section VI sweep in the shot as he defended his Division I title in 59-2.5. Eaton, who threw 60-3.5 Saturday, and Golabek went 1-2 in the Federation meet. Melissa Kurzdorfer of **Lancaster** won the Fed title in Division I girls.

Senior Brianne Steel of **Newfane** won her second Division II title in the pentathlon. She broke her personal record in the high jump at 5-foot-7. Her point total of 3,349 broke her own school record by 200 points. She also won the title as a sophomore and was second last year.

Willie Jones of **Amherst** broke his own school record by an inch, clearing 6-8 to place third in the Division I high jump.

Ray Peoples of **ClevelandHill** ran a season-best 10.95 for third in the Division II 100.

Whitney Hendershot of **Salamanca**, a five-time state qualifier, was second in the Division II high jump at 5-4. Hendershot and Eaton were the Section VI athletes who received the state's Sportsmanship Award.

**East Aurora's** 4x800 relay of Jenna Hulton, Kirsten Weberg, Marla Kelley and Erin Holbrook was third in Division II in a season-best 9:30.87.

In the Division II girls 100, Adele Jackson-Gibson of **Nichols** ran a 12.17 to qualify for the Federation final.